

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 9 March 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, P Rands, Mrs M Long, Mrs. D Halfhide, D. J Buddle, N. Simons,  
J Brooks, Mrs L Sheldrake,  
Peterborough City Councillor R Brown and D Sanders, PCSO Webber, Mr I Tobin,  
Peterborough City Council concerning item on advertising  
0 members of the public

**631/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Mrs. S Selby, D. Jones,

**632/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

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

**633/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 February 2015**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 February 2015 were confirmed and signed

**634/14-15 Matters arising from minutes**

**635/14-15 Public Participation**

Mr Ian Tobin, Peterborough City Council, concerning advertisements

Signs on private land near Eye reported to Planning Enforcement.

A47 – Highway Agency has powers to remove illegal signage

Councillor Sheldrake asked about cars for sale on A47 verge – generally not classed as fly posting.

Councillor Bartlett asked about rubbish dumped on Highway Agency land near Pigeons Farm and Mr Tobin said he would investigate and report back to Thorney Parish Council.

Mr. Tobin said he was robust in enforcing sign removal after an event had finished

**618/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report – 36 calls to service, 5 crimes –between 8-13th February – sections of motorway barrier removed from The Causeway in an attempt to steal cattle from a farm yard – overnight 17th February – number plates removed from vehicle parked on Smithfield – overnight 20th February – JCB generator stolen from site on Crowland Road

Thefts reported from the Thorney Parish Council allotments

PCSO Webber is to retire at the end of the month. The Chairman thanked her for the work that she had done, particularly with the younger generation, in Thorney and wished her well in retirement. These thanks were echoed by all present.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – report given by Councillor Sheldrake

3. Response from Simon Webber concerning Peterborough City Council assets in Thorney – Still awaiting response from Simon. Some concern about storage space if pre-school moves to D of B site.

**619/14-15 Report from City Councillors**

Discussion concerning the recent public enquiry into wind farms. Many people, including Councillors, spoke against the proposals.

Councillor Bevington said all the points made against the wind farms were very valid but unfortunately most were not planning regulation objections

## **620/14-15 Finance**

- To note income and approve Payments

Anglia Regional Coop	Inter Mrs Drury	£100.00
J G Cross	Memorials Lister and Stachew	£75.00
Cambs Police	Sale of PCSO Car	£425.00
Coop Leicester	Memorial Mrs Kiddy	£55.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Payroll services	£61.56
The Columbaria Co	Memorial Mr Wagg	£90.00
Viking Direct	Printer cartridge and paper	£285.82
Mr A E Hovell	Postage, telephone, travel (6 months)	£98.00
- Monthly bank reconciliation– signed
- Annual Salary review. Left to next meeting
- Post Office relocation. Existing post office closes Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and relocated Post Office opens the next day.
- Following the excellent service given by both Mrs Taylor and PCSO Webber it was agreed to send each a bouquet of flowers to say thank you

## **621/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

15/00251/CTR Crown lift Yew tree to height of adjacent wall, reduce outer lateral spread by 1-1.5m to shape and reduce crown opposite side of wall creating 0.5m clearance at Park House School Wisbech Road, permitted  
15/00255/CTR No. 1 Apple - remove. No.2 Hazel - remove. No 3 Sycamore - remove. No 4 Sycamore remove. No 5, No 6, No 7 No 8 Sycamores - crown lift to 6 mts and remove deadwood. No 9 Lime - crown lift to 6mts and remove deadwood at Land to the Rear of 8 and 9 Church Street - permitted  
15/00034/NONMAT Non-material amendment to planning permission 13/00404/FUL - Replacement Vinery at Park House School Wisbech Road – permitted  
14/02126/OUT for Erection of up to nine dwellings at Rear Of 39 Station Road - permitted  
14/02217/FUL for Conversion of existing barn to 2 no. dwellings at Glasshouse Farm Dairy Drove - permitted  
14/01290 Land to the East of the Fire Station Gas Lane – permitted

## **622/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters**

- Planning applications  
15/00156/OUT For Residential development at Oakwood, Station Road – strongly object to 2.5 storey's high – bungalows preferred – they state in keeping with other properties in Thorney but proposal does not take into account the Village Design Statement  
15/00212 Corner Farm Cottage, 14 Wisbech Road - replacement dwelling - no objections

## **623/14-15 Burial Authority**

### **624/14-15 Roads and Footpaths**

- Street lights – outages to be reported by Councillor Bartlett.
- Councillor Buddle again highlighted the A47 repairs that need to be carried out near to Pode Hole quarry. This area of road is dangerous because of the imperfection
- Parking Woburn Drive – a vehicle is causing an obstruction
- Councillor Brooks has spoken to the manager at Stagecoach who denied that buses were using Park Crescent. Councillor Brooks to continue with investigation.

### **625/14-15 Allotments**

Tenants' meeting 16 March when recent thefts will be discussed

### **626/14-15 Village Matters**

- Children's Centres – ongoing
- Footpaths in Park – Peterborough City Council anticipate contract to start in April

3. Set date for Annual Meeting. Agreed 13 April
4. Community Heartbeat – cabinet to house defibrillator £900. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed to consider funding the shortfall for the defibrillator when all the charity events have been held.

**627/14-15 Correspondence**

Letter from MP explaining his involvement with getting the wind farms called in

**628/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**629/14-15 Any other business**

Thorney Football Club pavilion – Mr Bowen to attend April meeting to discuss

Bedford Hall committee to run car boot sale 10<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds for the defibrillator

Consultation on libraries ends shortly

Rural Scrutiny Committee 16<sup>th</sup> March

Peterborough City Council and Lincs. County Council to be asked to investigate placing a weight restriction on B roads from the Crowland bypass through to A47 near Thorney

**630/14-15 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 13 April 2015 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.19pm