

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 8 June 2015 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 Sheldrake, N Simons, D Jones

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders

4 members of the public. Mr. P Moore (Bletsoes),

688/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillors Richard Brown

689/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

690/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 May were confirmed and signed

691/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

1. Allotment gate. Now in position
2. A47 near Pasture House Farm – road at last repaired and resurfaced. Letter from HA again states their policy of road maintenance and does not mention the state of the road that has now been repaired.

692/15-16 Public Participation and discussion with Mr. Peter Moore

Mr Peter Moore – Bletsoes - land of Sandpit Road. Outline planning application to be submitted possibly during August. The proposed layout plan was circulated and showed upto 91 dwellings with 27 affordable homes.

Councillor Buddle asked if this development would link to further development at the top of Woburn Drive – Mr Moore explained the access road from Wisbech Road is designed for extra capacity. Councillor Bevington stated a link road between the sites in this area should be made and Mr Moore was not adverse to this proposal.

Mr Sly would like to see this scheme co-ordinate with the rest of the village.

Peterborough City Council land, with an existing play area, could be replaced elsewhere in the scheme.

Councillor Buddle asked about school capacity and Mr Moore said that CIL will partly fund increased capacity.

Mr Moore left a number of copies of the proposed layout plan and will arrange some further publicity/consultation regarding the planning application

Mr Turner said he and his wife were there to talk about Battlefield Live, the Chairman asked if he wanted Councillor Simons to remain in the room to which he has no objection. Councillor Simons elected to stay in the room but take no part in the discussion.

Mr Turner read a prepared statement to the Council concerning the continued operation of Battlefield Live despite the Planning Appeal Inspector's decision that it should discontinue by 1 June reference "Land at Old Hall Farm, French Drove, Appeal Ref: APP/J0540/C/14/2215066 - Summary of Decision: The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with corrections". He asked Thorney Parish Council what they intended to do about this breach of planning condition. The Chairman tried to explain that this was a Peterborough City Council matter not Thorney Parish Council but was frequently interrupted by Mrs Turner.

Mr Turner then explained why he believed Councillor Simons was in breach of the Code of Conduct by breaking the law on planning conditions. Again Mrs Turner frequently interrupted and became very agitated when Councillor Bevington said that Thorney Parish Council had now heard their side of the

story but not Councillor Simons'. The Chairman politely asked Mrs Turner to allow debate to continue or leave the meeting. At this point she became very angry, stormed out of the room talking loudly about attitudes of members of Thorney Parish Council.

Mr Turner continued to accuse Councillor Simons of various acts of aggression, dishonesty, lying and noise abuse.

Peterborough City Councillor David Sanders interjected and said he would act impartially for both Mr and Mrs Turner and Councillor Simons. He stated that it was likely that he would upset one party but it was his duty to act in a correct manner no matter what the outcome.

He advised Mr Turner to contact Kim Sawyer, Director of Governance at Peterborough City Council who has the legal powers to instigate investigations on all the matters Mr Turner has stated. Mr Turner then left the meeting.

Another member of the public explained the conversation he had with Mr Simons some months ago.

693/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – afternoon of 15th May – theft of milk churns from English Drove
Carol Aston, Crime Reduction Officer has just completed five rural crime training events on working farms in the Thorney and Newborough areas in conjunction with the NFU, Countryside Watch and the national vehicle crime intelligence service – over 5 dates 137 officers which included police officers, PCSOs, City Council environment enforcement and anti-social behaviour officers and all the Fire Service community safety officers learned about definitions of rural crime, including the latest intelligence nationally on vehicle, agricultural and plant theft.
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Sheldrake – AGM Thursday 16 July.
Inspection of the building has taken place
3. Response from Simon Webber – no movement on review of assets. Mr Webber will inform Thorney Parish Council of their responsibilities and costs should they be invited to take over the responsibility of Bedford Hall. Subsidence at museum – costs being collated for rectification
4. Councillor Long - workshop to Discuss Devolved Services and Implementing Projects.
Rescheduled for early September
5. Response to Rural Vision and Parish Charter – Clerk to prepare Thorney Parish Council response.

694/15-16 Report from City Councillors

B1040 and other backroads from Crowland area. Discussed and Councillor Sanders said that it was Lincs CC Officers that were not in favour of a restriction. Suggested that Councillor Simons might like to contact Councillor Pepper for his support.

Thorney Library access – some difficulty has been experienced by people trying to get in when library unattended. Councillor Bevington expanded on this.

Thorney Museum being asked to pay Councils rates – Councillor Sanders in discussion with Mr Harrison.

Gores Farm/Willow Hall wind turbines – Peterborough City Council officers minded to recommend planning refusal.

Mr John Holdich is new leader of Peterborough City Council. No party has overall control.

695/15-16 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments
Mrs Harlock Inter Mrs Jackson £146.00

The following were paid in June

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

NFU Mutual	Tradesman Insurance (Mr Lucken)	002028	£453.36
Mr R Wright	Internal Audit	002029	£250.00
Cams ACRE	Payroll services	002030	£61.56
Viking Direct	Printer cartridge paper	002031	£129.79
Mr J Downing	Gate for allotment	002032	£380.00
Peterborough Grass Mach.	Strimmer cable	002033	£34.01
The Columbaria Co	Memorials to Mr Jackson and Mr Titman	002034	£180.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
3. Smiths of Derby clock servicing – offer of 3 year contract and no price increase. For the 3 years this would cost £518. It was agreed that the financial incentive was not sufficient and therefore not to take the offer
4. We're watching you anti dog fouling campaign – it was agreed that the cost compared with possible results were not conclusive and therefore not to adopt the scheme
5. Internal Audit report – discussed and approved
6. Defibrillator insurance – request for Thorney Parish Council to cover insurance. It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council would cover insurance costs for defibrillator

696/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals

- 15/00541/CTR 8 Abbey Place – tree works – approved
15/00156/OUT Residential development of up to 12 dwellings - Oakwood, Station Road
- refused

697/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications
15/00737 Toilets in Park – notice concerning demolition. Concern that birds are nesting in premises
13/00431 Gores Farm wind turbines – original Thorney Parish Council objections still apply

698/15-16 Burial Authority

Agree date of inspection – 13th July. Meet at cemetery at 6pm
Some attention needed at American plane crash site

699/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Stagecoach Manager speaking to all drivers concerning asking them not to use Park Crescent
3. Road closure Wisbech Road east Sandpit Road – NLIDB installing new culvert. As buses cannot pass through village they will use Station Road
4. B1040 road speed signs facing incorrect direction
5. Topham Crescent – pot holes still not repaired

700/15-16 Allotments

New gate in position

701/15-16 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres – Councillor Bevington gave a resume' of discussions to date
2. Footpaths in Park. The works scheduled to be carried out to improve the footpaths in Thorney park will begin on 11th June

3. Tree on village green. Peterborough City Council has planted a replacement tree of European Lime
4. Visit to Pode Hole Quarry – Thursday 16 July. Meet at quarry at 5pm
5. Thorney river cleaned

702/15-16 Correspondence

Mr Dougherty was unable to attend the meeting so his slides “High Speed broadband in Thorney” were circulated. Agreed that high speed broadband would benefit Thorney Parish Council particularly the updating of the website.

NLIDB boundaries being revised

703/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Open day NLIDB 14 October. Agreed Mrs Long, Mr Brooks and Mr Rands would attend

704/15-16 Any other business

705/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 13 July starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.29 pm