

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

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

Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen Nigel Simons

17 members of the public, A Bunyan,

David Marsh PDE Consulting

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked if anyone present was recording the proceedings. Miss
Godley requested to record the discussion under the item 1270/18-19 Public discussion. No one present
had an objection to this

**1264/18-19 Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Members interest and declaration of data protection
acceptance**

All members present, who were elected at the May elections signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office,
Members interest and declaration of data protection acceptance

**1265/18-19 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting
in 2019**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that item 59 of Thorney Parish Council
Standing orders be suspended for 12 months

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Councillor Bartlett be elected Chairman
for the municipal year 2018/2019.

1266/18-19 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman

Councillor Bartlett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1267/18-19 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Councillor Long be elected Vice-
Chairman for the municipal year 2018/2019.

1268/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown

1269/18-19 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

**1270/18-19 Public Discussion and visit by David Marsh, PDE Consulting and Wisbech Rd
Association**

A member of the public said she was concerned to read on social media that Thorney Parish
Council was to prosecute balloon flyers. The suggestion was that balloon flyers from the park
would be liable for this. She was also concerned about the grass cutting in the park and dog
soiling. Chairman responded by saying that Thorney Parish Council had not discussed the balloon
flying and that the park belongs to the Peterborough City Council with Thorney Parish Council only
having a watching brief.

When initial balloon flying was considered by Thorney Parish Council there were complaints from
people using the park that resulted in Peterborough City Council withdrawing their agreement.
Peterborough City Council has not agreed to allow balloon flying.

Can a compromise be made to allow balloon flying and who gave balloon people a key to enter the park?

Peterborough City Council would have to investigate the health and safety aspects of balloon flying from the park thoroughly.

In principle Thorney Parish Council has no problem with balloon launching but has a far greater concern with the grass cutting in the park. The grass could be cut more than the eight times per year that Peterborough City Council pay for and is their policy, if the extra cuts were paid.

There are other areas in Thorney that need grass cutting besides the park particularly around the Smithfield area.

Could balloon launch be costed to pay into a park fund for more grass cutting?

Request that Peterborough City Council complete a health and safety check for balloon launch from the park. If approved communicate to all villagers.

Suggestion that volunteers clear cut grass or complete the extra cuts.

Balloon launching is a commercial activity so that some recompense should be made to Peterborough City Council that could then contribute to extra grass cutting.

Agreed to invite all residents and particularly those adjacent Park and Peterborough City Council officer to discuss future balloon launching from the park. Suggestion that Thorney Parish Council communicate via social media.

David Marsh PDE consulting gave an update to work that has occurred so far. Highway design still to be agreed with Highway England and Peterborough City Council

Detailed designed to be concluded with contracts. It was explained why the trees were removed. Success of planting trees other than small units is very poor. When the trees by the side of the A 47 were cleared major traffic congestion occurred, and this should be considered when the modifications to the junction of Willow Hall Lane/A 47 be considered.

Export of material from the site is likely to begin much later this year. A secure compound will be accessible from Willow Hall Lane as will the installation of the batching plant. Owner of land will not at present agree to a cycleway

Existing farmhouse to be used as an office

1271/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 April 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 April 2018 were confirmed and signed

1272/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

Potholes in Woburn Drive reinstated. More have appeared near 25 and 29.

For some years that was a problem of drainage junction Wisbech Road/Woburn Drive that was successfully resolved with a new drain. Unfortunately, the road around this new drain is breaking up. Both passed to Peterborough City Council

1273/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – one crime in Park Crescent that was an attempted burglary – members found it incredible that the high number of instances in earlier months had dropped to one this month and zero last month

Bedford Hall Management Committee and Bedford Hall working group – brief report given. AGM Thursday 14 June

Update from Bedford Hall working group but, as yet, no firm proposals. Another meeting 25 May Discussion concerning Church Street sale money.

Pavilion in Park should contain home, away, officials rooms, showers, kitchen, meeting room.

Security equipment.

Agree dates for future meetings – 11th June, 9th July, No meeting in August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December, 14th January 2019, 11th February, 11th March, 8th April, 13th May 2019 - agreed

1274/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

Most items discussed under separate topics on the agenda such as Bedford Hall, pavilion.
Bus shelter The Causeway ongoing
Keep clear road markings in front Mill Garage redone

1275/18-19 Finance

The following were received in May

H E Bull	Inter Mr Anderson	£150.00
Central England Cooperative	Inter Mr Cross	£150.00
Memorial Craftsman	Memorial Mrs Brownlow	£125.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£588.06

To approve the following paid in May

Salaries		£2992.00
Office, email and ISP payment		£70.17
Cambs County Council		£553.01
Inland Revenue		£847.10
Mr J Downing	Cemetery gate modification	£500.00
RTC Plant services	Repair roughcut mower	£381.90
Colemans		
Stationers	Paper and stamps	£119.39
Came and		
Company	Parish Council Insurance	£868.93
Canalbs ltd	Internal Audit	£159.10
CAPALC	Membership	£461.15
Cemetery	Petrol and Travel	£8.62
Chairman	Allowance	£300.00
Glazewing	Skip at cemetery	£50.02

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. To fix the Chairman's allowance. Chairman left the room for this item. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Chairman allowance be set at £300.00
3. Membership CPALC. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that membership should continue for a further 12 months
4. Grass cutting in Park. Many representations that grass in Park needs cutting more than that carried out by Amey at present. New Peterborough City Council contract is being negotiated. Peterborough City Council Officer to be invited to next meeting
5. Cambridge Building Society has changed the name of our account to Council Saver

1276/18-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

18/00347/HHFUL - Proposal: Drop kerb - 105 Wisbech Road –permitted

1277/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

18/00787/FUL Change of use of dwelling (C3) to children's home (C2) - Thornberry Lodge New Cut - Thorney Parish Council has no objections to this application. However, we trust, and would like confirmation, that Social Services will be fully involved in assessing the quality, size and suitability of the proposed up-graded accommodation. We also request that a condition, should approval be granted, requires that the land surrounding the dwelling will be cleared and tidied to make it a more appropriate setting to the intended use of the building.

1278/18-19 Burial Authority

1. Agree date of inspection. 9th July at 6pm. Meet at cemetery
2. Other matters. Gate and railing modification completed.

1279/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. Road alterations Wisbech Road –. Information circulated about radar speed sign indicators that also record data (not vehicle numbers). Network and Traffic Manager, Peterborough Highway Services replied “I have had a look at the signs but can't find any evidence on the website to say they are approved for use on highways in the UK and I am not convinced that the sign face would meet the UK signage regulations. In principal I have no objection to compliant signs of this type being erected but would need to explore further whether this sign meets the necessary requirements.
Any such sign (irrespective of manufacturer) being erected on an existing lamp column would require PCC to check the capacity of the lamp column to ensure that it can safely support the loading on the unit so we would need to know which columns you would require checking for this purpose.
Equally if the Parish purchased a sign we would need to issue a licence for it to be placed on the highway, which is done free of charge”.
3. Whittlesey Road - water splash attacking lime mortar in historic wall. The proposal is for Conservation Officer to meet Highway Officer and a drainage engineer on 31st May to look at options.
Many drainage options are not visually pleasing and these need considering in relation to the impact on what is the most pleasant approach to the village and conservation area, the listed wall and listed buildings opposite.
The hope is to create something as inconspicuous as possible, retaining the informal and semi-rural character that exists, rather than ending up with tall kerbs with drainage holes.

1280/18-19 Allotments

1. Agree date of inspection. 9th July
2. Clearance of detritus – on going. Mr Read has plan and in progress. Complaints that top soil was being lost so ground clearance halted at present. A Councillor to talk to tenants.
There was a suggestion that maybe allotment holders would like to clear the rubbish themselves

1281/18-19 Village Matters

Gas supply Orchard Court – explanation given for gas supply conditions. Chairman to liaise

1282/18-19 Agree committee members (existing members listed)

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

1283/18-19 Agree Co-option to fill Vacancies

It was agreed to advertise to fill the member vacancies

1284/18-19 Youth Activity in the Village

Report given with full update on money raised so far

1285/18-19 Agree Data Protection Policy

The data Protection Policy agreed

1286/18-19 Correspondence

RBL Lighting the beacon – Thorney Parish Council has no objection to this
All relevant correspondence circulated

1287/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Social Media and communications policy

1288/18-19 Any other business

Many delivery drivers are finding it difficult to location premises in French Drove as it is so long but the postcode is the same for the entire length. As there are three sections of French Drove it was suggested names for West, Central and East French Drove.

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 10.12pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 11th June 2018 starting at 7pm