

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 13 October 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 L Sheldrake, J Brooks,
D. J Buddle,

Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders. 4 member of the public

555/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mrs. S Selby, PCSO Mary Webber, Peterborough City Councillor R Brown

556/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

557/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st September 2014 were confirmed and signed

558/14-15 Matters arising from minutes

1. Bedford Hall Clock removed for repair – returned 10 October

559/14-15 Co-opt to fill vacancies on Thorney Parish Council

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

Mr. Simons attended the last Parish Council meeting to introduce himself and Mr Jones did the
same at this meeting. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Simons and Mr Jones to the Council

560/14-15 Public Participation

Bert and Irene wish to pass on the responsibility for producing the village post. Chairman said he would
ask for volunteers to take over and thanked them for producing it over the past 3 years.

561/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report - 2 shed burglaries, 1 dwelling burglary, 1 non dwelling burglary, 7 theft from
motor vehicle (diesel, tools and number plates) and 1 theft of motor vehicle
Network neighbourhood meeting report – Inspector Bartlett has taken over responsibility.
Priorities set: Manor Farm Open Space Area – Reduce ASB
Thorney – reduce ASB on Wisbech Road
Reduce Heating oil thefts in rural areas - Crime Prevention
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – more usage of hall during day. Chairman said
that an agenda item from Peterborough City Council mentioned selling of Bedford Hall
3. Meeting with Lee Moore concerning footpaths and hedges in village – 29th October
4. Wryde Croft wind farm meeting 2nd meeting. Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
Chairman present. Thorney Parish Council need to think how they wish to use the fund.
Representatives from 8 Parish Councils. Bids can be from £250 up to £10000. Money can
be banked for up to 3 years.
5. Advert will be placed explaining the fund in approximately 12 months' time. Energy
discount scheme will also cover approximately 700 premises.

562/14-15 Report from City Councillors

Bedford Hall sale – Councillor Sanders gave a resume' of the history. He has invited Council
Officers to attend the next Thorney Parish Council meeting to explain what is going on. He
believed they mean Tank Yard not Bedford Hall.

Councillor Sheldrake said the village had built up local community facilities which now appeared that Peterborough City Council wish to dismantle.

563/14-15 Finance

1.	To note income and approve Payments		
	Peterborough City Council	Parish Precept	£17,008.52
	Peterborough City Council	Peterborough City Council Precept	£15,533.98
	Mr M Peel	Allotment rent 38	£30.00
	J G Cross	Mr Hargrave	£55.00
	J G Cross	Memorial	£55.00
	HM Revenue and Customs	Vat Refund	£2,580.66
	The following were paid in August and September		
	The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-		
	Mr AE Hovell	Software upgrade	£79.99

2. Monthly bank reconciliation– signed

564/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals

14/01367 30 Wisbech Road - Re-roof main property and outbuilding; reposition stud walls in kitchen to form WC and form stud wall in back bedroom to create bathroom and single bedroom – approved

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

565/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

14/00216 47 Park Crescent – proposed chalet bungalow – concern raised about parking that may obstruct the bus route and traffic, premises will overlook. Is there a policy to not allow building in back gardens?

14/00913 1 New Cut – agricultural building - no objection

14/01375 Land rear Barsby Meats, Northey Road - Retrospective retention 2 caravans, siting one caravan and relocation of stables – to go to Committee 21 October

2. Customer forum – 9th September. Councillors Bartlett and Bevington attended

3. Poster from Jim Daley – Thorney Parish Council accept the offer to display it

4. Thorney Parish Council regret the loss of the Post Office at 5 Abbey Place, we are extremely pleased that the Post Office has agreed to its relocation in the Rose + Crown at 2 Wisbech Road. Councillor Bevington to reply to Post Office on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

566/14-15 Burial Authority

567/14-15 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.

2. Station Road – works order out for road repairs

3. B1040 Signs still displayed concerning speed limit after chipping last August

4. Meeting with Peter Tebb to look at and discuss the stretch of the Wisbech Road between the Fish + Chip shop and Gas Lane. Thorney Parish Council is concerned that at present, with cars parking on both sides of this stretch of road, that a pinch point has resulted which is detrimental to both the parked vehicles and to the ease of traffic flow.

To overcome this it was suggested that the existing wide, grass verge on the north side of the road be cut back and the road widened with the relocated kerb to line through with the kerb at the junction of the Wisbech Road with Gas Lane.

Mr Tebb agreed, although there are no funds available at present, that this work could be added to the works list as a necessary road improvement and carried out when funds become available.

Thorney Parish Council suggested that we may be able, at some time in the future, to make a financial contribution toward the cost of these works should that be a way of getting them put in hand sooner rather than later.

If this work was carried out the proposed positioning of cycle racks would be affected.

568/14-15 Allotments

569/14-15 Village Matters

1. Children's Centres – school forming a contract with Peterborough City Council. Discussions ongoing. Also negotiations between pre-school and the D of B school
2. Footpaths in Park - New footpaths in Park should be started in autumn. Nat Healy writes "Peterborough City Council had quotes back on Friday and we have a project meeting on 14th October to agree award of quotes etc. Hopefully in the next two weeks we will have a firm date from contractors to start."
3. Land near Pigeons Farm owned by Highway agency – Mr Sly to be asked if he wished to responsibility.
4. Replacement tree on The Green – awaiting reply from Mr Hamilton
5. Horse chestnut tree disease – Councillor Buddle asked if another tree survey should be carried out in the Parish. Tree Officer from Peterborough City Council to be invited to next meeting to discuss tree disease and Parish Council responsibility.
6. Classic Cars – Peterborough Classic Cars gradually taking over. Traffic Control at Peterborough City Council informed about constant illegal parking in the area around Classic Cars
7. Maintenance of Bedford Hall – now the responsibility of Mr Les Fletcher at Amey
8. Park Close to Sandpit Terrace/Sandpit Close – alleyway owned by Cross Key Housing.

570/14-15 Correspondence

Electoral Commission review of ward boundaries – submission from Thorney Parish Council – circulated. Letter from Post Office concerning move of Thorney services. Expected relocation January/February next year. Old poster concerning Thorney from Jim Daley

571/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Update Bank Mandate after new Councillors co-opted
New members' allocation to Committees

572/14-15 Any other business

Potted oak tree from Mrs Underhay to be planted in Cemetery
Greatly increased numbers of visitors to the museum over the past year
Brian Ogden to be asked to look at trees on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.
Flooding signs on Station Road – North Bank sign owned by Peterborough City Council – Whittlesey Road sign owned by Cambridgeshire County Council.

573/14-15 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 10 November 2014 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.29pm