

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, N. Potts, N. Simons, A Bunyan,  
Miss S Godley, K. Parrish, Mrs. D Halfhide

Peterborough City Councillor Nigel Simons, Steve Allen

0 members of the public,

**1228/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,**  
Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown

**1229/17-18 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

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

**1230/17-18 Public Discussion**

**1231/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2018**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February 2018 were confirmed and signed

**1232/17-18 Matters arising from minutes**

There are two gates that enter the play area, they both open inwards (in to the play area), “these now swing” either ways, letting dogs in. Jayne Jarvis to remedy

Martin Brooker, Senior Engineer, Highway Maintenance Team, Peterborough Highway Services writes “For Woburn Drive we have checked with the Development Control team and there has been a Dilapidation Survey carried out prior to the works taking place and there will be another survey once the construction works have been completed. When these works are complete we will compare the two surveys and assess the results. During this time the local Highway Inspector will continue to carry out regular safety inspections and look to carry out the necessary repairs.

Regarding Whittlesey Road we are aware that the road is in a poor state. The plan for this year was to carry out the works on the crossroads and then work away from there over the coming years. The area from Thorney Abbey to the cemetery is mostly the old surface dressing wearing off and exposing the old surface. The road is on the local Highway Inspectors radar and will be having more regular inspections. Currently the road is not on the programme for the next financial year, however we will continue to monitor the road and assess this road based on the condition of the overall network”.

**1233/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports**

Crime report – circulated

- Thorney, English Drove – 6-7/2: Business burglary where offenders forced entry to some porta cabins and on 10-12/2 fuel was syphoned from three vehicles.
- Thorney, Station Rd – 20-21/2: Burglary – rear door forced by offenders. A dark coloured vehicle was seen reversing at around 2.30pm possibly a Skoda Fabia.
- Thorney, St Marys Close – 14-15/2: TFMV tools stolen.

Bedford Hall Management Committee and Bedford Hall working group –8<sup>th</sup> March meeting minutes taken and circulated. General discussion concerning continuation with existing Bedford Hall Committee structure and how Thorney Parish Council could assist the Bedford Hall Committee financially. Bedford Hall Committee investigating hire charges.

There was uncertainty as to whether there is a City Council report on the presence of asbestos in the building (the Church Street building had one with a copy retained by their Management Committee), but there does not seem to have one for the Bedford Hall.  
 If the Parish takes on the building they would want to be sure they are put in possession of all required and necessary documentation. Peterborough City Council to be asked the status of an Asbestos Report.

**1234/17-18 Report from City Councillors.**

Area outside on roadside Rose and Crown to be seeded  
 Conversion of street lights to led – conservation area will not be treated differently by Peterborough City Council. Mr Akester, Customer Liaison Officer, PCC LED Replacement Project has not replied to email requesting attendance at February and March meetings.  
 Councillor Allen to liaise

**1235/17-18 Finance**

The following was received in February/March

Mr D Wise	Inter Mr Dennis Wise	£1,425.00
TFS Funeral Services	Inter Vialls Blanch	£1,250.00
Coop Sawtry	Memorial Mr Lobley	£125.00
Eye Funeral Care	Inter David Jones	£1,100.00
Whittlesey Independent Funerals	Inter Mr Aggar	£2,200.00

To approve the following paid in March

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£131.16
Cambs ACRE	Payroll service	£81.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	£351.52
Glastons	Dog waste bin	£86.52
Office expense	Antivirus software and travel	£130.99

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Use of section 106 money – Peterborough City Council to credit Thorney Youth Project with money that is in Peterborough City Council fund after a formal agreement for spend has been drawn up
3. Employee salary review it was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Wood and unanimously agreed to increase employees' salaries by the rate of inflation at 4% from 1 April 2018.
4. Bulky waste collection  
 Organisation is that a freighter lorry is positioned, and residents bring bulky waste to dispose of. Approximate cost is £800 for one day  
 It was proposed by Councillor Simons, seconded by Councillor Godley and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council would fund a collection. Information to be placed in Thorney Post.

**1236/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

18/00006/TRE TPO 01/2001: T1 Walnut - Remove epicormic/adventitious growth from crown  
 - Crown lift to 3m - Limb closest to the house forks into two, then two gains. Remove the lowest branch closest the house then reshape the remaining crown in close proximity by around 2m.  
 - 5 Belgravia Court - permitted

**1237/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters**

18/00347/HHFUL - Proposal: Drop kerb - 105 Wisbech Road – no objections but our understanding is that these ‘bridges’ are for pedestrian access rather than vehicular but, providing the bridge is suitable for use by vehicles, we have no objection to the application for the dropped kerb.

Discussion concerning development proposals at Sandpit Road – 1. There was some disappointment that a reduced number of bungalows from 5 to 1 had been shown as it was felt that bungalows are ideal properties for the disabled and elderly.

2. Who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the public strip of land adjacent to the new link road from the Wisbech Road?

3. Will emergency access to the site only be from this new road or will it also be from Sandpit?

4. Has any naming of the streets within the development been decided yet or are there any proposals for the names?

#### **1238/17-18 Burial Authority**

Future grave excavations – It was agreed only to use certified/experienced grave diggers and funeral directors must produce proof of these conditions if requested by the Clerk  
Salt is now being used to control the growth of algae and moss on footpaths

#### **1239/17-18 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.

2. Road alterations Wisbech Road – ongoing. Peterborough City Council Highways to be asked current situation

3. Speed of vehicles in village. Information circulated about radar speed sign indicators that also record data (not vehicle numbers). Agreed to investigate further.

4. Vehicles parked on pavements - discussed

5. Kingsline Close Gates – it was agreed to have these repainted. Cllr Parrish to get contractor to contact Clerk

6. Reinstatement in holes in Woburn Drive breaking out again

#### **1240/17-18 Village Matters**

Meeting of football club 13<sup>th</sup> March

#### **1241/17-18 Allotments**

Clearance of detritus – on going. Mr Read has plan and will progress when site conditions improve

#### **1242/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village**

Contract awaited for section 106 contributions from Peterborough City Council. When this is in place Mick George fund application to be made

#### **1243/17-18 Correspondence**

All relevant correspondence circulated

#### **1244/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

#### **1245/17-18 Any other business**

Neighbourhood Watch – ongoing discussions

Post Office – discussion concerning leaving equipment plugged in at Parish Room to eliminate previous connection problems

Parish Conference - £15 charge per person attending

**Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed 8.16pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 starting after the Parish meeting at 7pm