

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 11 November 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, J Brooks, Mrs. D Halfhide, P Rands, B A Ogden, D. J Buddle,  
Mrs. S Selby, E. Gee, Mrs M Long, Mrs Sheldrake

Peterborough City Councillors D McKean and D Sanders. 2 PCSO's  
5 members of the public

**352/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

**354/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda –  
Councillors Bartlett and Long declared a personal interest in planning application 13/01585

**355/13-14 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2013**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 October were confirmed and signed

**356/13-14 Matters arising from minutes**

**357/13-14 Public Participation**

The members of the public present were objecting to the planning application 13/01585/WCPP For  
Removal of condition C1 (temporary permission for two years) of planning permission 11/00950/FUL  
– Proposed change of use from agricultural to Battlefield Live Outdoor Activity at Battlefield Live  
French Drove, because the noise is affecting quality of life for neighbours, concerns about traffic and  
use of smoke flares. Existing conditions of application being contravened. Councillor Sanders agreed  
to speak to Enforcement concerning the present contraventions and to call in the application to  
committee so that neighbours to the development can have their say to the committee.

**358/13-14 Matters for Information and Reports**

**1. Crime report – Police Crime Report sent in by PCSO Webber.**

Period Covered – 15<sup>th</sup> Oct to 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013. Incidents – 36 with Crimes – 6

18/10 Fire, Russell Close, 18/10 Criminal Damage to a vehicle – Sandpit Road, 21/10 Burglary – Shed –  
English Drove, 22/10 Criminal Damage to a vehicle – Wisbech Road, 05/11 Possession of controlled drug –  
Wisbech Road, 05/11 Criminal Damage – Bedford Court

November has seen an increase in Poaching incidents in the general area. Police have attended but to no avail.  
Also an increase in road related incidents.

The fire in Russell Close refers to a garage fire where the garage and the car inside were destroyed. Police  
have worked with the Fire Service who confirm deliberate ignition but no suspects.

A storage shed in English Drove was broken into and garden equipment and tools taken.

The two crimes of 'damage to vehicle' referred to a smashed rear window while parked on Wisbech Road and  
the brakes of a vehicle in Sandpit Road which may have been tampered with.

PCSO's now cover the whole of the Peterborough area – no apparent PCSO designated to areas that cover  
Thorney although PCSO Webber still retains an interest.

Councillor Brooks asked how many PC's were in the area – no specific answer given. In an emergency dial 999.

**2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – quotes being obtained for re-carpeting  
lounge and hall. More committee members and officers needed. Museum ramp being built.  
Damp and movement in museum building being inspected.**

**3. Report from Parish Council Liaison, Rural Community Scrutiny Committee –  
Rural Community Scrutiny Committee meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November, Parish Council Liaison  
meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

### 359/13-14 Report from City Councillors

The Chairman asked Councillor McKean why, after attending the Rural Scrutiny meeting in March this year, he did not inform Thorney Parish Council that the bus service to Whittlesey was to be axed in September.

To discuss use of CLF money. Councillor Buddle said that he thought communications with individuals concerning CLF rather than through elected members was disrespectful, had never happen in the past but had happened recently. He said that if grants were given, organisations should match fund and donations made either from Thorney Parish Council or the CLF.

Councillor Sanders said that this year's fund for Thorney was £3750. Councillor Bevington that the CLF was insufficient to fund future new footpath extensions in the Park unless it could be banked for a number of years.

A discussion took place concerning local group funding and Councillor Bevington explained the village survey done some years ago that identified certain village needs. Thorney Parish Council has and still is addressing the issues raised with projects outside the village shop and the road barriers on Causeway Bridge being two of the uses that have been made of the CLF fund. Both of these projects had benefit for the maximum number of people. It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council should not give grants to individual groups as this would put members in an invidious position.

Councillor Selby expressed the view that NLIDB did little for the village. This was countered by Councillors Gee, Buddle and Bevington.

Councillor Bevington proposed and it was agreed unanimously that Councillor Sanders should ask Peterborough City Council if the CLF money could be ring fenced banked for the new park footpaths and he agreed to report back to the next meeting.

### 360/13-14 Finance

#### 1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr Swift	Memorial for Mr Smith	£150.00
The Thorney Society	Donation to war memorial relocation	£250.00
Mr Patman	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Clayden	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mrs Bradbury	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Mrs Williams	Donation to war memorial relocation	£50.00
A O Forresters	Donation to war memorial relocation	£300.00
Mr B Falco	Donation to war memorial relocation	£50.00
C T Harlock	Donation to war memorial relocation	£100.00
C T Harlock	Allotment rent	£60.00
S Tawn	Allotment rent	£30.00
W Allen	Allotment rent	£60.00
S Owen	Allotment rent	£30.00
HM Revenue and Customs	Vat refund	£2210.70
S Erridge	Allotment rent	£30.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Mr A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001957	£78.60
Columbaria Company	Memorial Mr. Swift	001958	£90.00
SLCC	Clerks manual update	001959	£35.00
Accent Wilkinson	Plans for war memorial move	001960	£1310.40
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	001961	£46.15
Smith of Derby	Bedford Hall clock repair	001961	£217.20
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	001962	£360.00

#### 2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. Steward House Drain - letter from Paul Sharman concerning work on Steward House Drain that could include piping of drain outside of Duke of Bedford School. As his meeting, when a decision will be made, is on 22 November it was agreed we should discuss this item as the December meeting (when an item like this would normally go on the agenda) will be too late. NLIDB are looking for partners to make a case for funding of improvements to Steward House Drain including the piping of the drain outside the Duke of Bedford School. Councillor Buddle asked why the drain needed to be piped and what affect that would have on the drainage. Councillor Bevington said that under H& S if an accident now occurred and Thorney Parish Council refused a contribution we, as a body, would be in a bad position.

Chairman said that Duke of Bedford School is likely to make a donation to the work. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Ogden and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council would match any donation made by the Duke of Bedford School

4. Consideration of Precept – the precept will be set next month and members were asked to contact the clerk if they wished for additional items to be considered.

5. Annual Audit – response from external auditor. Thorney Parish Council cannot agree with the comment that boxes 2 and 3 have incorrect figures. The total amount of precept received by Thorney Parish Council for the year in question was £62430, the figure placed in box 2. This is proven by the remittance advice from Peterborough City Council with 2012 precept paid 17 April 2012 for £31215 and the second instalment paid 5 September 2012 for £31215 making a total of £62430. So far PKF Littlejohn has not replied to our letter 9 September, nor the urging letter sent 4 weeks later nor the email 22 October 2013. Previously the external auditor (Moore Stephens) and before that the Audit Commission have taken the bulk figure ie £62430 as the precept as it is made up of money directly allocated to the parish in the parish precept and in the Peterborough City Council money that is a general precept spread over the whole area including Thorney. What is not now clear is how the auditors in future want the precept figure displaying. The auditor's lack of response is disrespectful to Thorney Parish Council.

#### **361/13-14 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

13/00990 Priors Fen Farm, North Bank – demolition 2 bed dwelling and erection 3 bed dwelling - refused

#### **362/13-14 Planning Applications and other matters**

##### 1. Planning applications

13/01571/CTR For Fell Willow tree at 55 Wisbech Road – no objections

13/01585/WCPP For Removal of condition C1 (temporary permission for two years) of planning permission 11/00950/FUL – Proposed change of use from agricultural to Battlefield Live Outdoor Activity at Battlefield Live French Drove – object to removal of condition C1 as the noise is affecting quality of life for neighbours, concerns about traffic and use of smoke flares. Existing conditions of application being contravened.

13/01463 17 Woburn Drive – demolish garage and erect single storey side and rear extensions – strange configuration of rooms, overdevelopment of site

#### **363/13-14 Burial Authority**

#### **364/13-14 Roads and Footpaths**

Meeting with Enterprise for village walk – best date Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Fly tipping old A47 east of Pigeons Farm on Highways Agency land

Large depression in Chestnut Drive road

Flashing beacon north side of school crossing out

#### **365/13-14 Allotments**

**366/13-14 Village Matters**

Notice board Wisbech Road again damaged. Repair organised  
Ben Thompson to be asked about quote for tennis nets and posts

**367/13-14 Declaration of vacancy on Thorney Parish Council**

It was agreed to leave the vacancy open as the elections are next year and it is permissible to do this within the 6 month time frame of an election.

**368/13-14 Correspondence**

1. Peterborough Parish Council Conference 2013 – Bedford Hall Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 9.30 – 4pm
2. Letter from Stewart Jackson, MP, stating Highways Agency has now inspected A47 near Pode Hole and will implement repairs. The lights at the quarry will also be repaired.

**369/13-14 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**370/13-14 Any other business**

Tree in churchyard removed

**371/13-14 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 9 December 2013.  
The meeting closed at 9.07pm