

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

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

Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen, Richard Brown, Nigel Simons

9 members of the public,

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked if anyone present was recording the proceedings – no one stated they would record.

1155/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Mr Brooks has resigned from the Council for personal reasons

1156/17-18 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

1157/17-18 Public Discussion

There was a general discussion concerning the provision of a gas supply to Orchard Court. There needs to be at least 50% of residents willing to sign up to a gas supply before the utility would consider laying a main. Residents to liaise with City Councillors

Councillor Bevington explained what he believed were salient points concerning the application 17/01432/FUL Change of use from leisure land as an 18 hole golf course (ceased in 2015); to leisure land with 17 holiday lodges/caravans and associated development - Thorney Golf Club English Drove. Revisions issued 1 November to the application.

1. The City Council have provided additional details submitted in respect of this application. These allow a better assessment of some of the matters raised following our review of the original documents.
2. We note, however, that there is no Consultee Representation in respect of Archaeology. This seems to be an important omission as a previous planning application on this site for the installation of ground mounted solar PV panels (Application 14/01786/FUL) was refused on the grounds of the impact the installation may have on undiscovered buried heritage assets. We recognise that this application differs from the solar panel application but would anticipate, nevertheless, that an archaeological report would be a requirement. This would permit us to take a view on the impact, if any, on this application. Can we please be provided with such a report?
3. We note that other Consultee representations raise queries and suggest conditions, for example, the Tree Officer's Representation. Can we please be provided with a copy of the responses you receive to these queries.
4. As these are holiday homes we would be grateful if we can be informed of what holiday related activities may take place in relation to this accommodation, together with an assessment of the possible noise levels that could be generated by these activities. This information is requested in order that an assessment can be made on the possible disturbance/invasion of privacy these activities may have on local residents.
5. We are aware that the site is to be well screened by vegetation and fencing which may (or may not) fully screen the lodges from view as claimed by the applicant. Although lack of screening

may not be a valid objection on planning grounds we query the suggestion that a holiday lodge may have a roof terrace/balcony. Overlooking from such a terrace may constitute an invasion of the privacy of the residents of a neighbouring property.

6. Can we also be informed as to how the site and its entrance will be illuminated. The Landscape Representation makes a comment about lighting that would not be considered suitable. We would be pleased to see a lighting scheme that meets with the approval of the planning department. Again, this is requested in order that we can be satisfied that any lighting will not have a detrimental or disturbing impact on local residents.

7. In the documents there is a certain amount of content which we assume represents a Business Plan. We are not in anyway experts on this form of plan but would be grateful for the City Council's advice as to whether or not the information submitted constitutes a robust and viable plan on a long-term basis.

8. Is the City Council satisfied that the Holiday Lodges/Caravans will not be sold as full-time residential accommodation? What would be the procedure taken by the City Council should it become apparent that any of the Holiday Lodges are being used as permanent residences.

9. Several local residents were present at the 13th November meeting of the Parish Council. They appraised the Council of their views on the additional information which are contained in a document prepared by Ian Glading. We confirm that we fully endorse the contents of this document which will be submitted by Mr. Glading

Mr Gladding outlined the points he had noticed concerning contradictions in the application and will send these separately to the planning officer.

Another resident suggested that the lodges would be occupied as full time residential.

1158/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 October 2017

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

1159/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1160/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

- Crime report – circulated.
Thorney, English Drove – 6/10/17 – TFMV – Front window smashed and diet foods stolen from inside vehicle.
- Thorney, Thorney Dyke -12/10/17 – Criminal Damage – Metal gate cut, gates rammed by a vehicle in an attempt to gain entry to farmland.
- Thorney, Wisbech Rd – 16/10/17 – Theft – Lock broken on gate, 3 dogs let out onto street. UK if intention were deterred by dogs.
- Thorney, North Bank – 17-18/10/17 – TOMV – Gates to compound broken, entry gained and a battery removed from JCB jump truck. Jump truck then used to start a Valiant 650 tractor which was then stolen.
- Thorney, St Marys Close – 20/10/17 – Criminal Damage – van whilst parked overnight in the road.
- Thorney, Thorney Dyke – 22/10/17 – Criminal Damage – Hare coursers driven through and damaged farm gate, damaged caused to ditch and crops.

Request that PCSO for Rurals attend a meeting so that he can introduce himself. No acknowledgment from the PCSO to our emails

Bedford Hall Management Committee – next meeting 12 December

Bedford Hall working group – Caroline Rowen writes “I can confirm that the survey has now been scheduled in to complete the outstanding items which were omitted from the previous survey / and further work in relation to the library, for Wednesday 15th November. The final report will be available on 1st December.

What we don’t know is the impact that the Grade II listed status will mean to costs, so with some caution, looking at previously tendered jobs recently and BCIS data I would initially estimate the conversion to cost no less than £70k and up to £120k depending on specification and which unit is selected etc. This estimate excludes VAT, any removal costs, IT and library specific fit out costs, fee (professional or statutory), and any specialist surveys required/extra ordinary remedial work (refer to the above report/survey). Once the survey and report are complete I will circulate and would then like to suggest that we arrange for a meeting of the working group week commencing 11th December, which will give everyone time to look through the information”.

Councillor Bevington surmised and would contact Caroline noting a fair proportion of the costs would arise from dealing with the interior of the existing building including re-wiring/metering, heating and plumbing services, fire alarms, security, lighting etc. as well as finishes to walls, floors and so on. It would be useful to know these cost as in essence they would apply to the building even if the library did not relocate there. In fact they would apply to the whole of the rear part of the building and it may seem wise to get your consultants to provide an estimate for this as doing the whole would, no doubt, be more economic than doing it in individual sections.

It was noted that you have not updated us on the status of the ‘Offer’ letter or on the City Council’s expenditure on maintenance of the building over the last ten years.

Providing the survey information is with Thorney Parish Council by early December and can, therefore, be reviewed prior to our Parish meeting on the 11th December Thorney Parish Council would be happy to meet with Caroline and her colleagues later in that week.

Councillor Wood suggested for the existing use that is made of the library in Thorney the proposal is a very expensive move and probably not value for money.

1161/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

Cllrs Allen and Simons, to chase contribution to seats in bus stop from their fund
Peterborough City Council will install the extra dog waste bin at the east end of the village and empty it (Councillor Brown actioning). A further bin at the cemetery will be provided by Thorney Parish Council when the entrance to the cemetery is altered.

Wisbech Road Residents Association – concerns about the access road to the rear of properties – Councillor Allen liaising

Meeting with Thorney Football Clubs who are also talking to the Community Project team
Extra cut of Colts football pitch because of long grass at a cost to the Colts of £110 (to cut and collect would be £400)

Link road between Sandpit and Topham has a faulty street lamp that has been determined as a cable fault

D of B School upto capacity – Peterborough City Council cabinet member to be acquainted.

Food waste bags – “*Paul Robertson has asked me to update you on the food waste liners, since we starting supplying food waste liners (green ones) free of charge around 18 months ago we have not been issuing Biodegradable bags but standard plastic bags. This is because the Anerobic Digestion facility where*

the food waste is processed is now able to accept packaged food so has the ability to remove plastic from the food waste, this includes”

1162/17-18 Finance

The following was received in October/November

Anglia Reg Coop	Memorial Mr Hayes	£40.00
Community Account		£45.50
Mr Tawn	Allotment rent	£30.00
Community Account		£172.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mrs Hardwick	£240.00

To approve the following paid in November

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£55.42
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel September	£55.50
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel October	£62.01
Cambs acre	Membership	£54.00
Viking Direct	Stationery and stamps	£262.34
Viking Direct	laser cartridges	£521.89
P and J Massingham	Parish room heaters	£900.00
Thorney Colts FC	Donation to grass cutting	£110.00

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Replacement heaters in Parish Room. It was agreed that as the existing had developed faults and were now not working to replace them with new units
3. It was agreed to replace the vandalised seat in the bus shelter at Park entrance
4. It was proposed by Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Godley and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council should grant Thorney Colts £110 to cover the cost of the recent extra grass cut of their pitch in Thorney Park

1163/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/01757/FUL for Change of use to annex to form part of main residence - retrospective at Three Oaks French Drove – Permitted

17/02041/FUL Construction of 4 bed detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent 1 The Park Wisbech Road – permitted

17/01968/NONMAT for Non-material amendment (amendment to dwelling design to reduce depth of single storey rear projection) of reserved matters consent 16/02291/REM at 39-41 Station Road: Determined

1164/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

17/01788/HHFUL For Single and two storey front and side extensions at 1 Bleak House Dairy Drove – no objections however, there was some concern over the trees that will need to be removed and the impact this may have on immediate neighbours should they be concerned by this.

17/01833/FUL - Construction of two-bed bungalow with garage, 22 Topham Crescent, Approved by Thorney Parish Council - providing it meets with all boundary regulations on its southern boundary and that it complies with acceptable housing densities in this location. Majority of 9 Councillors approve with 1 objection.

17/01670/FUL - Erection of 3 dwellings and garages on land to rear of the Rose + Crown, 2 Wisbech Road, Approved by Thorney Parish Council - we welcome slight reduction in number of dwellings on this site. Majority of 10 Councillors approve.

17/01655/FUL - Demolition of three dwellings and construction of three replacement dwellings with associated double garages, conversion of agricultural barns into dwelling including single storey rear and front extensions and double garage. Construction of new unadopted access road and boundary treatments - Causeway Lodge The Causeway. These proposals for the redevelopment of this very run-down and dilapidated site are welcomed by Thorney Parish Council and meet with their full approval.

Although this development is not within the village conservation area we acknowledge the observations of the Conservation Officer. As this is by far the best proposal we have seen to date for this site, we trust that a mutually agreeable way forward can be quickly achieved with the developer regarding these observations, without any delay or risks to the earliest determination and fulfilment of this project.

We hope that this application will be approved and permitted by the City Council and that its construction will take place as soon as possible.

17/02075/TRE - Work to 2 trees on land adjacent to 1 The Park, Wisbech Road - Ten councillors have commented and have no objections but one has queried the need to raise the crowns by as much as 5.2m. Could this be a lower figure?

17/02108/HHFUL 59 Park Crescent - Erection of detached double garage (ground floor garage with WC, first floor habitable space). A. There were mixed views on this application as there are some concerns that it may be the basis for residential accommodation at some stage. (Previous projects for residential accommodation in this vicinity have been rejected by the City Council - it would be helpful if there was some policy about the allocation of residential in this area whether or not it applies to this application).

B. Other concerns were;

1. about the height of the building and its impact on neighbouring residences and
 2. it setting a precedent for similar buildings in the absence of a policy for development in this area
- C. We would be happier if the application was just for a double garage.
- D. If the application should be permitted we request that there is a condition that states that it is not to be used as living/residential accommodation.

Local plan – new Government rules state 30% of properties on a new development over 15 dwellings must be affordable homes

1165/17-18 Burial Authority

Much vandalism on evenings of 31 October and 1 November when many memorials were damaged or knocked over.

Thorney Parish Council is very grateful to Mr Nigel Pask and Mr Andy Stuffins who cemented and re bedded the following headstones:

John Spriggs, Bernard Alfred Rose, Ernest Hurn, Walter Matthews, William Baxter, Eva Stuffins, Rosie Rowton.

The above were headstones that were pushed over, Nigel and Andy then walked round and found that the list of names below had also been pushed(kicked) and ether the stone had twisted or the base had been dislodged so they re-bedded and/or cemented these also.

Pauline Anderson, Ernest Johnson, George Spridgeon, Winifred Woolsey, Daisy Annie Constable, Horace Burton, Edith Burton, Arthur Wilkinson, Hilda Kennard, James Gregory, Isable Fryett, Dale Gilberston

In regard to our insurance policy cover and the headstones, our insurers write "ownership of the headstones would remain with the person or family that purchased and installed them. Therefore any claim for repairing the stones should be directed to the owners or their relevant insurer, if they purchased insurance for the headstones. Our policy wouldn't cover the repair directly".

The Clerk outlined the access problem for mechanical aids to reach the part of the cemetery that is at present active and that it will be highlighted even further when the cemetery extension is in use. He suggested, and it was it was proposed by Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Wood and unanimously agreed to convert the pedestrian access on the right side at the entrance to become double gates for vehicle access. He and Councillor Parish will ask Mr Downing to modify the access gates and railings.

1166/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. In another incident of vandalization in the bus shelter near the Park entrance, the new wooden seat had been split and was dangerous, and the middle steel bracket was bent downwards. Mr Downing has removed the seat. It was agreed that he should be asked to reinstate the seat and place a central ground support
3. Roads cracking on the old A47 east of Thorney towards Pigeons Farm and Black Drove, Thorney towards pumping station
4. Woburn Drive pot holes in road – reinstatement breaking out
5. French Drove between Falls Drove to pumping station and old A47 east of Thorney towards Pigeons Farm – road splitting
6. Peterborough Highways are to carry out work on
 1. B1167 French Drove, Thorney - 04/12/17 for three weeks
 2. B1040 Crowland Road, Thorney - 04/12/17 for one week
 3. B1443 Thorney Road, Newborough - 05/02/18 for one week
 4. B1443 Bukehorn, Thorney - 10/01/18 for one week four days
 5. B1040 Whittlesey Road (North of Thorney Dyke), Thorney - 16/01/18 for two weeks
 6. B1167 Wisbech Road, Thorney - 08/01/18 for two weeks
 7. B1167 New Cut (East Wryde to Wallace Drove) - 22/01/18 for one week
 8. B1167 New Cut (English Drove to French Drove) - 29/01/18 for one week
 9. B1040 Station Road, Thorney - 12/02/17 for one week
7. Speed of vehicles in village – Chairman has article in village magazine asking for volunteers to use speed cameras. Lewis Banks, Principal Sustainable Transport Planning Officer, writes "I am sorry for the delay in responding. We have not previously looked at the data we hold for these roads but I should be able to share it with you shortly. In terms of collecting your own data. I would recommend using a company who would lay loops over the road(s) for 7 days which would give you speed data for different times of day. The price of this would probably be about £400 per site. Another option might be to set-up a speed watch group where I think you would be able to borrow a speed camera from the police as part of the initiative. If you are interested in either option let me know and I can get you further information".

1167/17-18 Village Matters

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Godley has 12 people interested in starting up a neighbourhood watch scheme

1168/17-18 Allotments

Possibility of vacant allotments being cleared by machine. Quotation of £15 per hour with some allotment taking 1 hour and some 2 hours. It was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council accept this quotation and use it as a one off basis as required.

1169/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Update to Thorney Parish Council safeguarding policy

Safeguarding policy. Cllr Godley to be nominated person for Thorney Parish Council safeguarding policy

Community Group have been awarded £8000 from wind farms, £250 from British Sugar and £207 from recent art auction

1170/17-18 Correspondence

Letter from Thorney Society supporting the upgrade of street signs in the historical centre of Thorney

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel, Wednesday 15 November at Fenland District Council, Council Chamber, Fenland Hall, County Road, March

Data protection training next year

1171/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1172/17-18 Any other business

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.38 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 11th December 2017 starting at 7pm