

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 25 November 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: R Bevington

Councillors: J E G Bartlett, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs. M Long, J Brooks, D. J Buddle,
P Rands, Mrs. S Selby, Mrs. L Sheldrake, E. Gee, B Ogden

3 members of the public

372/13-14 To receive and approve apologies for absence

373/13-14 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

374/13-14 Planning Applications and other matters

Planning applications

13/01627/OUT for Erection of 14 dwellings at Unit 2 61 Station Road –

Thorney Parish Council has always considered this as their preferred development site in the village.
There are a number of reasons for this;

- It is a Brownfield site which we believe should always be given preference over other sites
- As a previously developed site within the village envelope it does not extend development into the surrounding countryside and thereby encroach upon the rural setting of the village
- The site is tucked away behind the existing dwellings on the Station Road frontage and, as a consequence, will have little or no visual impact on the village
- It is easily accessible from the Thorney By-pass and is, therefore, unlikely to generate much traffic through the village
- We have never had any objections to the site being changed from employment use to residential use
- We believe that due the site's close proximity to the sewage works it will not generate the drainage/sewage infrastructure problems that are of concern in other parts of the village

The Proposals

- As there seems to be no long-term prospects of the site continuing for employment use we welcome these proposals for its use for residential accommodation
- We also welcome the proposals for the larger 4/5 bedroom houses with work at home facilities as we have long thought this to be a dwelling type much needed in the village
- We understand there are some matters of drainage that concern residents adjacent to the site and assume full account of these will be taken into account as the project is developed in more detail
- We have no objections to these proposals and would recommend approval being granted to this application
- We would like to request that a share of any S106 monies arising from this project are allocated to a community project in the village. The particular project we have in mind is the extension of existing footpaths in Thorney Park to improve access across areas of the park which become waterlogged and boggy.

13/01686/CTR For Epicormic removal of one Lime tree at Cheriton House The Green
– no objections

13/01702/FUL For Construction of 1 bungalow at Land Rear of 81 Wisbech Road –
Thorney Parish Council considers that this is over development of the site. Unlike the 4 approved bungalows on the adjacent site this bungalow is clearly in the rear garden of number 81 and Thorney Parish Council considers this unacceptable under current

planning guidelines. It would set a precedent that would cause problems as access and proximity and overlooking by other properties.

13/00147 Land rear Barsby Meats, Northey Road – application to be considered by planning committee 3 December

375/13-14 Finance

376/13-14 Any other business

The meeting closed at 7.34pm