

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, Mrs C Lewis, K. Parrish, Mrs. D Halfhide,
R. Wood, A Bunyan, N. Potts, Mrs S Reeves, N. Simons
Peterborough City Councillor N Simons, S Allen, R Brown
2 members of the public

1460/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

1461/18-19 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

1462/18-19 Public Discussion

1463/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2019

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 January 2019 were confirmed and signed

1464/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

1465/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Police have notified that “We've joined police forces nationwide by ceasing to take reports of lost property and accepting only certain types of found item.

The changes took effect nationally from 1 February after the Chief Constables' Council agreed it as a way of reducing non-essential demand and the associated costs and bureaucracy generated for call centres and front counters.

The police service has traditionally accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, despite there being no statutory duty to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property.

Found items dealt with by police have reduced and a consistent approach adopted across the country. This will help reduce call volumes and remove an unnecessary burden on policing”.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – meeting to be arranged

3. Bedford Hall working group –

1466/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

Bus stop, The Causeway – delayed until early March

Willow Hall Lane – mud on road – quarry operators being advised on control measures

Thorney Meadows residents association need meeting room – parish room too small. Thorney Parish Council requested details of problems experienced by residents

City Councillors to pursue repairs to Woburn Drive once Thorney Meadows development complete

1467/18-19 Finance

The following were received in January/February

J G Cross	Memorial	£125.00
Cambridge BS	Interest	£31.90
	Allotment rent	£30.00

To approve the following paid in February

Salaries		£2992.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office, email and ISP payment		£70.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£553.01	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£847.10	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£51.53	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Trees, markers	£159.13	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Fuel for grass machinery	£29.90	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for Payment – approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
3. Kingsline Close railway gates – professional opinion gates cannot be repaired. Thorney Parish Council considering removing gates permanently. Cllr Butt going to discuss with local residents. To also be discussed by Thorney Society.
4. The village sign near the school is to be taken down to obtain quotes from a specialist company to provide new signs in cast aluminium – in progress
5. Thorney flower project – project to be implemented at a later date
6. Abbey wall street sign attachment – payment of faculty from Diocesan Authority Committee. It was agreed that Peterborough City Council will raise a purchase order for the application fee required by the diocese to approve the fixing of the Church Street name sign on the Abbey wall. Thorney Parish Council will pay the initial invoice and then be reimbursed by Peterborough City Council.
7. Heritage street signs – those replaced recently have been well received and there is a second project to replace more street signs. Thorney Parish Council will pay for the signs and installation and receive contributions from the community to cover the full cost.

1468/18-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

18/001920 - 52 Topham Crescent - Single storey side extension - approved

18/02022/FUL North Level Internal Drainage Board Station Road Installation of a defibrillator on outside office wall, together with installation of 2 x electricity charging points for vehicles within carpark – Permitted

1469/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

19/00097/FUL and 19/00098/LBC 18 Wisbech Road - Change of use to convert cafe (A3) at ground floor and residential flat (C3) first floor. We very much welcome this change of use and the new uses the building will be put to, particularly the internal and external spaces on the ground floor to house the very popular village tearooms. We trust the minor modifications to the building interior will be acceptable to the Conservation Department along with the forming of the entrance for the flat to the rear of the building. These proposals have the full support of the Parish Council

18/02110/LBC - Renovation of Duke of Bedford Cottage at 38 Wisbech Road - We welcome the applicant's intentions to, as far as possible, restore this historic cottage to its original condition. We appreciate that the Conservation Officer will need to advise on and agree to the proposed works and confirm that we will accept his decisions in this respect.

18/02032/FUL Stuffins Pit Northey Lodge North Bank - Change of use from day ticket fishery to holiday accommodation – retrospective – no objection

1470/18-19 Burial Authority

Community hedge planted 26th January.

1471/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. A47/Willow Hall Lane - The programme envisages that the main bulk of the works on both Willow Hall Lane and the A47 will begin on 04 February with Traffic Management on both parts of the highway until the works are completed. It is currently programmed for all of the works to be completed by the end of April.
3. Peterborough City Council to be asked if LED light fittings can replace those in the park as Thorney Parish Council believe the extra light they provide would make the park feel a safer place after dark. Apart from just being a park It is a well used pedestrian route by residents from the adjacent housing coming to retail and community facilities in the village and by dog walkers.

1472/18-19 Allotments

Access track – Allotment holders are finding it difficult to access the allotments by car due to the muddy track across the field at the bottom of Gas Lane. The field is owned by Peterborough City Council and City Councillors asked for their help in resolving this issue

1473/18-19 Village Matters

Access behind premises in Smithfield to play area is poor and unsafe. City Councillor Allen to liaise with Peterborough City Council officers

Website update to comply with disabled access regulations – Cllr Potts agreed to carry out the necessary adjustments

1474/18-19 Facebook Posts

Comment given.

1475/18-19 Correspondence

1476/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1477/18-19 Any other business

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 7.44pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 11 March 2019 starting at 7pm