

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 9 November 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, Mrs D Halfhide, N Simons, Mrs M Long, D. J Buddle J Brooks,
Mrs Sheldrake, R Bevington
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders and Richard Brown
2 members of the public.

Before the meeting started the Chairman asked if anyone present was recording the proceedings – no recording

760/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D Jones,

761/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

762/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th October were confirmed and signed

763/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

It was enquired if “section 106 agreement may determine that social housing to be built by Larkfleet Homes could have a condition that first choice of tenancy was for local Thorney people”.

Planning Manager states: “If the site in question is on an allocated site then it would not be reasonable for us to restrict occupancy for local first. If it is a rural exceptions site then we would put such a restriction in place. A rural exception site is one which is located outside of the village boundary (this is shown in the local plan map for the village)”

764/15-16 Public Participation and discussion

Mr Rayner and Mrs Brookes requested help with signatures on Norwich and Peterborough BS Account. Clerk to assist. It was resolved that signatures to this account should be Mrs Brookes, Mr Rayner and the Chairman of Thorney Parish Council. Thorney Parish Council standing orders to be amended to reflect this.

765/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report. No Police presence. – early morning of 17th October – theft of small item from rear of property on Thorney Road. • Thorney – between Christmas Day 2014 and 20th October a theft has been reported of a potato harvester steel web from farm premises on North Side. • Thorney – damage to farm gate and crops where vehicle driven over them – Willow Hall Lane – believed hare coursers. Cross Border team increased patrols in this area as several reports of hare coursers.

Sgt Warren Bottell / Community Enforcement Team / Bayard Place telephone 07921095111

Writes “I am writing to you to inform you about a change to the way Community Policing has changed in Peterborough from today.

There will be 3 community teams, 2 covering city centre issues and one team covering the rest of Peterborough, working with the Safer Peterborough Partnership.

I am the Sgt covering the rest of Peterborough. We will be spending some time getting used to new processes while we find our feet, so in the first instance I am sending apologies for any Police representation at this and future Parish Council Meetings.

Request and concerns for community issues should from now on be sent to Policespp@cambs.pnn.police.uk, where requests can be prioritised according to risk.

For crime stats please visit https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/Pboro_Northern/
Or alternatively please visit Cambs Police to access a spreadsheet for further crime data.
<http://www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/CrimeData.aspx>

Abandoned vehicles are dealt with by the City Council, they can be contacted via our online portal <http://www.contactcambspolice.uk/Report/Roads/> or by phoning 01733 747474.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – request made to Peterborough City Council for an energy audit. Energy consumption figures submitted and Honeywell to conduct survey. Complete audit of Bedford Hall will highlight building defects
3. Response from Simon Webber – ongoing
4. Councillor Brooks gave a report on the site visit to American memorial site. Anniversary 27th August 2016 of plane crash

766/15-16 Report from City Councillors

Money from possible sale of Church Street premises should be spent on Bedford Hall.

Discussion concerning Church Street Community Centre.

Discretionary rate relief given to museum. Museum still needs repairs

767/15-16 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mrs Bradbury	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Drew	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Clayden	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Tawn	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Sismey	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Erridge	Allotment rent and key deposit	£70.00
Mr Ewing	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Wagg	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Community Association	Donation for Community Use	£17,000.00
Mr Clarke	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00

The following were paid in November

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Grounds Maintenance Services	Cut Abbey lawns	002048	£381.60
Cambridge Building Society	Transfer of Community Donation	002049	£17000.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
3. Precept considerations. The precept request is likely to be received in December and members were asked to give the Clerk some guidance as to how they would like him to prepare the figures for the following financial year. It was agreed that figures be prepared with a similar precept to the last 3 years.
4. Donation from Community Association
Community Centre Management Committee, Church Street, Thorney. Councillor Bevington expanded fully on the history
As of the end of October 2015 the remaining three voluntary members of the Management Committee are withdrawing their services. This is for a number of reasons; the uncertainty of the future of the Church Street building within the City Council's review of their assets in Thorney, the much prolonged negotiations of Pre-Schools move to the Children's Centre at the school and the present financial situation of Pre-School. These are all items over which the Committee members have no control and were, therefore, uncomfortable about. Before a final decision was made the matter of withdrawing their services was discussed with our local City Councillor and a representative from the City Council.

Meetings were subsequently held with the two main users of the building - Pre-School and Rainbows/Brownies and Guides and neither party raised any objections to any of the decisions that had been made. Both groups were given the name of the person at the City Council to contact regarding their future use of the building. All other users have also been appraised of the situation. It was made clear that any outstanding monies from Pre-School would not be pursued. Over the tenure of the Committee a sum of money has accumulated and it was thought that this should be deposited in a dedicated account for the benefit of the entire community held for the time being by the Thorney Parish Council. This money would be dedicated for use on community projects which any member of the community, or group within the community would be welcome to apply for. This transfer of funds is acceptable to both our City Councillor and Peterborough City Council.

The Community Centre Management Committee has lodged money from the account with Thorney Parish Council for future Community use

It was proposed by Councillor Buddle seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed to open an account with Cambridge Building Society and ring fence the account of £17000.00 for Community use.

768/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals

13/00431/FUL for Construction of seven wind turbines to a maximum height of 126.5 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including substation, access tracks and crane hardstandings, temporary storage compound and access improvement onto A47 at Gores Farm Whittlesey Road - withdrawn/Finally Disposed of

14/01136/FUL for Construction of 5 (five) wind turbines to a maximum height of 130 metres (to vertical blade tip) with ancillary infrastructure including substation, access tracks and crane hardstandings, temporary construction compound and improvements to access on to A47 At Willow Hall Farm Willow Hall Lane - Withdrawn/Finally Disposed Of

769/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

15/01705 Holmlea, The Causeway - fell ash tree - seems a shame to lose a tree that is not diseased or a treat to property – no objection

15/01042/HHFUL For Rear conservatory at 4 St Botolphs Way – no objection

2. Bar Pasture Farm mineral excavation. Developers not cooperative to Thorney Parish Council views. Will await planning application

770/15-16 Burial Authority

Fence repair – material ordered

Commemorative seat near cremated remains area is missing.

771/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

1 Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.

2 B1040 and other backroads from Crowland area. Ongoing liaison taking place

3. Road near Park Entrance/Take-a-way shop – contact to be made with Peterborough City Council concerning progress with alleviating “pinch point”

4. Removal of no waiting areas Abbey Place – no objection. Signs should be removed

772/15-16 Allotments

1. Request to sell 2 allotments. Mr Harlock’s letter was copied to all Councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Halfhide seconded by Councillor Long and agreed that Thorney Parish Council was not minded to sell any allotment land at this present time.

2. It was agreed that a deposit for new tenants would be taken, that would be returned on allotment tenancy termination, providing it was weed and debris free. Existing holders will be asked if they wish to relocate to any of the allotments that have become vacant so that unallocated units can be collated together.

3. Vacant allotments to be advertised in Village Post

773/15-16 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres - ongoing

774/15-16 Wryde Croft wind farm representative

Councillor Brooks has volunteered. The first Wryde Croft panel meeting is on 25th November 6.30pm in the Parish Room. Councillors Long, Bartlett and Brooks to attend

775/15-16 Correspondence

Letter from Peterborough City Council outlining their reward scheme for areas that recycling the most rubbish. Thorney Post to be asked to publicise.

776/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

15-minute presentation of the services we can offer, to help deal with ASB, drugs, CSE, and many other matters that effects our day to day lives from Administrator for Pcat Team, Tactical Administrator, Hampton Police Station

Discuss implications of City ward boundary changes and how this affects Thorney.

777/15-16 Any other business

Councillor Long explained recent NLIDB works on drainage east of Thorney. She said the open day was very informative and congratulated the NLIDB

Footpath between Sandpit Road to St Mary's Close – conifers on private land obstructing access – Lee Moore to be asked to assist.

778/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 14th December starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 20.32