

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, J. Brooks, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, Mrs. D Halfhide, N. Simons, R. Bevington,

Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen 4 members of the public,

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

981/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Peterborough City Councillors Richard Brown, David Sanders
Mr David Jones and Mr. Peter Rands have resigned

982/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – non declared

983/16-17 Public Discussion -

Road side of “Goose Green” – Ms Fletcher – access road probably belongs to Ms Green. Possibly originally called “The Chase”. Councillor Potts to liaise with Ms Fletcher.

Mr Lambert – public footpath Knarr Fen Drove - running west off Old Knarr Fen Drove through to the Whittlesey Road – was reassured that it was still a public footpath. Chairman to speak with Mr Sly.

984/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2016

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December were confirmed and signed

985/16-17 Co-option of Members

An advert asking for persons to fill the vacancies had been placed in the December edition of the Parish magazine that goes to every household. There had been no applications. Two members of the public present said they may be interested

986/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

Mr Payne St Marys Close — sewage pumping station on Larkfleet development — Mr Payne has now resolved the positioning with Anglian Water

987/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report - Willow Hall Lane – 10th Dec – Criminal Damage – unknown males in a Red Suzuki Vitara with 2 lurcher dogs have cut padlock from metal gate to gain entry to field. They have caused damage to crops

Bedford Hall Management Committee – no report. Survey of Bedford Hall still to be completed. Chairman suggested an independent report should be obtained and it was agreed that would depend on the report contents of the Peterborough City Council commissioned survey

988/16-17 Report from City Councillors.

Medicine Pond corner – replacement of road signs and verge markers.

Woburn Drive – road sweeping 4 times a day, pressure washing of vehicles leaving site.

Councillor Wood said in his opinion the site manager could do no more to keep the road clean

Peterborough City Council looking at abandoning charge for bulky waste collection in a bid to stem the flow of flytipping

989/16-17 Finance

Income		
Mr Brown	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Beeby	Allotment rent	£30.00
Crowsons	Inter Mr Crowden	£150.00
Mr Compton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mrs Beresford	Allotment rent	£60.00
Ms Godley	Allotment rent and key	£25.00
To approve the following that were paid in December		
Mr. B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£59.30
Mr A E Hovell	Software upgrade	£65.00

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Use of £1000 City Councillor donation – Thorney Parish Council would like a bench type seat in the 3 covered bus shelters in Thorney and suggested the finance from Councillor Sanders be used for this. Thorney has many elderly people who use the buses that often run late because of delays on the A47. A seat would help their wait.
As there was no response from Peterborough City Council to the email request early in December, Councillor Parrish to ask Mr Downing to make seat for shelter near bus stop

990/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

Mill Garage has authority for car sale activities. They have not taken up any of the points on the recently approved planning application

Meeting Monday 16th January concerning proposed housing expansion sites

991/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

992/16-17 Burial Authority

993/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Councillor Wood said that some speed camera checks should be carried out as a matter of urgency along Wisbech Road, particularly near the school and in the evening. Clerk has written to local Inspector and request this action.
3. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village
4. Parking on grass at front of Rose and Crown severely damaging grass
5. Mattress on side of A47 – Highway's England has delegated debris removal to Peterborough City Council.
6. Report that traffic lights at Cross-roads intermittently showing green from Abbey Place at the same time as traffic shown a green light, or no lights at all, from the village.

994/16-17 Village Matters

1. Trees in Parish that are Thorney Parish Council responsibility need surveying – quotation requested
2. Thorney Park – ideas for how the Park should be improved – meeting Mayor's Parlour Monday 16th January

995/16-17 Allotments

996/16-17 Youth Activity in the Village

Sabrina said please be aware that there are only 3 youth workers for the whole of the north west and rural area so the support that we can offer would not be in the form of staffing to open a youth club, but could be in regards of recruiting and training volunteers, setting up systems, policies and processes and access to resources. She was told there is no out of school activities for the 11 to 15 year age group like skate-park or sheltered area.

Youth work in Eye is carried out by volunteers with training given by the youth service. The age groups can be split into different ranges of age

Councillor Wood explained that the expansion of the village will result in more youngsters needing to be kept occupied so it is essential to provide some kind of recreational activities to help keep the youngsters from getting involved with anti-social behaviour

The youth service does not have any availability to provide a youth worker in Thorney other than to train volunteers.

Mr Vaughan explained what used to happen in Welland in his youth and he foresaw a similar situation could develop in Thorney with the expansion if youth activities do not exist.

Sabrina could help with drafting funding applications

A list from youngsters of the village is needed to highlight what they actually desire. Thorney Post could be a vehicle for achieving this

Councillor Halfhide said that we should look further than just the youngsters and gave examples whereby other groups could be included in a survey. Should we also look at putting exercise equipment in the Park.

Mr Vaughan said that with liaison with Councillor Potts they would help in drawing up a list
Sabrina's contact details are Sabrina.bezkorowajnyj@peterborough.gov.uk (07920160148).

997/16-17 Correspondence

998/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

999/16-17 Any other business

Councillor Long highlighted that Mike George has a community fund

REG Windpower turbines online

Wryde Croft turbines – applications for grants need to be in by February

Councillor Parrish said that responses from Peterborough City Council were very long winded or did not come at all and Thorney Parish Council should exert more force from individual officers.

Councillor Allen suggested that polite engagement can bring better results than an antagonistic approach

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 9.10pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 13th February 2017 starting at 7pm.