

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 10 November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, P Rands, Mrs M Long, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs. S Selby, J Brooks,
D. J Buddle, N. Simons, D. Jones,
Peterborough City Councillor R Brown and D Sanders. 1 member of the public
PCSO Pokhun

574/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs L Sheldrake

575/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

576/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th October 2014 were confirmed and signed

577/14-15 Matters arising from minutes

Brian Ogden to look at trees in the village on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

578/14-15 Co-opt to fill vacancies on Thorney Parish Council

Agree Co-option. Applications to join Thorney Parish Council had been received from
Mr. Ogden and Mrs Frayne.

It was agreed to postpone filling of the vacancies until the New Year

**579/14-15 Public Participation and presentation by Mr Jonathon Webb and Simon Webber
regarding Bedford Hall**

Neither Mr Webber nor Mr Webb attended

Councillor Brown said the terminology on the Peterborough City Council web site was incorrect and
should have stated sell off of the workshops not Bedford Hall. Councillor Bevington outlined what he
knew but Thorney Parish Council needed an update from Peterborough City Council.

580/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – given by PCSO Pokhun. 6 crimes including theft, bilking, criminal damage.
Recorded incidents – 10 poaching (hare coursing), 6 highway, 10 suspicious
circumstances, 4 others
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – AGM 18th November
3. Meeting with Lee Moore concerning footpaths and hedges in village – successful outcome
with many footpath and road defects programmed to be rectified. Action also taken to cut
back hedges encroaching on footpaths

581/14-15 Report from City Councillors

14/01780 55 Wisbech Road – additional infill property – to be referred to Committee at
Peterborough City Council by Councillor Sanders. Mr Gutteridge explained his meeting with
the Planning Officer. Councillor Bevington to reply on behalf of Thorney Parish Council

Vacant house on Crowland Road infested with rats

582/14-15 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr S Wagg	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr G Tipton	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr D Clayden	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr R Patman	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr R Rex	Allotment rent	£60.00
Coley and Son	Inter Mr Lister	£100.00
Mrs Bradbury	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Owen	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mrs Dawson	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Harlock	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Spridgeon	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Rayner	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Ewing	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Erridge	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Allen	Allotment rent	£60.00
Mr Clarke	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Drew	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Tawn	Allotment rent	£30.00
Kent Memorial	Memorial Mrs Woods	£55.00

The following were paid in October

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Smiths of Derby	Bedford Hall clock repair	£2,329.20
Progreen	Sprayer training and herbicide	£336.95
Viking Direct	Laser printer cartridges	£368.53

2. Monthly bank reconciliation– signed
3. Budget forecast. The clerk produced the usual documents for reviewing this years spend and income and related this to how it would affect the precept in the next financial year when Peterborough City Council withdraw their Parish Council support.
Agreed to place an article in the village magazine explaining the effect that Peterborough City Council withdrawal of support would have
4. Donation on behalf of the Trustees of the Aidan Patrick Fogarty Deceased Will Trust.
Charitable purposes, rather than specific charities, and set out in the Letter of Wishes, purposes must be for the:
 - Prevention or relief of poverty;
 - Advancement of animal welfare;
 - Advancement of health or the saving of lives;
 - Relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage;
 - Advancement of education or religion;
 - Advancement of citizenship or community development, or environmental protection or improvement;
 - Advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, science or amateur sport;
 - Advancement of human rights, conflict resolution, religious or racial harmony, or equality and diversity;
 - Promotion of the armed forces, the police, fire and rescue services or ambulance services; or
 - Any new charitable purposes recognised in the future.
5. Investments – various bank deposit schemes discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed to start a deposit with Yorkshire Bank for a 24 month period.
6. Herbicide training. The law is changing - after 26th November 2015, it will be an offence for anyone to use Plant Protection Products authorised for professional use unless they have a Certificate of Competence. Under the new requirements a training certificate or Certificate of Competence is required for anyone who is going to apply any professional product. The City and Guilds Level 2 safe Use of Pesticides will give the qualification to continue to use professional use products on land, and/or land of

an employer. It was agreed last June to complete this training that will take place in December.

583/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals

14/01532 5 Abbey Place – change of use from Post Office to residential – permitted

14/00913/FUL Agricultural building at 1 New Cut – Permitted

14/01533/LBC Removal of: existing shop fittings; one no. internal wall; wall-mounted post box and wall-mounted advertisement sign at 5 Abbey Place – Permitted

14/00216/FUL: 47 Park Crescent - application Refused

584/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

14/01873/HHFUL For Single storey extension to rear elevation at 16 Ash Close – no objections

14/01850/HHFUL and 14/01851/LBC Demolition of existing lean to timber annex and replacement with new single storey rear extension at 32 Wisbech Road – so long as regard is taken of the design statement concerning materials – no objection. Councillor Bartlett declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

14/01786/FUL Installation of ground mounted solar PV array at Thorney Golf Club English Drove – this installation will necessitate removal of several mature trees and Thorney Parish Council object to their removal. Thorney Parish Council neither recommend nor object to this application (vote 4 against, 4 –for, 2 abstentions).

14/01573/FUL Change of use for one extended gypsy family for one static, one touring caravan and associated facilities block at Land South West Side of Northey Road. Thorney Parish Council strongly object to this application for the same reasons as given on application 14/01375 which seems identical.

14/01780/FUL Proposed New Cottage Style Dwelling with Detached Double Garage at 55 Wisbech Road,
Thorney Parish Council wish to confirm that we agree with and endorse the contents of the letters sent to you by Mr A Gutteridge of 55A Wisbech Road in respect of this application and following his discussion with your Case Officer. (Letter dated 2.11.2014 and two dated 6.11.2014).

If Peterborough City Council are minded to approve this application Thorney Parish Council request that it is referred to the Planning Committee for their consideration. We understand that Councillor David Sanders has also requested that this referral is made.

Thorney Parish Council remain of the opinion that this application does not in anyway provide a satisfactory or acceptable solution to overcome your reasons for rejecting the two previous applications (13/01207/FUL and 14/00214/FUL).

Thorney Parish Council reconfirm objections we made to this application in previous documentation to the City Council.

Thorney Parish Council remain extremely concerned over the water-logging issue related to this site and the effect that new construction and or removal of trees may have on this. We note the absence of any information in the application as to how this problem is to be

addressed. Has this matter been discussed by your Officers with the North Level Drainage Board as part of their assessment of this Application? Please confirm.

It seems that there is some confusion over whether or not the impact on existing trees on the site has been reviewed against the appropriate drawings by your Landscape Officer. Please confirm that his comments are based on information that relates to the current application and not a previous application.

We would be grateful if you can explain in full why you feel this application may have overcome your numerous previous objections while at the same time you have rejected application 14/00216/FUL for a not dissimilar proposal to build in the garden at the rear of 47 Park Crescent, Thorney. It would appear that your approach to these two applications are at odds with each other and that there is perhaps an inconsistency of approach amongst your Officers. We look forward, should you be minded to accept the 55 Wisbech Road application, to understanding how you would justify this in light of your rejection at Park Crescent.

As we do not see how this application in anyway overcomes your previous objections or deals with the issues of a water-logged site and is perhaps inaccurate in respect of a landscape assessment we remain of the opinion that this site, in a number of respects, is not a suitable location for the proposed new residence and that it should be rejected.

The Parish Conference is taking place on Thursday 27th November 2014 from 10.00 at Bedford Hall

Customer Forum Councillors Bartlett and Bevington to attend

585/14-15 Burial Authority

586/14-15 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lights – report by Councillor Bartlett. Lights from western roundabout to historic sign out. Flashing light at school crossing out on north side
2. Station Road – works order raised for road repairs
3. A47 from Dogsthorpe roundabout to Guyhirne – repairs to be carried out late November with road closures

587/14-15 Allotments

588/14-15 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres – ongoing
2. Footpaths in Park - New footpaths in Park should originally have been started in autumn. Councillor Bevington to request update from Nat Healy
3. Land near Pigeons Farm owned by Highway agency – Mr Sly will take responsibility for its upkeep providing a peppercorn rent is agreed
4. Replacement tree on The Green – awaiting reply from Mr Hamilton's replacement at Peterborough City Council

589/14-15 New member on Committees

1. Burial and Employment - Councillors Brooks and Selby
2. Allotments - Councillors Selby and Sheldrake
3. Planning - Councillors Bevington, Selby, Buddle
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

9. Police Liaison – Councillors Bartlett and Brooks
10. Complaints – Councillors Sheldrake, Jones and the Chairman
11. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Councillors Selby, Brooks, Bartlett
12. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Councillors Brooks, Bartlett, Bevington, Buddle, Simons.
13. Flood Warden – Councillor Bartlett
14. Planning committee – Councillor Bevington as Chair with all members

560/14-15 Correspondence

Post Office in Rose and Crown should open on 5th February 2015 providing there are no objections to Post Office Ltd plans. Mr. Shrive to be wished success as the Post Office is a valuable village facility

591/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

New bank mandate
Allotment husbandry

592/14-15 Any other business

Councillor Bevington explained the criterion for applications for money from wind farms

593/14-15 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 8 December 2014 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm