

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide, D. J Buddle, J Rowe, Mrs. L Sheldrake,  
Mrs. S Selby, E. Gee,  
8 members of the public

**101/12-13 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

J Brooks, J Bellamy, P. Murphy, Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders and D McKean

**102/12-13 To receive declarations of interest**

Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda – none

**103/12-13 To approve minutes of the meeting of 3 September 2012**

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 3 September were confirmed and signed

**104/12-13 Matters arising from minutes**

1. Peterborough City Council to identify Parishes to award the electric bicycles too by the end of September
2. Peterborough City Council to write to 47 Park Crescent, 35 and 85 Wisbech Road concerning hedges encroaching on footpaths

**105/12-13 Public Participation and Mr. J Woodhouse, Stagecoach (36 bus travelling along Park Crescent)**

Mrs. Orr Burns outlined the problem she raised at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting concerning skateboards, scooters and bicycles using a wide area of pavement near the take-a-way shop in Wisbech Road.

Following the Neighbourhood Panel meeting 3rd September Thorney Parish council was pleased that priority 1 was to deal with anti social behaviour in Wisbech Road Thorney. Five weeks on from that setting what a pity that priority has not been acted upon.

Mrs. Orr Burns had spoken with a PCSO about it but has seen no improvement in the situation. Thorney Parish Council nor members of the public could not ask our local PCSO's about any action because they were not at the meeting. Nor have they attended any meeting since the 11 June.

This anti social behaviour is causing local residents around 26 Wisbech Road much distress. It mainly occurs between 16.00 and 19.30 hours. When will the Police take action? Residents cannot wait for a skate park, Peterborough City Council nor Thorney Parish Council can afford to purchase a skate park so any multi agency approach will not solve the problem - only active Policing will see a result.

A recent development with this area has been playing "chicken". Two reports by motorists have reported this behaviour.

Mr. Woodhouse did not attend the meeting. A discussion with members of the public raised the following points:

1. Suggestion that buses turn round in Park Close
2. Many residents in the area use the bus
3. Some buses mount pavement to avoid cars damaging the surface of the pavement

Mr. Woodhouse to be again invited to the next meeting

**106/12-13 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report – Priorities agreed at Panel meeting
  - a. Deal with reported Anti Social and dangerous Skateboard and Scooter use in Wisbech Road
  - b. Consult and seek the views of the local community regarding the provision of a purpose built Skate Park. Not a Thorney Parish Council priority.
  - c. If support is identified, set up an implementation / working group to deliver a Skate Park to Thorney
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Sheldrake – scaffolding erected to repair roof. Chairman to ask Peterborough City Council about the future of Bedford Hall and the Community Centre.
3. Neighbourhood Committee – supported fast broadband. Agreed contributions to community organizations

**107/12-13 Report from City Councillors**

Proposal for CIL to be split between central Peterborough City Council and Neighbourhood Councils

**108/12-13 Finance**

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr and Mrs Culpin	Reserve grave spaces	£200.00
Anglia Regional Coop Soc	Inter Mrs. Gerber	£50.00
A D Murfitt	Inter Mr. Fitzjohn	£50.00
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£31215.00
Anglia Reg Coop Soc	Inter Mr. Robinson	£500.00
Mr. Clayden	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Tawn	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr. Allen	Allotment rent	£30.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001879	£42.50
Glazewing	Skip at cemetery	001880	£41.86
Viking Stationery Cambridgeshire	Stationery	001881	£178.65
ACRE	Payroll Services	001882	£50.76
Grounds Maintenance Service	Cut Abbey lawns and strim allotments	001883	£324.00
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Sundries	001884	£4.67
Glazewing	Skip at cemetery	001885	£41.86
Mr. R Jary	Repair village sign Wisbech Road	001886	£583.00

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – agreed and signed
3. Order for 20 extra sanctum units – It was proposed by Councillor Buddle seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed that an order should be placed for 20 extra sanctum units for the cemetery at a cost of £5800 + vat and delivery. It is expected that it will take 3 months for the order to be delivered.  
The Clerk has spoken to Mr. Jary who has agreed to supervise the installation. It is expected that Mr. Read will be able to excavate the ground and he and Mr. Lucken install the units
4. Up to date figures were circulated for the 6 monthly budget appraisal

5. Approve in accordance with employment contract 50% Mr. Lucken's Road Fund Licence and vehicle insurance. It was proposed by Councillor Buddle seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed that this should be paid

#### **109/12-13 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

12/01052 84 Wisbech Road – extension to rear of garage to create store – refused. Councillor Bevington to contact Enforcement Officer and ask about the appeal process. Thorney Parish Council would be grateful if Peterborough City Council can appraise of the procedures, and the time scale, for the extension removal and we see it as setting a dangerous precedent.

12/00485 Concrete Company – replacement offices – approved

12/01253 Little Knarr Forge, Wisbech Road – installation 2 micro scale wind turbines - approved

#### **110/12-13 Planning Applications and other matters**

1. Planning applications

12/01292 77 Wisbech Road – rear extension – no objections

12/01459 20 Sandpit Road – conversion garage to learning/quiet room – no objections

Councillor Bevington has submitted to Peterborough City Council the schedule of items required to improve the infrastructure and community facilities in Thorney Parish.

Chairman has contacted Mr. Ben Thompson at Peterborough City Council concerning flower planting in Park.

Mr. Harris has contacted Thorney Parish Council concerning Peterborough City Council proposals for an energy park on the land he rents from them. To be invited to Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council meeting 15 October where Leader of Council will be attending.

Planning forum 1<sup>st</sup> November

#### **111/12-13 Burial Authority**

1. Abbey Graveyard maintenance – Councillor Bevington outlined his thoughts concerning the wild state of the Abbey Churchyard. He proposed that the offending nettles and cow parsley is cut 5 times per year. It was appreciated that this would be an extra expense to Thorney Parish Council. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington seconded by Councillor Buddle and agreed that the ground would be strimmed 5 times per year

Councillor Bartlett declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion or voting

#### **112/12-13 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett.
2. 40mph speed limit at French Drove
3. Woburn Drive/Wisbech Road – camera has detected drain damaged. Ponding still occurring on Wisbech Road north at same point.
4. Work on Causeway Bridge has still left ponding.
5. Hedge at 35 Wisbech Road still to be cut back from pathway
6. Councillor Bartlett to contact Mr. Thompson at Peterborough City Council concerning the road way that runs from Wisbech Road up to Park House that

is Peterborough City Council owned, and is in a poor state of repair. It was several years ago that any repairs were done to this lane

7. There was concern about the misuse of the road by Classic Cars where they wash both car bodies and engines on the highway and the resulting pollution drains to the surface water discharge.
8. Dead cherry tree at cross road. Quotes for its removal to be obtained by Councillor Ogden

#### **113/12-13 Allotments**

1. Clerk has spoken to Mr. Harlock and will meet him on site to discuss levelling of the access road. It was agreed that the work Mr. Harlock recently carried out would be offset against his allotment rental.
2. Mr. Patman, winner of 2012 best allotment, to donate his allotment rent money to Thorney Abbey restoration fund

#### **114/12-13 Village Matters**

MUGA surface – Peterborough City Council state it is fit for purpose

#### **115/12-13 Code of Conduct**

The Members' Code of Conduct is intended to promote high standards of behaviour amongst the elected and co-opted members of the council.

The Code is underpinned by the following principles of public life, and will be borne in mind, when interpreting the meaning of the Code:

- i. **Selflessness**  
Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.
- ii. **Integrity**  
Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- iii. **Objectivity**  
In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.
- iv. **Accountability**  
Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.
- v. **Openness**  
Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.
- vi. **Honesty**

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

vii. **Leadership**

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

It was proposed by Councillor Buddle seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that the 2012 code of practice should be adopted immediately

**116/12-13 Correspondence**

1. Code of Conduct 2012 from new Localism Act – forms from Parish Liaison
2. Parish Council Conference 23 October at Kingsgate Centre Parnwell
3. Briefing note on review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries
4. Resignation from Mr. J Bellamy because of work commitments. To be discussed at November meeting

**117/12-13 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**118/12-13 Any other business**

Sign advertising flat for rent – enforcement officer to be informed

**119/12-13 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

The meeting closed at pm