

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, N. Simons, R. Bevington, A Bunyan,
A Butt, Mrs. D Halfhide

Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown and Steve Allen

6 members of the public,

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

1100/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,
J. Brooks

1101/17-18 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – Councillor Bartlett
concerning tree removal at Abbey. If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared
at that time

1102/17-18 Public Discussion

Photographs displayed concerning Thorney Lakes. Councillor Bevington explained his conversation
with an aggressive correspondent of the site. Mr Rayner then explained the enquiries he had made.
Enforcement Officer Peterborough City Council making preparations to serve a Stop Notice and
Enforcement Notice at Thorney Lakes. Councillor Allen supported the stop notice because planning
law must be upheld.

Thorney Parish Council will judge the development as and when a planning application has been
validated. It was noted that refusal of a previous planning application on this site 14/01786/FUL for
the installation of a ground mounted solar PV array. It was 'Refused' on the grounds of the potential
of archaeological remains on the site from the Mesolithic period and a requirement for detailed
archaeological investigations. Thorney Parish Council trust the works that have been carried out to
date on the site have not undermined the possibility of carrying out proper investigations or caused
damage to any potential buried remains.

1103/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2017

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th June were confirmed and signed

1104/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1. Work on trees in the Parish following tree survey - now complete
2. The Post Office Outreach Update did not go ahead as planned on the 27th June; there are still
issues with the equipment

1105/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – North Side – 16/6/17 – Burglary non dwelling – car batteries stolen from sheds on farm land.
St Marys Close – 23/6/17 – Burglary – Attempt, no entry gained. Chestnut Drive – 26/6/17 – Burglary – conservatory
window smashed. Car key stolen.

Bedford Hall Management Committee – Caroline Rowen writes “I can confirm that things should be moving at a swifter speed now.

The library commission has been drawn up and allocated to an officer from Norfolk Property Services to carry this out. I would like to set up a small working group for this which would include myself and Lisa Roberts (Vivacity Contract Manager at PCC) to take this forward. This will give us a real cost of moving the library to Bedford Hall and timings. Could you please nominate two or three people who would like to be part of this group and we will feed back to the larger working group. I hope to arrange a site visit for next week and from there NPS can draw up the plans and costs for consultation.

The additional elements of the survey are being sourced, I have been assured that the survey should be taking place in the next few weeks.

I am currently drafting the offer letter from Peterborough City Council to the Parish and this will be with you shortly. Once both these elements have been completed I will call another working group meeting to discuss findings and agree next steps. I would anticipate that this will be towards the end of August.

I can also confirm that the following items have been approved by Peterborough City Council to proceed -
Issues with the Fire Alarm

Repairs identified following the annual water test at Bedford Hall - thermostat is fitted in the ladies toilet to reduce the water temperature.”

Group members will be Jeff Bellamy (Chair Bedford Hall Committee), John Bartlett, Russ Bevington, Tony Hovell

Mr Bellamy said we are still waiting firm proposals – Councillor Allen said this was possibly being moved forward by Jane McDaid.

New sensor fitted to fire alarm in museum by Peterborough City Council .

Memorial picture of USAF transport plane that crashed in Northside given to Mr Bellamy for display in Bedford Hall

1106/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Brown and Councillor Allen – covered in minutes under discussion headings

1107/17-18 Finance

The following was received in June/July

Yorkshire Bank	Interest on bond	£588.06
Community Project		£50.00
Community Project		£193.41
H E Bull and Son	Inter Mr Nutt	£150.00
UK Power Networks	Wayleave	£56.91
Coop Spalding	Inter Mrs Jones	£1250.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Jary	£125.00
HM Custom/Revenue	VAT Refund	£3310.04

To approve the following to be paid in July

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£53.54
Anglian Water	Water charges cemetery	£18.06
Anglian Water	Water charges allotments	£53.83
Jane and Son	Tree trimming cemetery	£670.00
Peterborough Grass		
Machinery	Replacement blower	£265.00
Cambs Acre	Payroll service	£90.60
Little Paxton PC	Councillor training	£60.00
Mr A E Hovell	Sanctum fixings, travel	£36.98

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Purchase replacement blower. The existing blower has a faulty engine that is uneconomical to repair. It was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed that the blower be replaced by a new machine at a cost of £265 Financial assistance to remove tree in Abbey grounds for £705. Councillor Bartlett declared an interest in this and took no part in discussion or decision. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Potts and agreed that Thorney Parish Council would fund the tree removal and replacement tree providing a semi mature tree is planted as a replacement. One Councillor abstained in voting
3. Consideration of wind turbine fund for purchase of Speedwatch Scheme monitor in conjunction with other Parish Councils. Cambridgeshire Police have suggested that the wind turbine fund could be used to purchase a Speedwatch camera that is shared between Parishes. Councillor Long spoke in agreement with the proposal and Councillor Simons suggested that the two special constables we have in Thorney would be best placed to operate the camera

1108/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/00120/FUL for Demolition of existing single storey dwelling, and erection of replacement one and a half storey dwelling at 1 Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SG Decision: Permitted
 17/00914/ 83 Wisbech Road - vehicle access and in curtilage driveway – withdrawn
 17/00851/ 87B Wisbech Road - Single storey rear extension and single storey front extension to link garage to main dwelling - Permitted

1109/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

17/01052/FUL - Boar House, Ten Foot Farm, Dairy Drove - No objections. (from the 9 Parish Councillors who have responded)
 17/00505/FUL - House south of Ernest House, Wisbech Road - No objections. (From all Councillors). However, one member queried whether this would aggravate the traffic 'bottleneck' on the Wisbech Road but this is now being dealt with by the City Council (Peter Tebb + Stuart Mountfield)

Further Draft Local Plan. Councillor Bevington explained there are some very big new sites in this second round of allocations. One near Castor proposes 2500 dwellings! There are two sites in Newborough and a couple in Eye. There is also one in Thorney (Page 23) next to the Windmill on The Causeway stretching back to the by-pass. This proposes 115 dwellings that is in the high flood risk zone so it is likely to be rejected.

The City Council stated that with the additional site at the eastern end of the village, which they have given 'preferred' status, they felt the quota of new housing for the village would be met. This was part of their reason for rejecting the Whittlesey Road site. On this basis, setting aside the flood risk, they can hardly accept another site in the Parish.

Reference Site: THO008H - Land at the Causeway, Thorney. Thorney Parish Council has reviewed the additional site that has been put forward and have the following comments;

1. We believe the site is in the high flood risk zone 3 and is not, therefore, the most appropriate site for the indicative number of 115 new dwellings.
2. We feel the site is best retained as greenfield, agricultural land.
3. We are of the opinion, as supported by yourselves, that with the inclusion of site THO005H as a 'preferred' site, the quota for new housing in the Parish has more than adequately been met.

4. We have commented previously on the Whittlesey Road site THO003H/Hi which has been rejected by the City Council. If the City Council, despite their comment that the housing quota for Thorney has been met, is minded to accept further sites in Thorney, then we recommend that the Whittlesey Road site should be preferred over site THO008H, if only because it is outside the flood plain.

5. We would be concerned that existing infrastructure is not capable of meeting the demands of additional development. This is partly because we have become aware that there is insufficient water pressure at the new Woburn Drive development and, in particular, a concern that the village school may not have sufficient capacity.

1110/17-18 Burial Authority

In 2010 the charity Peterborough Environment City Trust launched Forest for Peterborough, an ambitious project to plant over 183,000 trees in and around the city by 2030. The Clerk has met Simon Belham from PECT at the cemetery extension and he will supply the hedging we need for the boundary of the extension.

1111/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village. Request made to Peterborough City Council by Councillor Allen. Peterborough City Council to carry out an audit in Thorney to assess where bins and notices are needed and install where necessary.
3. Wisbech Road bottleneck – a drawing of the works proposed by Peterborough City Council for the Wisbech Road was displayed.
The drawing did not reflect the scale of work discussed originally with Peter Tebb or more recently with Ami Petrie, Stuart Mounfield, Lee Moore on site by members of Thorney Parish Council
However, if Peterborough City Council consider the reduced works proposed overcome the risk related to the safety hazard of the 'bottleneck' Thorney Parish Council has no comment on them.
Thorney Parish Council assume Peterborough City Council will notify residents living in the proximity of these works of the proposals and give them the opportunity to comment prior to the works being executed.
4. Woburn Drive traffic increase – Peter Tebb, Peterborough City Council Network and Traffic Manager writes “Whilst the new development will have increased the likelihood of a vehicle passing the end of the existing streets leading off Woburn Drive, I would have expected motorists emerging from those side streets to have driven with due care and attention under the previous traffic conditions. Ultimately Woburn Drive is a residential street with low volumes of traffic and experience would suggest that speeding is unlikely to be an issue in terms of average vehicle speeds. As a consequence it is unlikely that we would be able to justify "speed bumps" being introduced and I would strongly suspect that any such suggestion would receive strong opposition from both the residents and the Parish Council”.
Councillor Wood said a traffic survey of Woburn Drive was needed to establish number and speed of vehicles. He was of the opinion a serious accident could occur involving a child. Mr Vaughan said a speed activated sign would deter speeding.
Councillor Halfhide said speeding in Tavistock Close was often associated with vehicles arriving or leaving a football match.
5. Speed activated sign Wisbech Road. Councillor Allen said that Peterborough City Council would investigate installing a replacement
6. Double yellow lines being redrawn in Abbey Place to prevent parking at exit Church Street. This will

give better visibility display.

1112/17-18 Village Matters

1. Tree work - complete
2. Thorney Park – new tennis nets and markings. Complete. Mr Vaughan to champion a tennis club
3. Signs along The Causeway need tree branches that obscure them removed
4. New interactive display on show in museum
5. Thorney Park – Peterborough City Council arranging to have soil delivered to build a bund to stop damage to roadside verges

1113/17-18 Allotments

1. Brian has cut down the vegetation on the allotments that have no tenant
2. Clerk to look into possibility that Community Payback be used to clear some debris'

1114/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Quotes obtained for new equipment. Liaising with Peterborough City Council and then applying for grants

1115/17-18 Correspondence

1116/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1117/17-18 Any other business

Parish Council Liaison Meeting –

Peterborough City Council employing Kingdom Enforcement Agency to clamp down on illegal parking, Flytipping, etc. At present in the City but will eventually spread to rurals

The Safer Peterborough Prevention and Enforcement Service combines council, police, fire service and prison staff into a single managed service. Council officers will wear a new uniform to help the public identify members of the service.

A total of 112 officers will make up the Prevention and Enforcement Service (PES) including 16 police constables, 30 police community support officers and 30 council prevention and enforcement officers.

The council PES officers have now been granted delegated Community Safety Accreditation Scheme powers which give them the ability to take action against a wider range of community issues which include littering, begging and cycling on pavements. These officers also retain existing powers available to them, including parking and housing enforcement.

Chairman explained PCSO for Thorney Parish Rural areas – Michael Courtney-Hunt, Michael.Courtney-Hunt@cambs.pnn.police.uk, 07525227482

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.44pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 11th September 2017 starting at 7pm