

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 9 June 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

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

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders and Richard Brown, 0 members of the public
Guy Szomi, Paul Sharman, Tim Thorey, Mark Longborn

493/14-15 All Parish Councillors to sign Acceptance of Office and declaration of interests
Received

494/14-15 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2015.
It was moved by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

495/14-15 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman
Councillor Bartlett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

496/14-15 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.
It was moved by Councillor Rands, seconded by Councillor Bartlett and agreed that Councillor Brooks be elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

497/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence
Mrs Sheldrake, Mr Ogden, PCSO Mary Webber

498/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations
To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda –
Councillor Bevington and Brooks declared an interest in 14/00729 38 Park Crescent –
single storey toddler playroom

499/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2014
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2014 were confirmed and signed

500/14-15 Matters arising from minutes

1. Councillor Buddle elaborated on the comment in the last minute concerning “overlooking”. He explained “Overlooking is a term applied to protecting small children and children at large from the eyes and attention of those who may be up to no good in terms of child welfare and protection. Building close to school promises lends itself to 'overlooking' and it is something planners should take in to account when they give planning permission. I don't think it's enough in the case we were looking at to dismiss the issue simply because the buildings in this case were bungalows.
2. The deterioration of Whittlesey Road - Peterborough City Council asked to investigate
3. Road in Park badly potholed. Peterborough City Council informed
4. Footpath/cycleway Thorney to Pode Hole overgrown by hedges and grass verges – Peterborough City Council informed. Requested again to cut back.
5. Replacement tree on village green. Existing tree is a lime and a replacement will be planted by Peterborough City Council. Thorney Parish Council will make a contribution to the cost of the tree

- purchase. It was thought that a trial excavation should be made because there may be foundations from the old monastery structure in the village green location
6. American Memorial. Mr Lucken will look after it as he did in the past
 7. Park Crescent – Peterborough City Council housing asked to clear land near no. 1

501/14-15 Public Participation and discussion with Mr. Guy Szomi Catchment Engineer, Welland & Nene Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is leading a project to strengthen the Whittlesey Washes South Barrier Bank. As we enter the second year of the project there is a good possibility that material required for the Barrier Bank will be sourced from Willow Hall quarry close to Thorney.

One of the planning conditions imposed on the quarry operator by Peterborough City Council is that of the 100% of lorries leaving the quarry, 50% of them must return to the quarry from the north. For our project this means lorries laden with material will leave Willow Hall and go south on the B1040 to towards Whittlesey. For returning lorries however, 50% will be required to go north from Whittlesey, past the quarry entrance and into Thorney along the B1040 where they can turn around (use of roundabouts on the bypass) before heading south back to the quarry entrance.

We envisage that 50% of lorry movements will equate to somewhere in the region of 100 lorry movements every weekday needing to go through your village. For 2014 and 2015, lorry movements would be required for 4 to 5 months of the year between June and October.

We have discussed the matter with both Peterborough City Council and the quarry operator as we would prefer for obvious reasons, lorries to be able to return direct to the quarry from the south. It is likely that the quarry operator will apply for a relaxation of the license that would remove this condition to reduce the impact of significant additional lorry movements in Thorney. Even if successful, the planning process may still take around 8-10 weeks. This means we would still require Thorney to be used as a turn-around point for potentially up to 3 months this year.

Thorney Parish Council agreed that an amendment should be made to the Willow Hall quarry conditions to allow lorries to exit and return from the Whittlesey direction rather than passing the quarry entrance go travel to Thorney to turn around, go back to the quarry so that entrance is from the North. Councillor's Sanders and Brown will contact the Minerals Officer and Planning Manager at Peterborough City Council to expedite the amendment.

Councillor Bevington suggested as the amendment would be to the financial benefit to the Environment Agency if a contribution could be made to Thorney Community. Mr. Szomi replied that he was not allowed to do this.

502/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – Period covered 12th May to 8th June 2014. Calls for Service – 23
Crimes – 8: 15/06 – Harassment, 15/06-22/06 – Theft – fuel tank – Willow Hall Lane
20/05 – Theft – diesel – Thorney Abbey, 20/05-22/05 Theft – chickens – Northey Bank, 23/06 – Theft of motor vehicle – Black Drove, 30/05 – Theft of motor vehicle – Park Crescent, 01/06 – Road rage incident – Old Knarr Fen Road, 27/06 – Criminal damage – Wisbech Road
The names of 15 children have been taken regarding the use of scooters skate boards and cycles on Wisbech Road outside the Chinese Take Away. They have been asked not to use skates etc. in that area because of the noise it causes to people living close by and the effect it has on the business there. If they continue to cause a nuisance their parents will be informed.

One of the vehicles stolen was left unattended with the keys in.

Crime panel meeting July 7th – Councillor Brooks to attend

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – blocked road by vehicles attending Bedford Hall events. Many skate boarders and bikes around the premises. Signs to be erected stating no parking on the road

3. Pode Hole Quarry – concrete batching plant poorly used, planning application for quarry fill with inert materials, measures being taken to counteract fly tipping.
Quarry trip planned for later in year

503/14-15 Report from City Councillors

Progress of Thorney park footpaths being chased with Cate Harding

Bins parked on footpaths causing obstructions – Mr. Robb to be asked to investigate

504/14-15 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr and Mrs Rayner	Allotment rent	£10.00
Mr and Mrs Cobb	Reserve burial spaces	£330.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Easton	£55.00
Midlands Coop	Memorial Mr Whelan	£50.00
UK Power Networks	Wayleaves	£51.97

The following were paid in June

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	001987	£46.15
Camb's Acre	Payroll service	001988	£73.56
Grounds Maintenance	Cut Abbey lawns and strimm		
Services	graveyard	001989	£381.60
Mason Mowers	Repair Stiga	001990	£547.98
Mr J Bartlett	Chairman's allowance	001991	£200.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. To fix the Chairman's Allowance. Councillor Bartlett left the room for this item.

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed the Chairman's allowance should be £200.00

4. It was agreed to reinvest the account 00185911 for a further term of 18 months with Yorkshire Bank

505/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals

506/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

14/00729 38 Park Crescent – single storey toddler playroom – if approved this would set a precedent for back garden infill projects even though this is a wooden structure. Is this retrospective?

14/00784 1 Jamerstone Close – single storey side extension – this site is already overcrowded with the existing development and if this is approved then other dwellings should have a condition on other buildings on site that they cannot be extended if this doesn't already exist – vote to approve.

14/00722 Thornberry Lodge, New Cut – conversion of garage to home office space – no objections but concerns that it may be used as a residence.

2. Damp in the museum still to be rectified. Peterborough City Council applying for funding
3. French Farm Wind Farm. Miss Lovegrove, Peterborough City Council, informs us that to “provide an update regarding the status of the above planning application for four additional wind turbines at French Farm, French Drove, Thorney. The Local Planning Authority has received notification from the National Planning Casework Unit that the Secretary of State has exercised his powers and ‘called-in’ the application for his determination. I attach a copy of the formal notification for your information. The application will now be processed by the Planning Inspectorate and subject to a bespoke timetable which has yet to be agreed. Once we have confirmation of the timescales, I will provide a further update. Given the length of time it has taken to receive this response (and given that members of the public have not heard anything from us since Committee), we are preparing a Briefing Note for relevant media and will be writing to all objectors to explain the situation – these letters are likely to be sent out by Wednesday this week”.
4. Naming of Jamerstone Close – what policy do Peterborough City Council have for street naming. Thorney Parish Council were not consulted but would like to be in future street naming

507/14-15 Burial Authority

1. Cemetery in very good maintenance order thanks to the work of Mr Lucken. Letter of thanks to be sent. Seat in north corner needs treatment.
2. Yew tree hedge to be planted on fence line near entrance
3. Agreed to place a pot grown oak tree in position of previous horse chestnut location by Mr Easton.
4. Conifer tree near centre building leaning with some ground movement. Mr Ogden to be asked to give an opinion
5. Agreed that centre building should be added to list of Thorney’s important buildings

508/14-15 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Road repairs to A47 west of Pode Hole Quarry and the road between Thorney and Hangman’s Corner towards Whittlesey still need repairs
3. Corner Buke Horn Road/Crowland Road needs grass strimming

509/14-15 Allotments

Most in good maintenance order, however, 18 and 32 need strimming and spraying off

510/14-15 Village Matters

Notice board Wisbech Road regularly vandalised. Miss Green to be asked if it could be relocated in her paddock

511/14-15 Correspondence

Email concerning Bedford Hall access road blocked by vehicles attending functions
Letter of thanks from Thorney Abbey for continued maintenance of Church Yard.

512/14-15 Committee/area specific members

1. Burial and Employment - Councillors Brooks and Selby
2. Allotments - Councillors Selby and Sheldrake
3. Planning - Councillors Bevington, Selby, Buddle
4. Countryside - Councillors Rands and Long
5. Street lighting - Councillor Bartlett
6. Pode Hole Liaison - Councillor Bartlett, Brooks and Rands
7. Finance – Councillors Buddle and Bevington
8. Thorney Park – Councillor Ogden, Bevington
9. Police Liaison – Councillors Bartlett and Brooks

10. Complaints – Councillors Sheldrake, Ogden and the Chairman
11. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Councillors Selby, Brooks, Bartlett
12. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Councillors Brooks, Bartlett, Bevington, Buddle, Ogden.
13. Flood Warden – Councillor Bartlett
14. Planning committee – Councillor Bevington as Chair with all members

513/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Review of Contracts

Review of training

514/14-15 Any other business

Councillor Long said that she had read in the paper that Wallace Drove was to be closed and reconstructed to allow for wind turbine traffic. Wind farm liaison officer to be contacted and asked why Thorney Parish Council had not been consulted.

Report that Causeway Lodge is being used for illegal purposes – PCSO Webber to be informed
Duke of Bedford School Head moving to different school later in year

515/14-15 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 14 July 2014 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.50 pm