

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 13 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, J Brooks, Mrs. D Halfhide, P Rands, D. J Buddle, Mrs. S Selby,
E. Gee, Mrs M Long, Mrs Sheldrake

PCSO

6 members of the public

395/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillors D McKean and D Sanders.

396/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda –
Councillors Bartlett and Long declared a personal interest in planning application 13/01585

397/13-14 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 December 2013

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 December 2013 were confirmed and signed

398/13-14 Matters arising from minutes

1. Access road around Bedford Hall now dangerous with pot holes. Peterborough City Council asked to repair. Peterborough City Council to arrange for the pot holes around Bedford Hall to be filled
2. A47 repairs near Pode Hole still to be carried out. Highways Agency reminded. Fly tipping old A47 east of Pigeons Farm. Highways Agency has acknowledged information received but again reminded that rubbish not cleared.
3. Thorney Parish Council not kept informed of possible safety measures along North Bank road – Peterborough City Council asked why? Peter Tebb writes “I can only apologise that Thorney Parish Council did not receive direct notification of the recent works. These works were undertaken as an emergency safety measure following an unprecedented number of vehicles entering the river in a very short time span. The decision to proceed with the works was taken immediately following successful testing of the ground conditions within the river bank on the 10th December, and were then undertaken and completed as a priority the following week”.
4. Presentation by NLIDB now to take place 10 March at 6-30 pm at the NLIDB office
5. The ramp at the museum. Materials used for the handrails do not match those on the ramp constructed a few years ago to the entrance of the main building. Peterborough City Council investigating
6. Councillor Bevington has replied to Peterborough City Council concerning the consultation on children’s services in Thorney

399/13-14 Public Participation

Four Acres Bungalows, Northside – Peterborough City Council confirms that the premises benefit from a Certificate of Lawful development which allows vehicles to be sold from the premises. This certificate was granted by the Planning Inspectorate on appeal in September 2006. Cars on frontage not for sale.

13/01585/WCPP For Removal of condition C1 (temporary permission for two years) of planning permission 11/00950/FUL – Proposed change of use from agricultural to Battlefield Live Outdoor Activity at Battlefield Live French Drove.

Councillor Bevington took the chair for discussion as Councillor Bartlett and Long had declared an interest and took no further part.

The question was asked why Councillor Bartlett represented Thorney Parish Council at the recent Peterborough City Council planning meeting. Councillor Bevington explained that Councillor Bartlett represented Thorney Parish Council not himself as an individual. An acrimonious discussion then took place concerning noise levels with arguments that noise

was too loud, and counter argument that as the nearest property was 400m away from the site sound attenuation would make noise from the site very low.

As the discussion became hostile Councillor Bevington closed the public session and handed the Chair back to Councillor Bartlett for the next item

400/13-14 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – Police Crime Report – 6 crimes – poachers arrested and vehicles seized, speed checks in Wisbech Road (none over the limit). 3 PCSO's now patrol rural areas.

North East Rural Neighbourhood Panel Meeting Sgt Tinsley explained the rationale behind the thematic roles of PCSO and while wards would not have a dedicated PCSO's they would still have the same role and deal with the same issues but it would not always be the same PCSO attending. It is early days of the new way of working but Sgt Tinsley stated he was reassured that the system was beginning to work well. As far as he could say there would be no reduction in numbers of PCSO's but there is no recruitment at the moment. Further cuts to budgets may result in a review of the numbers of PCSO's.

Brenda Stanojevic was concerned that with the loss of ward PCSO's intelligence would be lost from the local area and Rob Butterwick wondered how low the number of PCSO's could go before they were no longer viable.

Sgt Kirsty Hills gave a presentation on the crime statistics for the last three months. There has been a 22% reduction in crime on the same period the previous year, with Eye and Thorney reducing by 13.2% which equates to 12 less crimes and Newborough and Peakirk reducing by 44.4% which is a reduction of 16 less crimes. There has been an increase in non-dwelling burglary (sheds/garages) with cycles being targeted and an increase in theft from motor vehicle i.e. catalytic converters and diesel taken from vehicles.

A resident of Thorney who lives on Wisbech Road handed to Sgt Kirsty Hills a log of the events of ASB by children gathering outside the Chinese take away. Sgt Hills thanked the resident and stated that PCSO's will be asked to patrol the area and gather information about the identity of the children.

John Brooks stated that speeding was still an issue on Station Road, Whittlesey Road and Wisbech Road in Thorney. There is also a problem with residents on Wisbech Road parking their cars, causing people to cross the broken line in the middle of the road to pass the cars. Sgt Kirsty Hills informed the meeting that there were now a number of special constables who had been trained in the use of the 'speed gun' and would be available to use for traffic enforcement.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – carpet in lounge and entrance hall to be replaced. Excellent booking for rest of year.

Fenland History exhibition in May

3. Report from meeting with Enterprise – report given by Chairman included:

Football club leaving excess litter after games Chris Jackson to ensure litter is picked after authorised games, but confirmed they cannot control this if club is using it for unauthorised games. Situation to be monitored and if continues speak to the club

Request for extra dog bin on Station Road Chris Jackson explained cost implication of servicing the bins, but the request would be noted for consideration

Request for larger litter bin at Thorney Park Peterborough City Council to look into feasibility Leaf build-up at the junction of Station Rd /Causeway now cleared

Waste bin near children's play area – rubbish being removed and thrown around by children. Abbey Place needs sweeping.

Some concern that brown bins will be charged for or not emptied at all. Risk of fly tipping high of brown bins not emptied.

401/13-14 Report from City Councillors

402/13-14 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Thorney EX Servicemans Club	Donation to war memorial relocation	£100.00
Pidgeons Farm	Donation to war memorial relocation	£100.00
Mr A Sismey	Allotment rent	£30.00
Thorney Scouts	Donation to war memorial relocation	£50.00
Mr Rex	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mrs Dawson	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mrs Molesworth	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Pantling	Allotment rent	£30.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Thorneton	£55.00
Dr Knights	Allotment rent	£30.00
Halls Chemist	Donation to war memorial relocation	£100.00
Mr Beeton	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Compton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Brown	Allotment rent	£30.00
Crowland Methodists	Donation to war memorial relocation	£20.00
Mrs E Gee	Donation to war memorial relocation	£250.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Mr A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001970	£21.20
Mr A E Hovell	License mower for road use	001971	£55.00
TVHMC	Parish Room Cleaning	001972	£240.00
NamesCo	Website registration	001973	£47.99
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	001974	£69.23

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. Precept 2014/2014

Councillor Seaton, Peterborough City Council Cabinet Member for Resources states that “I am writing to remind all parish councils that the contribution from the council made to parishes through the general parish precept will be reduced by £18k in 2014/15. I previously raised this in my parish precept letter last year and as you may recall this was agreed by Full Council on the 22nd February 2012 as part of the budget setting process for 2012/13 and was included in the council’s medium term financial strategy (MTFS). The reduction implemented by the council over the three years (2012/13 to 2014/15) is roughly in line with the overall reduction in the council’s funding received from central Government.

The general precept provides a contribution towards the general costs of the parish as well as specific support for burial grounds and recreational grounds, these two elements will not be directly affected by the reduction. As in the two previous years the reduction will be fully applied to the amount the council pays per adult”. This will have the effect of either

- Reducing the amount of income that Thorney Parish Council has or
- To keep the income at the same level an increase in the local precept that individual householders pay.

This year the Government has given an extra contribution that will result in the Parish precept going up by 0.58% for the same income as last year. Peterborough City Council contribution to the Parishioners of Thorney Parish was down by over £1200.

4. Waste carriers licence. New regulations came into force on 1 January 2014 that meant all organisation who have contact with waste materials now has to be registered with the Environment Agency. Mr. Lucken occasionally removes debris from the allotments and tree branches in the cemetery hence Thorney Parish Council now need to be registered.

5. Registration of mower for road use. A recent safety inspection revealed that the lawn mower had

not been licensed for road use despite this being a part of the contract with Mason Mowers. The Clerk has now processed the appropriate documentation

6 CLF money - the "roll over " of the money into next year has already been submitted, albeit not approved yet. This money to go to footpaths in the park - local groups to be informed when Peterborough City Council confirm banking of money

403/13-14 Planning Approvals and Refusals

13/01463 17 Woburn Drive – erection single storey and rear extension - approved

404/13-14 Planning Applications and other matters

Planning applications

14/00007 55 Wisbech Road – fell 3 leylandi trees – no objection

13/01889 186 Wisbech Road – replace and refurbish windows – no objection

13/01665 For Application for earth bunds within the site to enable excavated material to be stored onsite at Land South Of French Drove And East Of Scolding Drove At Wrydecroft – changes to some of the details of the earth bunds – no objection

13/00933 French Farm, French Drove – construction 4 turbines – further environmental statement alterations in appendix B

Councillor Bartlett explained his comment to the recent Peterborough City Council planning committee concerning Woburn Drive development. Possible alternative access from Wisbech Road in 2025 plans

405/13-14 Burial Authority

406/13-14 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett. First light in Park out. South side Wisbech Road near Park lights out.
2. Wisbech Road – parking in Wisbech Road opposite the Park entrance in making the road narrow in an area that is poorly lit.
3. Archers Drove – resurfaced September last year. Road signs and cones still on site.

407/13-14 Allotments

408/13-14 Village Matters

Ben Thompson states new tennis nets installed

Library closure – rumours that Thorney Library will close. Councillor Sanders has been asked to investigate.

Thorney Post Office due to close at the end of February – many services that Post Offices used to carry out now removed from them by Government.

Drain cover on grassed area south side of entrance road to Bedford Hall broken

409/13-14 Correspondence

Local Government Pension Scheme road show Peterborough City Council offices 27 February

410/13-14 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Meeting to discuss infrastructure levy and Thorney Parish Council requirements with Kate Harding. Flooding entrance to health centre.

411/13-14 Any other business

412/13-14 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 10 February 2014. The meeting closed at 8.17 pm