

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 10 June 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs. M Long, J Brooks, P Rands,  
PCSO Yane Pokhum,  
6 members of the public

**263/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Mrs. L Sheldrake, D. J Buddle, Mrs. S Selby, J Rowe, E. Gee, Peterborough City  
Councillors D McKean and D Sanders

**264/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda  
– memorial from Chapel Councillor Brooks personal interest

**265/13-14 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2013**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 May were confirmed and signed

**266/13-14 Matters arising from minutes**

1. Response from Stagecoach concerning Park Crescent – Thorney Parish Council dismayed that Stagecoach has not seen fit to reply to its letters. Chief Executive at Peterborough City Council to be informed of Thorney Parish Council concerns.
2. Triangular piece of land near Pigeons Farm. Atkins wrote “What I can tell you is that following a review by our own environmental team at Atkins, the triangular piece of land you are concerned about was used as part of the Thorney bypass construction and has been planted with the aim of continuing to grow naturally with little further maintenance required. This triangle of land is typically referred to as ‘accommodation land’, which was purchased purely to facilitate the building of the bypass and is usually left to grow naturally away from the highway.  
The HA lands team review has identified this land for the purpose of mitigation, which means that the HA/Atkins will need to continue to maintain it and this will now be added to the asset register. Roger Chenery at the Highways Agency will be leading this work to agree the requirements for ongoing maintenance by Atkins.  
We are still investigating the issue of the missing gate and will try to achieve replacement of one, which will need to be approved and funded. The fly tipping problem has been reported to the local district council for their investigation and action.

**267/13-14 Public Participation**

The Royal British Legion has received a letter from Steve Brown (property Steward) for the Methodist Chapel Church Council in Thorney regarding the War Memorial. As the building is to be closed because of an unsafe floor it was thought appropriate that the memorial be placed in some other public place. Mr. VanDriessche outlined his thoughts that it should be repositioned in an outside arch that backs onto the Parish Room of Bedford Hall. To that end he has met on site Mr Daley (Peterborough City Council Heritage) and Mr Cross (stonemason) with a view to its move.

It was estimated that this would cost £2500. It was agreed in principle that Thorney Parish Council would help fund the move.

Peterborough City Councillors McKean and Sanders to be asked if this would be a suitable project for CLF contribution?

#### 268/13-14 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – 4 crimes. Burglary, theft criminal damage and dangerous driving.

20mph signs at School may be moved to give a larger controlled area. Possibility that 30mph sign may be painted on Station Road near roundabout.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – contractor has not yet made contact concerning bricks for museum ramp. Councillor Halfhide to liaise.

3. Report from Parish Council Liaison – no meeting

4. Gores wind farm community benefit forum – Clerk. Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> May - 7 people from Thorney and two representatives from West Coast Energy. General discussion only with no firm proposals other than for the residents present to set up a body to start to investigate either a trust fund or a limited company to control the income and spend.

Michael Shuster wishes to serve as point of liaison with the Wind Farm companies for the purpose of Community Benefit. To date he has established relations with West Coast Energy (Gores Farm) and REG (French Drove). RES-Group (Wrydecroft) will begin in the autumn and he has sought community funding information relating to the Peterborough City Council scheme. From this, he has taken a lead in organising the formation of the Community Fund body - at the moment he, Michael Sly, Hazel Glading and Allyson Bird are considering points of governance and operation parameters. Thorney Parish Council agreed to Mr. Shuster's request. Thorney Parish Council involvement will be discussed in the Autumn.

#### 269/13-14 Report from City Councillors

#### 270/13-14 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Watkins and Stafford	Inter Mr Duguid	£73.00
UK Power Networks	Wayleaves	£48.66

The following were paid in June

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. M Ingram	Level road to allotments	001933	£120.00
Mr. A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001934	£51.01
Grounds Maintenance			
Services	Cut Abbey Lawns	001935	£144.00
Coleman's Stationers	Printer Paper	001936	£16.99
Cambridgeshire Acre	Payroll services	001937	£62.76
NFU Mutual	Tradesman Insurance	001938	£423.21
Allen's Landscapes	Returf village green and gravel driveway	001939	£800.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. Clerks salary review. National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks jointly recommend that the salary scales of all full and part-time clerks be adjusted in accordance with the new spinal column points and rates of pay should be applied from 1st April 2008. This was the last salary increase. It was proposed by Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed that an

increase be given between salary point 11.43 and 12.50 (9.36% - under 2% per year since 2008).

4. Lawn mower repair/replacement. The present mower needs a replacement engine at a cost of £1900 for the parts alone. This machine was purchased in 1997 at a cost of £5000 and now has a depreciated value of zero. A new similar machine will cost upwards of £5000. It was agreed that a new machine would be purchased and the Clerk had the authority to choose a machine suitable for the use that Thorney Parish Council make of it up to a value of £5500.
5. Thorney Parish Council investment – It was agreed that the £22,000 invested with Yorkshire Bank should be deposited in a new bond for a further 12 months at 1.6% with Yorkshire Bank.

#### **271/13-14 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

#### **272/13-14 Planning Applications and other matters**

##### **1. Planning applications**

12/01905/R3FUL Morris Fen - Consultation on Reg 3 City Council Application (Full) Installation of a solar farm with an installed power capacity of up to 26MW, comprising the installation of photovoltaic panels, associated boundary fencing, security and CCTV cameras, site access and associated electrical infrastructure including inverter units; transformer and temporary construction compounds, electricity substation and 2no. terminal towers at Land To The East And West Of Black Drove Thorney – to go to committee 17 June

13/00704 Park House School, Wisbech Road - garden building to make classrooms - no objections

13/00780/CTR The Vicarage, The Green - T1 Dead Elm Fell to ground level. G1 2 No. Yew Crown lift to 3.5 metres over the driveway and remove deadwood. T2 1 No. Cherry and T3 1 No. Holly Crown lift to 2.5 metres and sever Ivy. T4 1 No. Malus Remove branch in contact with wall. T5 1 No. Elder Remove branch in contact with wall. T6 1 No. Pine in contact with wall Fell to ground level – no objections

13/00805 2 Orchard Court - Crown thin sycamore by 25% - no objections

13/00704 Park House School, Wisbech Road – replacement vinery – no objections

The next Planning Customer Forum is due to be held on Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 11.00am, at Stuart House.

Rear 84 Wisbech Road – building without planning consent partly removed

Gores Farm – MOD do not accept proposals because of interference to radar and RSPB also against.

#### **273/13-14 Burial Authority**

Cremated remains units being installed. Kerb edging extended to allow 4<sup>th</sup> row when necessary

Burial inspection actions – whole area in good condition and no points of action noted.

Cemetery extension to be placed on agenda later in year,

#### **274/13-14 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Garden flooding 108 Wisbech Road – Lee Moore will be investigating this issue with a member of the drainage team

#### **275/13-14 Allotments**

1. Best allotment judging will take place in July
2. Allotment inspection actions. Some allotments need herbicide to be applied (16, 17, 23, 31, 36).

Two large amounts of dumped rubbish that could attract vermin –The cost to remove and dispose of the rubbish in the 2 locations would be £560.00. Agreed that this should be cleared immediately by R J Warren.

**276/13-14 Village Matters**

The Green - Grass and road that was damaged by a lorry earlier in the year has now had turf replaced and road hard-cored and gravelled. Councillor Bartlett regularly watering the turf.

**277/13-14 Correspondence**

Correspondence received by Peterborough City Council from Mr Dighton regarding the positioning of bins by neighbouring residents onto his land and the fact that he does not want Enterprise Peterborough reversing onto his land to collect these bins. Between Take-away Shop and number 30 with access from 6 to 34

**278/13-14 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

Cemetery extension

**279/13-14 Any other business**

Summer Fare planning meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Tree removal in Churchyard – Councillor Bartlett to contact Councillor Ogden  
Both Parish Charities not registered with Charity Commission

**232/13-14 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013.  
The meeting closed at 9.06pm