

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, N. Potts, N. Simons, A Bunyan, Peterborough City Councillor Nigel Simons, Steve Allen, Richard Brown

0 members of the public,

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

**1209/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,**

Ms S Godley, K. Parrish, Mrs. D Halfhide

**1210/17-18 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

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

**1211/17-18 Public Discussion**

**1212/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2018**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 January 2018 were confirmed and signed after 1 alteration (Cllr Potts declaration removed from Wisbech Road alterations)

**1213/17-18 Matters arising from minutes**

**1214/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports**

Crime report – circulated

French Drove – 29/12-2/1/18 – Criminal Damage – Padlocks to farm gates damaged.

Scolding Drove – 14/1/18 – Criminal Damage – Hare coursers have damaged locks to gate and damaged crops.

North Side – 14/1/18 – Criminal Damage – Padlock cut to gate with disc cutter.

Park Crescent – 23/-24/1/18 – TFMV – Tools stolen from van overnight.

North Bank – 25-26/1/18 – Burglary Business – Locks broken off shed and tools removed from inside.

Scolding Drove – 24/1/18 – Criminal Damage – Locks cut off gates and damage caused to crops by Hare Coursers.

Bedford Hall Management Committee – Cllr Potts gave a financial summary – energy costs rising again and looking to control heating via internet. Old oil tank needs removing. Considering 2 additional CCTV cameras to give better building coverage

Bedford Hall working group – ongoing

**1215/17-18 Report from City Councillors.**

Meeting concerning pupil allocations for D of B School after half term

Whittlesey Road pot holes repaired

Pond House extension to be referred to Committee by Cllr Allen

**1216/17-18 Finance**

The following was received in January/February

Central England Coop	Inter Denis Wise	£150.00
Mr D Wise	Reserve spaces D Wise, C Wise, D Wise	£1,425.00

To approve the following paid in January/February

Mr Downing	Repair seat in bus stop	£300.00
Mr Simons	Shift water tap cemetery	£84.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection registration	£35.00
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£51.52

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Use of section 106 money – Peterborough City Council to credit Thorney Youth Project with money that is in Peterborough City Council fund
3. New data protection act - General Data Protection Regulations - The legal advice from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) in respect of appointing a Data Protection Officer (DPO) is that the DPO should be an external appointment or service. NALC is still actively campaigning with government on some of the more difficult parts of the legislation that apply to Parish and Town Councils. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) is currently looking at providing a service that will cover the county that is open to all parish and town councils so that compliance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) is in place by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 when the Legislative Order comes into force. The benefits to the council of being part of a county wide scheme are it:

- reduces the risk to the council
- eliminates areas of potential conflict of interest
- eliminates issues of cover for absences, holidays and turnover of staff
- reduces staff training costs
- allows the clerk to retain an oversight role rather than be immersed in data issues

#### **1217/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

17/02196/FUL - Proposed dwelling at 39 Station Road – Refused

17/02298 Erection of an agricultural general-purpose storage building - Chestnut Farm New Cut - Permitted

#### **1218/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters**

18/00006/TRE 5 Belgravia Court - Walnut tree - Removal of large branch, crown lift 3m and reshape – no objections

17/02011/HHFUL Proposed Extensions and Alterations - Pond House The Park Wisbech Road – no objections

18/00194/HHFUL Proposed vehicle access and in curtilage driveway - 83 Wisbech Road - We would prefer access to be from the slip road to the west. If this cannot be achieved, we have no objection to the proposed access from the Wisbech Road providing this meets with the approval of the road engineers and any other parties assessing this application.

18/00012/HHFUL - Extensions to Bluebell Farm House, Bell Drove - No objections

18/00223/CTR - Work to Trees in Thorney Park – no objections

Parish Liaison meeting – Cllr Bevington gave a brief overview and informed members of revised planning application fees and restriction on how tree removals are to be dealt with in future.

#### **1219/17-18 Burial Authority**

Request made by Mrs Horsfall to clean and stain memorial seat to Mr Drew - agreed

## **1220/17-18 Roads and Footpaths**

We have been emailed by John Akester, Customer Liaison Officer, PCC LED Replacement Project of Peterborough Highway Services Street Lighting upgrade project. Peterborough City Council is upgrading 17,000 street lights to energy-efficient LEDs over a three year cycle across the authority area.

The LED upgrade project is taking place in two parts;

- initially upgrading any existing sodium lanterns that are currently on steel street light columns with new LED lanterns. There will be no changes to the steel columns.
- street lights on the old concrete or cast iron columns will be replaced with new steel columns as well as LED lanterns.

The project is being rolled out a ward at a time across the city. The initial lantern upgrades started in Autumn 2016 and the column replacement programme started at the end of October 2017, with works programmed to be complete by summer 2019.

Councillor Bevington has emailed Cllr Allen (who will liaise on behalf of Thorney Parish Council) an extract from the Thorney Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for which there is a Supplementary Planning Document. The statement about Street Lighting in historic locations should be helpful in any discussions about this item.

Any proposals should be brought to the attention of the Conservation Officers whether or not planning permission is required for modifying the street lighting.

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. Road alterations Wisbech Road – ongoing
3. Speed of vehicles in village. Clerk to ask PCSO's if any progress has been made with recording of vehicle speed within the village
4. Lee Moore states PCC are aware of the condition of Whittlesey road and are looking to include it in the major works programme in the coming years although at present they have not confirmed what year this is likely to be. Any enquiries for the resurfacing will need to be directed to Martin Brooker of Peterborough City Council. Chairman to progress this
5. Whittlesey Road – extension of 30mph speed limit agreed by Peterborough City Council.
6. Area near village stores/Rose and Crown – it was agreed that Cllr Allen should liaise with Peterborough City Council highways to get this area correctly grassed and bollarded so that vehicles do not cut up the surface.
7. Cllr Bunyan expressed his concern that the traffic lights at the cross roads did not appear to give adequate time for vehicles to cross between light changes. Peterborough City Council to be asked to investigate
8. Peterborough City Council is to adopt powers to take action against vehicles which are causing a hazard by either double parking or parking in front of dropped kerbs.  
With effect from March 1 2018, the Prevention and Enforcement Service parking team may issue a penalty charge notice (PCN) to any vehicle found to be in contravention of obstructing crossing points or driveways.

The city council has these powers under sections 85 and 86 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

## **1221/17-18 Village Matters**

PDE Consulting update on new quarry. "Archaeological contractors have continued on the site analysing any finds as they go along and I imagine they will have finished within the next few days, following which they shall withdraw from site. From the archaeological perspective, nothing of any particular merit has been found to date. Soils stripping and archaeological investigations will recommence in early April, weather permitting.

At the moment, we are in the process of finalising the works for the scheduled tree planting and we hope to plant around 20,000 trees this season. We shall shortly be fencing parts of the site as well.

We are also going forward with the planned tree removal and we expect to remove trees alongside the A47 and Willow Hall Lane within the next couple of months – the intention being that the highway improvement works will be completed during this year”. PDE Consulting to be invited to April, May meeting

Changes to the X1 service through the village of Thorney. A comprehensive reply giving the reasons why the service is being altered has been received. It was agreed that we should wait and see what feedback is received from the users of the revised service.

Disappointment was expressed that we, nor users of the service, had not been consulted about the changes.

(Subsequent to the meeting Mr Rankine has replied “Thank you for your e-mail and I note your points.

I look forward to receiving feedback from you, and we will share our own feedback with the Parish Council.

Thanks once again for your interest in this, and I certainly hope that the dialogue that has been opened up between us will continue in the future.)

#### **1222/17-18 Allotments**

Clearance of detritus – on going. Mr Read has plan and will progress when site conditions improve

#### **1223/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village**

Section 106 money in Peterborough City Council fund to be passed on to the community project

#### **1224/17-18 To declare a vacancy following resignation Mr Brooks**

It was agreed to declare a vacancy and Electoral officer to be informed

#### **1225/17-18 Correspondence**

All relevant correspondence circulated

#### **1226/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

#### **1227/17-18 Any other business**

Speed limit sign at entrance to Nene Terrace pointing in wrong direction

When the Larkfleet development was given Planning consent we were told that because of the traffic movement of heavy lorries along Woburn Drive the road would be surveyed for remedial action on completion of the housing development.

Building is now almost complete. Peterborough City Council to be asked when appropriate action will be taken

There are two gates that enter the play area, they both open inwards (in to the play area), “these now swing” either ways, letting dogs in. Jayne Jarvis to be asked to remedy

Despite a notice on the grass at the entrance to the fire station vehicles are still parking there and obstructing fire engine access and egress.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed 7.58pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting at 7pm