

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 14 January 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Rowe, Mrs. L Sheldrake,  
J Brooks, D. J Buddle, Mrs. S Selby, B Ogden

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders,

Mrs. M Long and Mr. P Rands. Mr. D Shaw, Planning Services concerning Causeway  
Lodge development. 5 members of the public

**160/12-13 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

E. Gee, Peterborough City Councillors D McKean, PCSO Yane Pokhun

**161/12-13 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda  
– none

**162/12-13 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2012 and 8  
January 2013**

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 10 December and 8 January were confirmed  
and signed

**163/12-13 Vacancies on Thorney Parish Council**

To welcome and receive declarations of acceptance of office from Mrs. M  
Long and Mr. P Rands

**164/12-13 Public Participation**

Mr. Harris and other members of the public expressed their concerns and dismay about  
Peterborough City Council plans for solar parks. They were given copies of Thorney Parish  
Council objections to the planning application for the solar park in Morris Fen

Mr. Robert Hopwood and Mr. Jake Nugent, Bidwells Cambridge concerning land south of  
Woburn Drive development – did not attend because of weather conditions

Causeway Lodge Mr. David Shaw – some buildings at back of site still in farm use. Mr. Shaw  
explained his thoughts on localism and funding within the community.

Councillor Bevington explained Thorney Parish Council views as minuted 8<sup>th</sup> January and the  
history of the numerous plans seen before concerning this site.

Mr. Shaw explained the exception site principle – used for affordable housing. Councillor  
Bevington said there was no statistics to show that affordable homes were needed.

**165/12-13 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report – 5 crimes (criminal damage, theft, grievous bodily harm,  
burglary)

Written report from PCSO Pokhun

5 x Poaching in Dairy Drove, Old Knar Fen Drove, Black Drove. 5 x Road incidents  
overturn vehicle on A47 junction Station Road. 6 x Road related incident regarding  
Flooding on B1040. 1x RTC Wisbech Road. Regarding Speeding: 2 X Speed gun on  
Station Road. 4 vehicles were above average speed limits. 1x Speed Gun Wisbech  
Road near the school, 5 vehicles above average limits. Speed Check conducted  
on Wisbech Rd near the school, 1 x above average 1x Burglary on English Drove  
Thorney. Lose Sign Post on Woburn Drive was fixed with new straps. ASB on

Wisbech Road regarding Skate Board has been reduced completely. Daily High Visibility patrol is being conducted at the location. Also as from today I will be the only officer for Thorney as Donna has been moved to a new team in City Centre (Bridge Street Station) Our new base has been moved from Bretton station to Thorpewood Station.

Police Commissioner chased for a reply to the loss of a PCSO

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – no report
3. Report from Neighbourhood Committee – Councillors Bartlett and Rowe – mostly concerned solar parks

#### **166/12-13 Matters arising from minutes**

1. No response from Stagecoach concerning Park Crescent – Councillor Brooks to liaise. Circulated new bus route that leaves out stop at Sainsburys - Councillor Brooks to liaise.
2. Trees in Park – Councillor Ogden to liaise concerning additional trees – scheme to be produced. PECT have to agree with Peterborough City Council a 15 year maintenance contract
3. Free seats in Park - cost £166 each for fitting and £35 for delivery. Agree Thorney Parish Council pay for delivery and the Mr. Lucken to fit
4. Extra lorries through Thorney when wash flooded - Alan Jones, Senior Officer - Minerals and Waste Development Management, Peterborough City Council explained in an email that:

“The application for Willow Hall Quarry requires completion of the Legal Agreement (known as the S106) before permission can be granted, although the decision to approve the application has been made by the planning committee.

The Legal Agreement includes the ‘Traffic Management Plan’ which includes the limitations / restrictions placed on Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV) numbers. The calculations are applicable for calendar month periods, allowing a degree of flexibility in the event of road closures for example.

HCV’s will be fitted with trackers, enabling the recording of details such as routes taken. Records of the data taken from the trackers will be kept for up to 5 years, and annual reports made available to the Local Authority; additionally, reports are to be made available to the Local Authority upon request.

The Traffic Management Plan also includes a company Enforcement Procedure, and a Complaints Procedure, as well as allowing for a quarry liaison committee (to which the Parish Council will of course be invited).

Works for the quarry are estimated by the company to take between 9-12 years depending on market conditions. The approved planning conditions allow a maximum of 15 years for completion of restoration (and a further period of aftercare to ensure the success of the restoration works)”.

There appears to be no penalty if quota exceeded

5. Smithfield parking - yellow lines between 12-14. Peterborough City Council have no plans for yellow lines in this area. Parking problems now resolved.

#### **167/12-13 Report from City Councillors**

Community Contribution – Councillor Sanders to liaise with Peterborough City Council concerning payment towards sanctum units.

Councillor Sanders said Solar farms installation is Peterborough City Council policy and the present submissions are likely to get planning consent. Pressure is being applied to get consent before the end of March. Local MP's are opposed to Peterborough City Council plans. Estimate of £1.5 million spend by Peterborough City Council already on internal costs and external consultants.

### 168/12-13 Finance

#### 1. To note income and approve Payments

Anglia Regional Coop Soc	Inter Mr. Orrell	£550.00
Mrs. Groves	Reserve grave space Mrs K Pask	£500.00
Peterborough City Council	Contribution to Sanctum units	£2,500.00

The following were paid in January

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001899	£31.70
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Items for annual maintenance	001900	£156.69
Colemans	Stationery	001901	£33.98
Mr. R Thompson	Refund cemetery fee	001902	£35.00
Smith of Derby	Maintenance Bedford Hall Clock	001903	£211.20
R A Baker	Repair village notice board	001904	£172.48

#### 2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

#### 3. Precept for 2013/2014

The letter from Peterborough City Council stating they were reducing their contribution to Parish Councils precept by 32% was circulated. The precept was agreed at the last meeting with the Parish Precept the same as last year.

#### 4. Removal cherry tree at crossroads – Councillor Ogden awaiting quote

#### 5. Bedford Hall Floor – request from BHMC for Thorney Parish Council to pay for repairs – Clerk to check if request is legal. If it is it will be discussed again at next meeting. In the meantime it was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council would not pay for the work until clarification is received.

### 169/12-13 Planning Approvals and Refusals

12/01803 and 12/01829 Brownbark Leys, Gas Lane – removal of Horse Chestnut Tree - approved

12/01734 Use of land South side Northey Road for 2 gypsy caravans and 2 touring vans – referred to committee

12/00503 5 Toneham Farm, Toneham Lane – demolition garage, erect double garage, log store staff room and kitchen - refused

### 170/12-13 Planning Applications and other matters

#### 1. Planning applications

12/02926 Rose and Crown, 2 Wisbech Road – construction 11 properties and conversion of tap room and garages into 2 dwellings – scheme modified after consultation with Peterborough City Council.

Statement in application that noise from adjacent properties and premises will not be a problem. This needs to be a condition in the planning permission as The Ex-Serviceman's Club and Bedford Hall regularly hold functions and their activities must not be curtailed by any new development that is near them.

Flooding and drainage – pumping station on site will be responsibility of residents on the development. It was thought this was unfair and should be the responsibility of

the utility for water and sewage. There are existing problems with sewage in Thorney and a private facility pumping into a utility sewer could lead to many problems for local residents and the village in general.

Use of brick walls is inappropriate in height and should be in keeping with the lower walls in the village.

Wooden fence between T20 and T19 seems inappropriate.

2. Gypsy Site, North Bank – Peterborough City Council Officers against proposal but it has been referred to Committee by Park Ward Councillor

#### **171/12-13 Burial Authority**

#### **172/12-13 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett. Response from Highways Agency to faulty lights – they are repaired within their extended time scales
2. Damage to road and grass on The Green- three quotations requested to repair the damage. Police asked for details of offending lorry. Thorney Parish Council will have to claim from lorry insurance as Parish Council insurance does not cover this type of incident.
3. There was concern about the amount of “dead leaves” blocking road gullies in Thorney, and particularly around the Woburn Drive area. Peterborough City Council to be asked when the next gully clean of Thorney is planned.
4. Chairman has spoken with Lee Moore Peterborough City Council Highways Officer about the sitting of road barriers when the Whittlesey Road is closed due to flooding, and the problems it has caused recently – Mr. Moore agreed to look into this when the need next arises.
5. Chairman to liaise with Peterborough City Council and request a site meeting concerning the unacceptable state of the access road in The Park
6. Orchard Court – sign missing
7. Bin missing from lamppost in Sandpit Road – Chairman has already chased Peterborough City Council concerning this.
8. Councillor Bevington questioned if Church Street was to be resurfaced as markings for lines were visible. If it is to be resurfaced the appropriate material must be used for the conservation area.
9. Speed restriction French Drove – when will speed indication signs be erected?
10. Much dog fouling in Wisbech Road near school

#### **173/12-13 Allotments**

Clerk has met with Mark Ingram who will level the access road that goes diagonally across the grass field when weather conditions permit.

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase another lock so that the barrier can again be fastened. Mr. Ingram will weld a chain to it and then the barrier post.

#### **174/12-13 Village Matters**

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Buddle and agreed that the self grown tree removal in the churchyard would be 50% funded by Thorney Parish Council. Councillor Bartlett took no part in this discussion

#### **175/12-13 Correspondence**

Peterborough City Council Statement of Community Involvement

Letter from Doctors surgery asking for donations toward drop in costs for Dr. Jackson's retirement – Thorney Parish Council has no powers to grant such a request

**176/12-13 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**177/12-13 Any other business**

Jubilee memorial to be erected on Bedford Hall – design and height of weather vane discussed and agreed to go ahead

Yew tree outside Cheriton House – Councillor Ogden to ask Enterprise to trim  
Councillor Ogden explained that when a neighbourhood plan is adopted this would attract 25% CIL but without one would only attract 15%.

Royal Mail – if they leave a parcel in an unattended home they take a photograph as proof that it was left.

**178/12-13 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm