

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, Mrs C Lewis, K. Parrish, R. Wood, A Bunyan,
N. Potts, Mrs S Reeves, N. Simons

Peterborough City Councillor N Simons, R Brown

5 members of the public

1479/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. D Halfhide, Peterborough City Councillor S Allen

1480/18-19 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

1481/18-19 Public Discussion

Cllr Long took the Chair as Cllr Bartlett declared an interest and took no part in the discussion that was about to take place concerning The Abbey Burial Ground (The Churchyard).

Rev. Hurst explained the Parochial Church Council has sought to manage the burial ground in keeping with a typical churchyard and this was different to a lawn cemetery. The Parochial Church Council has managed the churchyard within the legal framework and finances that were available. They welcomed and were grateful for volunteer help. He was concerned with the proper management of the churchyard and recent landscaping was moving forward too quickly and the Parochial Church Council felt a pause was necessary to consider how the Parochial Church Council moves forward.

The “twiglets” volunteer group responded and explained the initial intent was to tend to the gravestones. More recently tree pruning was actioned to an agreed list.

A Parochial Church Council member explained that it was the rate of change that was causing the Parochial Church Council concern and a due process had to be followed as not only did they have to comply with ecclesiastical law the area was also in the conservation area. Views had been received for and against the work being carried out

Cllr Bevington said the email received by “Twiglets” over the weekend 9/10 March caused consternation and anger. He said following this evenings discussion the way forward is for the two parties to work in conjunction and in agreement with each other. Discussion should have taken place before the email was sent.

Agreed Parochial Church Council and Twiglets will have a meeting to process and progress for the future. Cllr Parrish said Parochial Church Council and Twiglets should cooperate and move forward.

Rev. Hurst apologised a number of times for the upset caused and wished to work with Twiglets in the future within the various legal constraints and rules.

Cllr Wood supported by Cllr Bunyan expressed the opinion that The Church should make financial provision for future work that could then be supported and supplemented by Thorney Parish Council if necessary.

1482/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 February 2019

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 February 2019 were confirmed and signed

1483/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

Peterborough City Council had been asked if LED light fittings could replace those in the park as Thorney Parish Council believe the extra light they provide would make the park feel a safer place

after dark. Peterborough City Council – comes under a different budget to those at present being installed. The change of lights will be considered as and when a new pavilion is built.

1484/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – meeting held and in general was in agreement with the views held by Thorney Parish Council concerning the way forward
2. Bedford Hall working group – letter sent to Mr Fletcher (Amev) to thank him for his involvement in getting the Museum, Parish Room and roof works underway.

He was in possession of the City Council's building surveys of the building, instructed to look through them, check for work that was in the top category for being actioned and for any item that may be a Health and Safety issue. He has done this and has requested permission from NPA to get quotes for these works.

Meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers will discuss update to library, Church Street building sale and sports pavilion.

1485/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

Many complaints of excessive speed along Whittlesey Road. Speed restriction signs discussed but these had been found to be ineffective in reducing speed problems in other areas. Agreed speed activated signs and road markings would be first step to try.

Bus shelter The Causeway – new shelter being installed

Delap meeting being arranged with Larkfleet for Woburn Drive

1486/18-19 Finance

The following were received in March

J G Cross	Memorial	£40.00
Community Fund		£85.00

To approve the following paid in March

Salaries		£2992.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office, email and ISP payment		£70.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£553.01	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£847.10	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£51.53	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Fuel for grass machinery	£44.51	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Salaries	End year adjustments	£94.18	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Red Shoes Accounting	Payroll services	£86.40	LGA 1972 s112, 151
Wave	Water charges allotments, cemetery	£61.59	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1. Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26 & 42
	Anti-virus software	£94.99	LGA 1972 s112, 151
Diocesan Board	Faculty	£255.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Smith of Derby	Bedford Hall clock service	£259.20	Parish Councils Act 1957 s. 2
RTC Plant Services	Stiga mower annual service	£403.74	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for Payment – approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
3. Annual Salary review – left to next meeting
4. Kingsline Close railway gates – Cllr Butt discussed with local residents with 57% for remove, 42% remain if possible (with 14% of remain definitely keep). To also be discussed by Thorney Society. Suggested application be made to windfarm for replacement. Cllr Butt to process
5. The village sign near the school is to be taken down to obtain quotes from a specialist company to provide new signs in cast aluminium – in progress
6. Solicitor costs for meeting concerning Bedford Hall last August. Agreed to pay Solicitor revised and reduced costs of £300
7. The street signs that were replaced by heritage signs were auctioned off by a Church Street resident and the income made donated to Thorney Parish Council for the Community Fund

1487/18-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

1488/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

19/00200/FUL - Amalgamation of two properties into one dwelling, 9 and 9A Wisbech Road – no objection
 19/00242/FUL Barn Conversion, Bleak House Farm, Dairy Drove, - no objections to this application. The only comments amongst Councillors were; are the barns foundations suited to this scale of conversion, local amenities are some distance away and that it is a good use of the building.

Discussion concerning relocation of café in Wisbech Road

Introduction to planning enforcement – paper circulated

1489/18-19 Burial Authority

1490/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. Speedwatch – report circulated to Councillors
3. Conservation area street lights to be modified week beginning 18 March
4. Speeding on Whittlesey Road - it was agreed to request
 1. two repeater signs for the last stretch of the 30mph limit going south
 2. 30mph is painted on the road soon after you enter Abbey Place and again as you reach the end of The Green. Thorney Parish Council will write to the City Council to confirm these requests
5. Whittlesey Road – Stone Bridge corner to Dog in Doublet – although some patching has been done the undulations are still severe and need more attention

1491/18-19 Allotments

Access track – City Councillors asked for their help in resolving this issue – meeting 14th March

1492/18-19 Village Matters

Access behind premises in Smithfield to play area is poor and unsafe. City Councillor Allen to liaise with Peterborough City Council officers

List of concerns from residents of Thorney Meadows being dealt with by Councillor Allen, Peterborough City Council Officers, Larkfleet and the future Residents Association

1493/18-19 Website update

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations

2018, came into force on 23 September. It aims to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities.

1494/18-19 Facebook Posts

Comment given.

1495/18-19 Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Abbey Parochial Church Council for Thorney Parish Council's contribution to recent tree removal

1496/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

None

1497/18-19 Any other business

None

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 20.56 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 8 April 2019 starting at 7pm