

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, J. Brooks, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, Mrs. D Halfhide, N. Simons, R. Bevington,

Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen Richard Brown

4 members of the public, A Bunyan, A Butt

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked if anyone present was recording the proceedings – no one stated they would record.

1005/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence,
Peterborough City Councillor Sanders

1006/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – non declared. If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time

1007/16-17 Public Discussion -

Road side of “Goose Green” – Councillor Potts has investigated the access beside “Goose Green” and will continue to liaise with Ms Fletcher

1008/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2017

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th January were confirmed and signed

1009/16-17 Co-option of Members

An advert asking for persons to fill the vacancies was placed in the December edition of the Parish magazine that goes to every household and on the notice board. There have been three applications – Mr. A Bunyan, Mr. A Butt who introduced themselves and their hopes for the Parish Council. Mr. Vaughan withdrew his application because of work commitments.

It was agreed to co-opt Mr. A Bunyan, Mr. A Butt

1010/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

Cllr Parrish explained his views on the approach to Peterborough City Council officers

1011/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – Station Road – 10th – 12th Jan – Burglary (non-dwelling) –Petrol strimmer and can of petrol stolen from Garage. • Thorney Dyke – 14th – 17th Jan – Criminal Damage – Unknown offenders have driven a vehicle across fields, damaging crops planted. • Scolding Drove – 18th Jan – Criminal Damage – unknown offenders have caused damage to victims gate whilst gaining access to commit Hare Coursing. • Willow Hall Lane – 16th Jan – Criminal Damage – Occupants of a Suzuki Vitara Hare Coursing on Farmers land have caused damage to crops. • French Drove – 27th Jan – Theft – 2000 Litres of Heating Oil stolen from tank at rear of property

Bedford Hall Management Committee – block paving in front Bedford Hall completed.

Councillor Bevington explained the structural survey has been completed. Awaiting written report. Electrical mechanical survey still to be carried out. Explained what was it likely to happen to Church Street premises. Meeting to be arranged with Peterborough City Council when reports are received

1012/16-17 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Alan reported on the meeting in the park. Mr Vaughan explained the results of the survey and they now have an idea what the priorities are. The way forward is to set up a bank account and then apply for funding for various play and fitness equipment.

Councillor Allen explained various funding sources. Likely equipment needed in the park will be a zipwire, exercise equipment, climbing frames.

Council Wood joined the meeting at 19.36

1013/16-17 Finance

Income

Cambridge BS	Interest	£66.77
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Spriggs	£125.00

To approve the following that were paid in February

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£47.14
Mr A E Hovell	Office software new computer	£79.99
AJS Landscapes	Block paving front Bedford Hall	£6,360.00
Andrew Belson	Tree Survey	£1,260.00
Columbaria Co	Memorial Mr Jakeman	£90.00
Mr. M Stimson	Street cleaning and other duties	£18.20
Information Commissioner	Data protection registration	£35.00

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Use of £1000 City Councillor donation –to make seat for shelter near bus stop at a cost of: Mr Downing £300, Mr Shirley £150, Peterborough City Council has quoted to fabricate 3no. full length Bus shelter benches £2655.38 Plus vat. Councillor Parrish declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. It was agreed to ask Mr Downing to make and install the seats
3. Bank mandate – signed by members
4. Agree Solicitor for Cemetery land purchase – some suggestion put forward. Clerk will enquire and make decision

1014/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/01276/HHFUL for Erection of a Hanson garage at Land To The Rear Of 22 Wisbech Road – permitted

16/01637/OUT for Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and provision of 4 dwellings at Gayport The Causeway – refused

16/02099/HHFUL for Single storey front extension (Single storey rear extension previously approved under application number 16/00610/HHFUL) at 55A Wisbech Road - permitted

16/02279/FUL for Change of use from agricultural land to cemetery at Thorney Cemetery Whittlesey Road - permitted

16/02291/REM for Reserved matters approval relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for nine dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission 14/02126/OUT at Land Adjacent To 39-41 Station Road - permitted

16/02343/NONMAT for Non-material amendment to Condition 7 (parking), Condition 8 (cycle parking) and Condition 10 (Refuse Storage) to planning permission 15/01558/FUL at Land To Rear Of Rose And Crown 2 Wisbech Road - determined

1015/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

16/02447/MMFUL For Extension to Pode Hole sand and gravel quarry, including retention of concrete batching plant and aggregate plant, with restoration using inert materials at Pode Hole Quarry The Causeway

16/02432/FUL For Change of use from D2 children's activity centre/farm to D1 Educational centre at Pigeons Farm Wisbech Road - no objection

16/02433/FUL For Use of land for the siting of 3 mobile homes to provide short term holiday accommodation in connection with proposed D1 Educational centre use at Pigeons Farm Wisbech Road - no objection

16/02282 Dog in Doublet, North Bank - Static van and chalet - no objection. some observations - LGB bulk tank very close to staff canteen, stables/chalet/caravan in "Paddock" seems misleading

From July this year Peterborough City Council will no longer send out paper planning applications as they are going electronic

1016/16-17 Burial Authority

One of the owl nest boxes on the southern side of the cemetery is inhabited with wild honey bees and the entrance has been shielded with chicken wire to stop woodpeckers attacking the bees.

1017/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village. Request made to Peterborough City Council for new bin and their policy on Enforcement concerning dog mess.
3. Wisbech Road bottleneck – still awaiting plans
4. Wisbech Road, Woburn Drive – many pot holes appearing

1018/16-17 Village Matters

1. Tree survey. Report by Mr Belson discussed
2. Defibrillator at Bedford Hall – it was agreed at Thorney Parish Council would fund the installation of the defibrillator around the Bedford Hall complex.
3. Planning permission (trees) needed before remedial work can begin on the trees highlighted by Mr Belson in his report

1019/16-17 Allotments

1020/16-17 Youth Activity in the Village

Report concerning Peterborough City Council meeting. Assistance on funding applications can be given by Peterborough City Council. Vividor funding from waste discussed
Also see minutes under public discussion

1021/16-17 Correspondence

1022/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1023/16-17 Any other business

Woburn Drive – lorries obstruction of road cleared by site foreman after complaint by Cllr Wood.
Road Sweeper activity more prevalent.
Councillor training being arranged by Hampton Parish Council
Suggested that lorry restriction signs near Station Road roundabout are incorrectly placed. Sign in

New Cut knocked over

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.59pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 13th March 2017 starting at 7pm.

Addendum

Extra ordinary Parish Liaison meeting on Wednesday

1. PCC Budget proposals are outlined on PCC website (complaints that this was complicated, with too many acronyms and overall figures, not user friendly)
2. Budget gap in forthcoming financial year £28m
3. Council tax will raise by 5% in forthcoming year
4. Looking at Parish Council takeover of some activities if they are interested (grass cutting, park maintenance, street cleaning)
5. Mention that future years' burial and recreation grants may be cut - although they will give us notice