

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, J Brooks, P Rands, Mrs M Long, Mrs D Halfhide, D. J Buddle,
N Simons, D Jones

Mr R Wood, Mr N Potts No members of the public.

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

**870/16-17 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual
Meeting in 2017.**

It was moved by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Buddle and
unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected Chairman for the
municipal year 2016/2017.

871/16-17 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman

Councillor Bartlett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

872/16-17 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.

It was moved by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Halfhide
and agreed that Councillor Long be elected Vice-Chairman for the
municipal year 2016/2017.

873/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders - Councillor Buddle said that it was disappointing
that no City Councillor was present.

874/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

875/16-17 To approve co-option new members

Mr Wood and Mr Potts requested to join Thorney Parish Council and gave a written
introduction about themselves and interests. It was agreed that both Mr Wood and Mr Potts
be accepted as members of Thorney Parish Council.

876/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 April 2016

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 April were confirmed and signed. Minute
concerning Mr Sly's presentation was amended to say that Thorney Parish Council supported
the proposals put forward by Mr Sly

877/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

1. Notice board – a new notice board would not solve the problem of vandalism
experienced with the existing notice board as the frontage would either be toughened
glass or Perspex – the same materials already tried. Councillor Potts suggested that
polycarbonate could be used instead of glass

878/16-17 Public Participation

879/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – Reports of poaching or hare coursing –2nd April – Thorney Dyke • 3 rd April – Wisbech Road • 10th April – The Causeway
Crimes and incidents of note • Black Drove, 8th April – during the daytime thieves have broken fencing to garden and stolen a Qualcast petrol lawnmower • French Drove, between 7 th and 13th April a vehicle has been broken into and power tools stolen • between 27th and 29th April break in to outbuilding reported on Whittlesey Road – fishing equipment and tools stolen
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – gas and electricity suppliers changed to give more preferential rates. This should reduce our costs. AGM 31st May
3. Agree dates for future meetings
13th June, 11th July, No meeting in August, 5th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December,
9th January 2017, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May 2017

880/16-17 Report from City Councillors

881/16-17 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Peterborough City Council	Parish Precept	£32,542.50
Anglia Regional Coop	Inter Mrs Everitt	£950.00
Anglia Regional Coop	Mrs Jeffs	£300.00
Watkins and Stafford	Inter Mrs Brownlow	£150.00
Anglia Regional Coop	Memorial Mr Jeffs	£150.00

The following were paid in May

Anglian Water	Allotment water charges	£40.71
Anglian Water	Cemetery water charges	£27.24
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£46.15
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£92.31
Pecks of Ely	Stihl Strimmer	£760.00
Pecks of Ely	Strimmer blade and cutter line	£88.86
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Strimmer line	£8.25

The following Cheques were drawn and signed: -

Came and Company	Parish Council Insurance	002061	£807.96
Mr J Bartlett	Chairman's allowance	002062	£200.00
Columbaria Co	Memorial Mr Jeffs	002063	£90.00
Peterborough City Council	Planning application fee cemetery extension	002064	£192.50

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
3. To fix the Chairman's Allowance. Councillor Bartlett left the room for this item.
It was proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed the Chairman's allowance should remain at £200.00
4. Came and Co renewal of the Council's premium as £842.98, including insurance premium tax. The Policy excess remains £250.00 for each and every claim. They offer a further discount reducing the annual premium to £800.84 inclusive of insurance premium tax, if the Council enters 3-year binding agreement with Hiscox until the 31st May 2019. It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council should enter the 3 year contract as the discount was preferable.

882/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/00330/HHFUL for Replace existing rear conservatory at 172 Wisbech Road - Permitted

883/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

- 16/00610 - single storey side and rear extensions - 55A Wisbech Road- no objection
- 16/00649 - erection disabled toilet - Park House School, Wisbech Road - no objection
- 16/00693 – new storage barn – Park Farm, Wisbech Road – no objection
- 16/00609 – new dwelling – Wayside, The Causeway – no objection

Pasture House Farm Quarry- Thorney Parish Council feeling was that drawing No. M14.185.D.024 clearly indicates a widening of the A47 on its northern side. We do not see how this is possible without the existing trees in this location having to be removed.

This, together with our previous concerns about the damage to the copse on Willow Hall Lane, leads us to form the opinion that the extraordinary damage to the rural landscape along this rural approach to the village is completely unacceptable.

All our other objections to aspects of this Planning Application remain and we now withdraw our statement that 'we are not opposed to the use of this site as a quarry'. We confirm, if we are correct in our reading of the Highways Improvements drawing, that we are now in complete opposition to this application.

We are also aware of objections raised by local residents and confirm that those objections have our support in respect of noise, dust, modifications to the landscape, the inappropriate location of the plant, etc.

End of Woburn Drive development. Councillor Wood said the proposed development area would damage bat roosting and swallow and swift feeding areas. Councillor Bevington explained his thoughts on how development might proceed between Park Farm, Woburn Drive and Whittlesey Road and a possible link road between the sites

884/16-17 Burial Authority

Agree date of inspection- 13th June. Meet at cemetery at 6pm

Tawny Owl nest box in Church Yard – Chairman liaising

Cemetery extension will be a change of use for planning application and these applications usually costs £385 but for parish councils there is a 50% reduced rate.

Anglian Water inspection determined that a hose outlet tap (with a hose connector) adjacent to the gate requires appropriate backflow protection. Councillor Simons has installed the correct equipment

885/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

Street light faults – reported by Councillor Bartlett.

Peter Tebb to be asked for an update on the progress of Wisbech Road widening as more and more people in the village are voicing their concerns over the dangers of the existing situation.

Road signs near Single Sole Farm, Nene Terrace still indicating incorrectly.

886/16-17 Allotments

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887/16-17 Village Matters

Fly-tipping Causeway Lodge - most has been cleared more still needs removal

Churchyard needs strimming

Pavilion in Park – Councillor Bartlett to enquire present rebuild position with Peterborough City Council

Community Fund – application form to be published in next Village Post. Applications to be considered at October meeting

Tavistock Close entrance to Park still needs better reinstatement after cable laying.

Councillor Wood was concerned about sewer and mains water capacity after the various developments proposed for the village were completed

Councillor Simons to investigate possibility of skate park

888/16-17 Agree Committee members

1. Burial and Employment - Councillors Brooks and Potts
2. Allotments – Councillors Jones and Wood
3. Planning - Councillors Bevington, Buddle, Halfhide, Simons
4. Countryside - Councillors Rands and Long
5. Street lighting - Councillor Bartlett
6. Pode Hole Liaison - Councillor Bartlett, Brooks and Rands
7. Finance – Councillors Buddle and Bevington
8. Thorney Park – Councillor Jones, Bevington, Wood
9. Complaints – Councillors Jones, Long and the Chairman
10. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Councillors Brooks, Wood
11. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Councillors Brooks, Bartlett, Bevington, Simons.
12. Planning committee full meetings– Councillor Bevington as Chair with all members
13. Wryde Croft wind farm – Councillors Long and Brooks

889/16-17 Correspondence

890/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Youth service

891/16-17 Any other business

892/16-17 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 13 June starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.37 pm