

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 12 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, Mrs D Halfhide, D Jones D. J Buddle, N Simons, Mrs M Long  
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders  
0 members of the public.

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

**742/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

J Brooks, Mrs Sheldrake, R Bevington, Peterborough City Councillors Richard Brown

**743/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

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

**744/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2015**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th September were confirmed and signed

**745/15-16 Matters arising from minutes**

**746/15-16 Public Participation and discussion**

**747/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report and discussion with Sgt Hills concerning “a decision has been made to suspend the local Rural East SSN meetings (formerly panel meetings) because of repeated poor attendance at these meetings by local community representatives and residents the meeting to be replaced by community consultations”. No Police presence
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – nothing to report
3. Response from Simon Webber – ongoing
4. Parish Conference 18th November at Future Business Centre, London Road, Peterborough

**748/15-16 Report from City Councillors**

Councillor Sanders is asking for cooperation between the two authorities to look at weight restriction on the byroads Crowland to Thorney

**749/15-16 Finance**

1. To note income and approve Payments

Mr Peel	Allotment rent	£70.00
Mr Rayner	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Patman	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Owen	Allotment rent and key deposit	£70.00
Mr Rex	Allotment rent and key deposit	£70.00
Mr Paling	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Spridgeon	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00
Mr Brown	Allotment rent and key deposit	£40.00

The following were paid in October

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£46.15
Mr Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£78.62

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Peterborough Grass Machinery	2 Stroke oil	002047	£11.30
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2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

#### **750/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

15/01320/LBC for Alterations and repair to front window frame and new stonework to base at 4 Abbey Place - permitted

Secretary of State's determination TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 77 APPLICATION BY REG WINDPOWER LIMITED INSTALLATION OF FOUR WIND TURBINE GENERATORS WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT TO BLADE TIP OF 100 METRES ABOVE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL, VEHICLE ACCESS TRACKS, HARDSTANDING, CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT FRENCH FARM, FRENCH DROVE, THORNEY, PETERBOROUGH PE6 0PQ. APPLICATION REF 13/00933/FUL

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that consideration has been given to the report of the Inspector, John Braithwaite BSc (Arch) BArch(Hons) RIBA MRTPI, who conducted an Inquiry on 4 and 5 February 2015, on your client's application to Peterborough City Council ("the Council") dated 23 June 2013 for planning permission for the installation of four wind turbine generators with a maximum height to blade tip of 100 metres above existing ground level, vehicle access tracks, hardstanding, construction compound and ancillary development at French Farm, French Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0PQ, application ref 13/00933/FUL.

2. Instead of being dealt with by the Council as the relevant planning authority, the application was called in for the Secretary of State's determination following a determination issued on 4 June 2014 in pursuance of section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Inspector's recommendation and summary of the decision 3. The Inspector, whose report is enclosed with this letter, recommended that planning permission be granted. For the reasons given below, the Secretary of State disagrees with the Inspector's conclusions and recommendation and **refuses** planning permission.

#### **751/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters**

##### **1. Planning applications**

15/01361/HHFUL For Proposed roof extension, alterations and associated works including new railings and gates to the front boundary at 84 Wisbech Road – plans not clear enough in scale to make a proper judgement. However, concerns about roof size, fitting in with conservation area and need to be taken of VDS

15/01662/CTR For Crown reduction by 30% of Oak tree at 8 Orchard Court – no objection

Peterborough and Fenland planning support services are to merge

#### **752/15-16 Burial Authority**

Fence repair – not yet started

#### **753/15-16 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Street signs in Village for removal? Only sign that appears to be wrong is on Station Road indicating A47 through village
3. Many road signs so dirty they cannot be read. Particularly bad on Whittlesey Road
4. Road near Park Entrance/Take-a-way shop – contact to be made with Peterborough City Council concerning progress with alleviating "pinch point"

#### **754/15-16 Allotments**

#### **755/15-16 Village Matters**

1. Children's Centres - ongoing
2. Location 2 extra litter bins – suggested sites St. Mary's Close/Sandpit Road access, old A47 east end of village , north side

3. Footpath in Park – Councillor Buddle highlighted that the path starting from Wisbech Road did not have a drop kerb. This made access for pushchairs and wheelchairs difficult.
4. Village Green – the verges have been build up with topsoil and then seeded after resurfacing of road. Mr Lucken is to install a rope barrier to warn vehicles not to access the grass area.
5. Port-a-cabin and old toilets in Park – Peterborough City Council to be asked when these will be removed

**756/15-16 Wryde Croft wind farm representative**

Councillor Brooks has volunteered. As Councillor Brooks could not attend the meeting this was held over to November

**757/15-16 Correspondence**

Care Choices poster concerning Peterborough care and support directory

**758/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

1. Request to sell 2 allotments
2. Consideration for a deposit for new tenants that would be returned on allotment tenancy termination providing it was weed and debris free.

**759/15-16 Any other business**

Councillor Long said that a 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 She also said that at a recent liaison meeting it was indicated that Councillors will need training from May 2016 onwards

Churchyard strimming – Councillor Buddle said that Thorney Parish Council had agreed to pay for 4 cuttings of the Churchyard and wondered why this year this had not been done. Chairman to speak to Arthur Gee

Thorney Parish Council vacancies to be advertised in Thorney Post.

Councillor Long explained the liaison between Mrs Virgo and the wind farm developers

**760/15-16 Date of next meeting**

Meeting of the Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.06 pm