

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 12 January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, P Rands, Mrs M Long, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs. S Selby, D. J Buddle,
N. Simons, D. Jones, J Brooks

Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders

2 members of the public

613/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs L Sheldrake, Peterborough City Councillor R Brown, PCSO Webber

614/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

615/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 December 2014 were confirmed and signed

616/14-15 Matters arising from minutes

617/14-15 Public Participation

Thorney Post editorial now passed to Mr Eric Rayner although Irene will still deal with invoicing.

Deadline for next edition is 15th March

618/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report –Overnight 2nd December – theft of tools from vehicle on Wisbech Road – Between 25th November, 2nd December – break in reported unoccupied property copper piping and other materials stolen, overnight 2nd December – arson Station Road – wheelie bin set alight against speed camera, overnight 8th December – theft of large generator – Willow Hall Lane.

There were 34 incidents comprising: Road related – 8, Malicious/nuisance – 2, Suspicious – 9, Messages – 2, Animals – 1, Poaching – 10, Domestic - 2

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – nothing to report
3. Response from Simon Webber concerning Peterborough City Council assets in Thorney – Still awaiting response from Simon
4. Social media policy – the proposed social media document was circulated and it was agreed to adopt the policy. Some members expressed the view that should filming be requested they would leave the meeting
5. Future of PCSO sponsored car - the vehicle is now eight years old, has covered almost 140,000 miles and while it's still serviceable given its age and mileage the Police will not be seeking to extend the contract for a further year.

The contract with Thorney Parish Council states -

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND SALE OF SPONSORED CAR

10.1 After the completion of this Agreement or extension or termination pursuant to clause 8.4 the Parish Councils shall have the option for:

- (i) a transfer of ownership from the Authority to the Parish Councils
- (ii) any sale proceeds resulting from the sale of the vehicle to be the same as 8.3
- (iii) dispose of vehicle with a 50% cost to both parties.

Paragraph 8.3 (ii) states –

- (ii) sell the vehicle and split the proceeds with a sum equal to the second hand market value as listed in 'Current Auction Guide' for cars in publication at the time of the termination, taking into account the additional fair wear and tear as is expected of a vehicle carrying out police and PCSO

activities.

The Police Fleet Manager advises that an approximate auction value for the car would be in the region of £800.

It was proposed by Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Buddle and agreed to send the car to auction as it is no longer required by the Police. The profits from the sale would be split between Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council and Thorney Parish Council.

619/14-15 Report from City Councillors

The rural scrutiny committee can now co-opt members from rural organisations including Parish Council's. They would like more integration between all rural organisations.

Councillor Sanders explained the decision by Peterborough City Council concerning the planning applications for Gores Farm and Willow Hall Farm.

HGV weight restriction between Thorney and Lincolnshire border – both Peterborough City Council and Lincolnshire County Council have to agree to a weight restriction.

620/14-15 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mrs Allan	Reserve grave space	£200.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Church	£55.00
Midlands Coop	Additional Inscription	£10.00
Coop	Memorial Mrs Vollum	£55.00
H W Mason	Inter Mrs Carmichael	£200.00
Mr Beeton	Allotment rent	£60.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation– signed

3. Purchase of chemical store – as part of the new EEC regulations that will be implemented later this year a lockable chemical storage cubicle with a secure bund to catch spillage is required. It was agreed to purchase a store

4. Purchase of new hard drive - It was agreed to purchase a new hard drive to replace the faulty one

621/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals

14/01550 71 Station Road – rebuild single storey garage - approved

14/01573 Land South West Side Northey Road – change of use to one extended family gypsy site - refused

622/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

Miss Louise Lovegrove, Senior Development Management Officer, Peterborough City Council states:

“Gores Farm — Whittlesey Road Thorney Peterborough (13/00431/FUL)

Construction of eight wind turbines to a maximum height of 126.5 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including substation, access tracks and crane hardstandings, temporary storage compound and access improvement onto A47

And

Willow Hall Farm — Willow Hall Lane Thorney Peterborough (14/01136/FUL)

Construction of 5 (five) wind turbines to a maximum height of 130 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including substation, access tracks and crane hardstandings, temporary construction compound and improvements to access on to A47

As you are aware, the Local Planning Authority is currently considering two separate planning applications for wind farm developments on adjacent sites — Gores Farm and Willow Hall Farm. I am writing in relation to these applications, and the procedure for their determination.

Due to the close proximity of the two developments, it is considered that both applications must be seen as 'competing' in a situation where only one application for development may be approved due to the assessment of the impacts of each application in line with planning policy. The Council is, therefore, of the view that we are in the position as described in the case of R (Chelmsford Car and Commercial Limited) v Chelmsford Borough Council [2005] EWHC 1705 (Admin). In that case it was held that where there are two competing applications for development in a location and planning policy is such that only one of them will be granted, then both have to be weighed together against the same criteria in order to decide which should be granted approval, if any, and which refused. It has therefore been determined that both applications at Gores Farm and Willow Hall Farm must be assessed and determined together.

We are not yet in a position to indicate when the applications may be determined, but will continue to provide updates to interested parties where necessary”.

2. Councillor Bevington explained the discussion at the Customer Forum. Cil should be in place by April 2016. Lifetime Homes that are wheelchair adaptable – developer has to provide and identify.

623/14-15 Burial Authority

Trees agreed at site meeting earlier in the year now received and planted – agreed to provide 12 more.

624/14-15 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lights – outages to be reported by Councillor Bartlett. Light out at school crossing on north side
2. Peter Tebb, Peterborough City Council Network and Traffic Manager states “The B1040 between the A47 and Crowland crosses the border between Lincolnshire County Council and Peterborough City Council at Nene Terrace. Thus for a restriction to be implemented along the road would require each local authority to make a traffic regulation order for the length of road for which it is responsible.

The start and end points of a weight restriction also need careful consideration to ensure that sufficient advance warning signing can be provided such that the HGV drivers don't simply turn into the restricted road to be met with signing advising of a weight restriction as they would have little option but to continue on their way through the signage.

Equally all the side roads (English Drove, Bukehorn Road (B1443), French Drove, Hundreds Road etc.) must be signed sufficiently far back so that the drivers have an option to avoid entering the restriction and use a suitable road for the type of vehicle. Consideration therefore needs to be given to where any HGV may seek to go if it was to avoid the restricted road.

For example if a restriction was introduced only on the section of the B1040 in Peterborough, the traffic could still use the B1040 from Crowland to Nene Terrace and then divert along French Drove and New Cut (B1167) to reach the A47 – which may prove to be an equally attractive route to the B1040.

Enforcement: The police are the only body that has powers to enforce a weight restriction. Given the location spanning two police force areas this may further complicate the issue of enforcement”.

Councillor Simons said there needs to be at least 10% of HGV's before a restriction can be considered.

3. Church Street and The Green – Peterborough City Council has previously raised concerns with the contractor with regards to the materials at these two sites, the contractor has now accepted that the materials are not up to standard and they have agreed to replace the surfacing in the Spring, unfortunately this will mean a repeat of the excavation of the carriageway and replacement surfacing with a follow up to expose the aggregate some weeks later at no costs to Peterborough City Council.
This may cause some inconvenience but ultimately Peterborough City Council are striving to get the best results possible
4. Councillor Buddle again highlighted the A47 repairs that need to be carried out. MP Stuart Jackson to be advised of Thorney Parish Council frustrations at the lack of repair particularly as the road has recently been closed for 3 consecutive nights.
5. Drainage northside Wisbech Road opposite Woburn Drive not allowing surface water to drain away. Councillor Bartlett to talk to Lee Moore

625/14-15 Allotments

Councillor Selby suggested writing to all tenants asking them to consider forming an allotment committee that could deal with bad husbandry

Letter circulated that will be sent to tenants and date to meet them will be on 16 March

626/14-15 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres – ongoing
2. Footpaths in Park – Peterborough City Council has appointed a contractor and they will come back to Peterborough City Council with a works programme. Once they have this they can advise on a start date.
3. Land near Pigeons Farm owned by Highway agency – Still awaiting response from Highways Agency. MP to be asked for assistance on this matter
4. Replacement tree on The Green – costs from Neil Horsewell at Amey is £583 for tree planting and maintenance. There is no offer of any Peterborough City Council contribution. Agreed that Thorney Parish Council contribution would be £200. No reply from Mr Horsewell concerning Thorney Parish Council offer.
5. Another collision between a bus and parked car in Park Crescent – Councillor Brooks to talk to Stagecoach Manager.
6. There was frustration that the Post Office relocation was taking too long – Stuart Jackson to be asked for an update
7. Graffiti on shelter in Park next to MUGA
8. Proliferation of burger bar signs around Eye – Councillor Bartlett to report to Peterborough City Council.

627/14-15 Correspondence

628/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

629/14-15 Any other business

New editor of Thorney Village Post, Mr Eric Rayner, has taken ownership of the Thorney Parish Council laptop.

Councillor Simons suggested that there should be a Social and Fund raising committee – there may be a need in future for this concerning Bedford Hall. Future agenda item

630/14-15 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 9 February 2015 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.10pm