

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 14 March 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, Mrs. M Long, D. J Buddle, J Brooks, R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide,
D Jones, N Simons,
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders, Richard Brown
0 members of the public

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

835/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

836/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

837/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th February were confirmed and signed

838/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

Causeway Lodge – Rose is to remove rubbish and erect a fence to make the site secure
Entrance to the Park from Tavistock Road becoming dangerous with pot holes after recent
drainage work. Cars also parking on grass and cutting it up. Passed to Peterborough City
Council

Pode Hole Quarry – lights in central reservation and North side not illuminated. Passed again
to Highways Agency (Amey 24hour network control 01223205708 or 03001235000 or email:
info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

**839/15-16 Public Participation and Pasture House Farm quarry – Alan Jones, Peterborough
City Council.**

Councillor Bevington outlined Parish Council concerns regarding the application

1. access issue onto the A47
2. can there be a condition to replant trees that would have been removed

Mr Jones described the extent of the modification works to the A47 to accommodate the access/egress of
heavy goods vehicles into and out of Willow Hall Lane. This included the widening of the road along a
length of its northern, east bound side.

Mr Jones said that regulation 22 determined that more information was needed before a decision is made
and Peterborough City Council want a clearer indication of how the junction will work in practice.

Copies of regulation 22 given to Councillors

- Further planting to the West - the agent is amenable to this and that could become a condition.
This would need to be completed prior to work starting
- Will all the vehicles be required to turn left? Mr Jones advised that neither Peterborough
Highways nor Highways England have stated that this restriction is needed as a compulsory
measure. Councillor Buddle raised his concerns regarding this decision and why it applied to
Pode Hole Quarry

- Councillor Rands believes any number of lorries turning right would be a safety issue and doubts this number would be small.
- A “ghost island” will be extended from the junction improvements to Pode Hole quarry, however, this may change. Highways England will make this decision. The A47 will be widened on the north side along the proposed junction. The cost of the changes to the junction will be paid for by the developer. Junction improvements have to be completed otherwise the plan cannot proceed. No desire to change any characteristics to Willow Hall Lane. A small change is acceptable, however.
- Thorney Parish Council thinks it most likely that this would involve the loss of a good number of mature trees on this side of the road in addition to those being lost in the copse on the opposite side and requested Mr Jones to confirm whether or not this is the case. If it is Thorney Parish Council would want this to be made clear in any revised documents regarding this application in order that it can be properly responded to in a further consultation period
- Restriction on the number of lorries entering Thorney - There are currently no restrictions – Mr Jones did not believe there will be a large number using the village. Councillor Bevington clarified that the concerns are about lorries using the village to access Whittlesey.
- The onsite plant - raised a number of issues including noise and dust and the impact from the machinery. Also a concern was the visual impact. The machinery cannot be located behind the residential building because of noise and dust and is the reason it is located as per the plan and the reason trees will be removed. There will be visibility from the A47.
- The new local plan vision - Councillor Bevington said the plan does not meet the new local plan.
- Mr Jones advised that Peterborough City Council believe the current position is the best location.
- The cycleway - Mr Jones advised that Peterborough City Council very restricted in its powers to link a cycleway to a development of this type. Planning can only insist if they believe it is necessary to overcome a problem that the development would create. This cannot be ascertained as a necessity so cannot be a planning condition. Thorney Parish Council could approach the developer directly.
- New consultation and new information from the original plan needed as Peterborough City Council not happy with the current noise survey.
- Potential impact on birds – further information needed on this and protected species, plus protected site survey

The application could go to the planning committee meeting in June

840/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report. No Police presence. –
 Reports of poaching or hare coursing – incidents reported in following areas: • Thorney Dyke and Black Drove, Thorney – 4 th February • Old Knarr Fen Drove and New Cut, Thorney – 6 th February • Willow Hall Lane, French Drove, The Causeway and Bukehorn Road, Thorney – 7 th February • North Bank, Thorney – 10th February • Old Knarr Fen Drove – 14th February • Willow Hall Lane, Thorney – 18th February • Old Knarr Fen Drove – 19th February • French Drove, Thorney – 21st February • Knarr Fen Drove, Thorney – 23rd February
 Reported crimes: • Thorney – overnight 1 st February – theft of trailer from small holding on New Cut. Nothing seen days before. • Thorney – overnight 7 th February – theft from business premises on Station Road, crime prevention advice has been given • Thorney – overnight 11th February – theft from outbuildings on Crowland Road – Countryside Watch alert sent out re

suspicious vehicle in the area and crime prevention advice has been offered • Thorney – afternoon of 11th February – burglary reported The Maltings – believed entry via unlocked patio door – burglary team investigating and crime prevention advice has been given • Thorney – 11th February theft of caravan from premises on The Causeway – police investigation now completed • Thorney – overnight 14th February – report received of break into vehicle parked on Wisbech Road nothing believed stolen at this time • Thorney – overnight 25th February – two bags of coal stolen from rear of premises on French Drove • Thorney – report 29th February that 2000 litres of heating oil have been stolen from home on Dairy Drove – will be visiting the victim

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Mr Simons has looked at heating system

3. Post Office “desk” – Post Office wish to have the desk in the Parish Room and a scoping visit has been arranged for Wednesday 23rd March. Will operate 3 or 4 mornings a week but could take upto 3 months to be up and running

841/15-16 Report from City Councillors

B1043 Bukehorn Road – resident has asked if this road can also have restricted weight of vehicles’ restriction

Councillor Bevington asked Councillor Sanders to place pressure on Mr Tebb concerning the proposed road alterations near the park entrance

842/15-16 Finance

To note income and approve Payments

H E Bull and Son	Inter Mr Knight	£150.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mrs Cousins	£150.00

The following were paid in March

Viking Direct	Stationery	£117.70
Masons Mowers	Stiga lawnmower repair	£425.97
Mr A E Hovell	Norton Antovirus software	£84.99

Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

Mr Lucken’s strimmer needs replacing – agenda item next month

Resolution that Thorney Parish Council adopts certain criterion for application approval – Clerk suggested a standard application form where the needs for something specific can be fully explained. This would allow all requests to be judged in the same way

843/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals

15/01957/FUL for Proposed agricultural shed at Goldyke Farm Scolding Drove - approved

844/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

16/00237 Willow Hall Farm, Willow Hall Lane – demolition and erection of garage with extension – no objection

16/00330 172 Wisbech Road – replace existing conservatory – no objection

15/02118/ Mill Garage, The Causeway SITE LEVELS There is no doubt that bricks and debris from the demolition of the previous building were spread over the rear part of the site. This activity caused problems with the ditches in this area and this was brought to the attention of the North Level Drainage

Board. The ditches have been cleared but rubble is still stacked beside their banks. This is clearly noted in the submissions by the owners of properties abutting the site. There is no ambiguity over this and we want this area of the site reduced to the levels that existed before the demolition and the random spreading of waste materials over it. Please notify the planning agent of this and confirm to us that this matter will be dealt with as a condition of any approvals pertaining to this application. If this item is not satisfactorily resolved we confirm that we would still want this application referred to the Planning Committee.

CAR WASH The Parish Council discussed the revised location and proposed times (9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday) of use. We are very pleased that the car wash facility has been relocated but on behalf of the neighbouring properties we confirm that they are unhappy about the use of the car wash on a Saturday. We would prefer if this was limited to weekday use only. Is there a compromise situation whereby use on a Saturday is limited to mornings only. We also need to be reassured that noise levels of the Car Wash will not disturb neighbours and that they will not be subject to wind blown spray.

FENCING 2 meter high close boarded fencing is a very acceptable change to the previously proposed wire mesh fencing

NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON SITE Whether or not stock levels fluctuate we see no reason why an upper limit on the number of cars on site at any one time cannot be specified as a condition.

ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY There is no mention of an Environmental Survey which we believe should be a requirement of this application.

DITCHES We assume the inaccurate information about ditches in the application has been corrected. Please confirm.

OFFICE BUILDING No comments were made on the scale of the office building when the Parish Council last reviewed this application. However, if you feel it should be smaller we would have no objection to this.

Chairman will speak at the planning meeting concerning 15/02104/FUL lazer tag application on behalf of Thorney Parish Council

New Peterborough Local Plan – First stage of public consultation ended on 25 February 2016 Total of 468 comments received from 58 individuals/organisations All comments are currently being processed and can be read at:

<http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/peterborough/lp16/pd/plp4pd>

845/15-16 Burial Authority

Cemetery now registered with the Valuation Office at HMRC – a new Government requirement

Yew trees and berry producing trees now planted along the fence that has been replaced at the eastern end.

Environmental assessment underway for cemetery extension

846/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

Street lighting faults – to be reported by Councillor Bartlett.

Wisbech Road bottleneck near Park Entrance – Mr Tebb informed Thorney Parish Council has agreed that they would be willing to give £4000 towards the cost to alleviate this problem (£1000 of this being CLF money). He is looking into the costing of a scheme but these details will not be available before April

Suggestion that Church Street one-way system be transposed – alleviating blind spot at present when exiting onto Abbey Place. Meeting held with Peterborough City Council who have agreed to issue a notice and consult on the change.

Councillor Bevington believed the resurfacing in The Green and Church Street was complete although the original idea was to make the surface a different colour as it is in a conservation area.

Whittlesey Road, Green Drove and French Drove – road surfaces undulating severely and breaking up in places

847/15-16 Village Matters

Queens 90th Birthday celebrations - There is a long and unbroken tradition in our country of celebrating Royal jubilees, weddings, coronations and special birthdays with the lighting of beacons. The last major beacon celebration was on Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the 4th June 2012.

There will be a further opportunity to celebrate on Thursday 21st April 2016, when beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday that day.

Peterborough City Council are going to be lighting a Beacon in Bridge Street, outside of the Town Hall at 2.00 pm and this will be immediately followed by a **Queens Birthday Tea Party** being held within the Town Hall itself until 4.00 pm

The Thorney Society, which promotes the heritage of the former Monastic Island and later Duke of Bedford estate, would like to explore how we could reconnect Thorney to the Fens Waterway link.

Thorney was accessible by water for most of its history until the arrival of the railways, which are now gone. The Monks and the Dukes used water for transport of goods and people for many centuries.

The original man made Thorney River went directly into Whittlesey and then later into the new River Nene cut. From a tourism and leisure point of view it is only approx. 8 miles to the centre of Peterborough via the Dog in a Doublet.

Mr Sly to be invited to next meeting.

848/15-16 Allotments

HPC Homes (builders Gas Lane development) have covered water meter to allotments with hard core – they will uncover and make visible.

The same builders have made access to the allotments difficult – again they are to rectify this.

849/15-16 Correspondence

850/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

851/15-16 Any other business

Parish Council Liaison meeting – suggestion that cemetery funding by Peterborough City Council may not continue

French Drove – route of turbine pieces circulated

Windfarm meeting – suggested funding to Thorney may include scouts, community chair, Thorney Colts.

852/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 11th April 2016 starting at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.54pm