

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, J. Brooks, N. Potts, K. Parrish, R. Wood, N. Simons, R. Bevington,
A Bunyan, A Butt

Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown

4 members of the public,

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

1024/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Mrs. D Halfhide, Peterborough City Councillors Sanders and Allen

1025/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – non declared. If during
discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time

1026/16-17 Public Discussion and Mr David Marsh – Pasture House Farm quarry

Mr Marsh was unable to attend but indicated the design of access and highway modification to be
started. No work on site for at least 6 months

A petition was presented from residents concerning dog fouling in the park and on the streets of
Thorney. Asked if signage, waste bins and information notices could be looked at to try and
improve the situation of this antisocial behaviour.

The chairman read the motion that was passed at last week's Peterborough City Council meeting. It
was suggested that a dog warden should visit the village and be visible. This would graphically tell
those people concerned with allowing their dogs to foul our village they are being monitored and
will be prosecuted. Also the school could be encouraged for children to produce posters to be
displayed highlighting the effects that dog fouling can have. One view was dogs running off the lead
in the Park could be classed as "dogs out of control" as their owners do not know if and where their
dogs are fouling and so do not clean up after them.

1027/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2017

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

1028/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

1029/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – Thorney, New Cut – 2/2/17 – Criminal Damage – Hare Coursers have caused
damage to a lock whilst trying to gain access to farmer's fields: Thorney, English Drove – 18/2/17–
Criminal Damage – Unknown offenders have driven a vehicle across fields, damaging crops
planted.

Bedford Hall Management Committee –structural survey has been completed. Electrical
mechanical survey carried out. Reports circulated.

Discussion concerning Bedford Hall building particularly the repair costs and where the money
would come from for future maintenance.

Councillor Bevington said it was a detailed and fair report but only costed for immediate work not for
future years. He detailed other yearly requirements for the buildings' owners. Councillor Parrish had

grave reservations concerning taking on the project of running Bedford Hall as a village asset. General consensus was that the building would be owned by the village and it would be the village that would have to stand the future costs should the decision be to accept Bedford Hall. Thorney Parish Council, with Bedford Hall Committee, to meet Peterborough City Council and discuss future proposals

1030/16-17 Report from City Councillors.

On the new development off Woburn Drive the show house is fully illuminated causing light pollution - Councillor Brown to investigate

1031/16-17 Finance

To approve the following that were paid in March

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£47.14
Mr A E Hovell	Office software new computer	£85.99
Mason Mowers	Lawn tractor maintenance	£400.52
Mr Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	££27.51
Mr A E Hovell	Travel, parking, telephone (6 months)	£114.25
Mr J Downing	Seats in bus shelters	£900.00
Maxeys	Land purchase cemetery extension	£6900.00
Coleman Stationers	Paper, envelopes, replacement printer bed	£202.96

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Agree Cemetery land purchase – it was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Parrish and unanimously agreed to purchase the land for a cemetery extension at agricultural land valuation of £6900. Thorney Parish Council to pay Vendors legal and agents fee
3. Salary review of employees - it was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed to increase employees' salaries by 2% from 1 April 2017.
4. Parish Council Training. A list of training options was circulated. Peterborough City Council to be asked if they will provide training.

1032/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/02432/FUL for Change of use from D2 children's activity centre/farm to D1 Educational centre at Pigeons Farm Wisbech Road: Decision

16/02433/FUL for Use of land for the siting of 3 mobile homes to provide short term holiday accommodation in connection with proposed D1 Educational centre use, at Pigeons Farm Wisbech Road : Withdrawn by Applicant

16/02281/FUL for Erection of new stable block to include the removal of existing stable blocks and reinstatement of a car park to be associated with Public House - Retrospective at Dog In A Doublet North Bank : Permitted

Enforcement Officer aware of problems with Car sales business on The Causeway but no action can be taken as they are not breaking planning conditions.

1033/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

17/00388/CTR For Bedford Hall - Lift crown to 2.1m on Cherry and Lime trees at edge of car park to avoid damage to vehicles. Remove dead wood from cherry and lime trees to prevent falling debris. Thorney Cross Roads, junction of Station Road and The Causeway - Remove deadwood from Lime trees to prevent fall at Station Road – no objection

17/00024 39 Wisbech Road – interior and some exterior updates – no objection

1034/16-17 Burial Authority

Land transfer being dealt with by solicitors

1035/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village. Request made to Peterborough City Council for new bin and they are considering this. The response to our request suggested that this new bin must be approved at a Peterborough City Council meeting!

Peterborough City Council response to Thorney Parish Council enquiry concerning anti dog fouling policy was

That Council acknowledges the significant public concern around dog fouling in various areas of Peterborough which, apart from being an anti-social nuisance, is associated with various health risks (particularly in children) and blights our green open space that the city is so proud of.

That Council resolves to: Ensure that the city council demonstrates its commitment to providing safer and cleaner communities by promoting responsible dog ownership to reduce the nuisance and health problems associated with dog fouling through an ongoing education and awareness raising programme.

Ensure that, where education is not effective, the city council's Prevention and Enforcement Officers fine and if necessary prosecute owners that fail to clear up after their dog under current legal powers by way of Fixed Penalty Notices under relevant legislation.

Investigate the use of Public Space Protection Orders to deal with anti-social behaviour associated with irresponsible dog ownership where there is proven dog fouling issue on green open space land or other dog fouling problem areas. The PSPO could provide enforcement officers with the ability to fine a dog owner not in possession of a bag to clear up after their dog, similar to PSPOs being introduced in some other council areas.

Investigate the placing of additional waste bins (for general and dog waste) at strategic locations to further assist and encourage dog owners to clear up after their pets, and to have somewhere to dispose of the waste easily, safely and promptly.

Getting on top of the issue will course require resident's vigilance as well as co-operation and participation.

3. Wisbech Road bottleneck – still awaiting plans
4. Footpath by Abbey – flagstones becoming uneven and cement haunching breaking up. Quotation requested for repair

1036/16-17 Village Matters

1. Tree survey. Quotations requested for the tree work highlighted in the report carried out by Mr Belson. Planning application made for the work as it is a conservation area
2. Seat in bus stops - completed
3. Street naming. As "Alec Goodman" is a new profile in the Museum, and the suggestion put forward by the Developer, it seems appropriate to use this name. Agreed
4. Parish Room Step - becoming uneven. Quotation requested for repair

1037/16-17 Allotments

Request made from allotment holders to level the field from which access is gained – quotes to be obtained from contractors

1038/16-17 Youth Activity in the Village

Meeting held of Thorney Youth Project - starting fundraising. Details in the next Parish Magazine

1039/16-17 Correspondence

Confirmation that auto enrolment of pensions complete

1040/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1041/16-17 Any other business

29th March parish liaison meeting

Caretaker's house next to school sold

Wisbech road noticeboard vandal attacked

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.36 pm

Meeting of the electorate followed by next Meeting of the Parish Council 10th April 2017 starting at 7pm.