

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

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, K. Parrish, R. Bevington, A Butt, J. Brooks, R. Wood
Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen

3 members of the public,

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

1137/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

N. Potts, A Bunyan, Mrs. D Halfhide Ms S Godley, Peterborough City Councillors Brown and Simons

1138/17-18 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

1139/17-18 Public Discussion

Thorney Lakes – planning application still being considered. No archaeological report on website – Cllr Allen to enquire

1140/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2017

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th September were confirmed and signed

1141/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1142/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

- Crime report – circulated.
- English Drove – 2//17 – Burglary Business – Attempt. A vehicle was used to pull the gate to Greenkeepers yard.
- Whittlesey Rd – 5/9/17 – Burglary residential – UK offender has forced entry by ramming wooden gates. Nothing stolen.
- Whittlesey Rd – 5/9/17 – Burglary Business – Tools and generator taken from farm buildings.
- The Malting – 5/9/17 – Burglary Business – UK offender has rammed front gates, pressure washer stolen.
- Black Drove – 8/9/17 – Criminal Damage – Hare coursers have caused damage to freshly drilled rape seed by driving vehicles across field. Crops will now, not grow
- North Side – 19/9/17 – Burglary residential – UK persons have broken into house whilst occupants were out, cash, cards, electrical equipment and jewellery stolen.

Bedford Hall Management Committee – meeting held.

Bedford Hall working group - meeting with Caroline Rowen 13 September. Notes of the meeting were circulated. Cllr Bevington to remind Caroline that we are still awaiting the City Council's formal Offer Letter and a schedule of the City Council's maintenance expenditure on the Bedford Hall over the last 10 years

1143/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

He and Cllr Simons, to chase contribution to seats in bus stop from their fund

Repair to bus stop shelter The Causeway estimated cost from Amey – over £6000. Possible replacement in next year’s budget

Carried out street sign clean last month

Road behind area from 190 Wisbech Road – road repair only if private owners contribute to cost

1144/17-18 Finance

The following was received in September/October

Peterborough City Council	2nd Instalment of Parish Council precept	£20,617.50
Peterborough City Council	2rd Instalment of Parish Council precept	£10,425.00
Peterborough City Council	2th Instalment of Parish Council precept	£1,500.00
Mr Hedaux	Allotment rent	£40.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Spridgeon	£125.00
Mr Patman	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mrs Bradbury	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Rayner	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Rex	Allotment rent	£60.00
Ms Godley	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Spridgeon	Allotment rent	£30.00
Mr Clayden	Allotment rent	£60.00
Community Account		£50.50
Mr Ewing	Allotment rent	£30.00
Fenland Stoneworks	Memorial Mrs Rose	£175.00
Ivett and Reed	Memorial Mr Crowden	£125.00

To approve the following paid in October

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£48.55
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£
Mr A E Hovell	Keys for Parish Room, travel, postage (6months), stakes for cemetery	£136.76

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
2. Audit form received back from external auditor – difference in Parish precept figure from that given to auditor by Peterborough City Council. This makes no difference to overall year end figures
3. It was proposed by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Long and unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Linc Drainage Company for £2898.00 to install land drains in the cemetery extension.
4. The Clerk had contacted 3 drainage companies but despite reminders on the Lincs Drainage Company responded

1145/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/01474/FUL For Proposed amalgamation of two cottages and extensions to form one dwelling at 71 And 72 The Causeway – permitted

17/01649/CTR Ash Tree 4469- Fell Elder Group A-Fell Ash Tree NT1-Fell Sycamore Tree NT2- Fell Elder Tree 4466- Fell at 2 Wisbech Road – permitted

17/01571/R4FUL and 17/ 01572 - Extended Gardens to a bungalow and Maple Cottage in Gas Lane - approved

17/01564/LBC For Replace two front and one side windows at 12 Whittlesey Road – approved

1146/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

16/02447/MMFUL Proposal: Extension to Pode Hole sand and gravel quarry, including retention of concrete batching plant and aggregate plant, with restoration using inert materials Site address:

Pode Hole Quarry The Causeway

17/01707/WCMM Proposal: Variation to Conditions 1 and 2 of Planning Permission

12/01899/WCMM, regarding changes to phasing and restoration Site address: Pode Hole Quarry The Causeway

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.

Planning Forum – Cllr Bevington explained the Local Plan (Site allocations) has been delayed in publication until early 2018 because of Government changes to the criterion.

Reduction 1500 houses overall for Peterborough area. Not achieving affordable housing quota.

1147/17-18 Burial Authority

Drainage – agreed under finance

1148/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village and near Park. Agreed Thorney Parish Council would pay for the bin. Peterborough City Councillors Brown has agreed the additional bin. It was also agreed that Thorney Parish Council would pay for a second bin if this was necessary.
More anti dog fouling notices will be displayed by Peterborough City Council.
3. Speed activated sign Wisbech Road beyond repair
4. Smithfield – Cllr Brooks unsure of the benefit of double yellow lines Sandpit Road/ Smithfield. Peterborough City Council to have them removed
5. Double yellow lines Abbey Place. Now installed. So long as people will respect the new road markings then visibility when exiting Church Street will be improved
6. House in Woburn Drive 33 where hedge in obstructing footpath

1149/17-18 Village Matters

Many footpaths are littered with various detritus (leaves, road gritting's, stones, etc).

Peterborough City Council to be asked if footpaths can be swept

1150/17-18 Allotments

1. Clerk wrote to Community Payback to ask if they could assist to clear some debris' – no reply from Community Service to second letter.
2. Builders rubble dumped at end of site
3. Possibility of vacant allotments being cleared by machine

1150/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Mr Vaughan - Amey's quote still higher than comparable costs obtained from other suppliers/installers. Peterborough City Council will take on maintenance on newly installed equipment

Funding application made to Mick George

Big lottery funding and other sources being looked at
Some donations from private companies.
Painting auction 28/29 October. Disco for children before Christmas.
31 March Easter parade in Park. 13 May Fund raising day.

1151/17-18 Correspondence

1152/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Update of allotment tenancy agreement and cemetery rules

1153/17-18 Any other business

Police seminar – Chairman explained the discussions. Speed-watch needs 3 volunteers. Chairman to highlight in next village magazine.

Councillor Wood said there is a system whereby wires are laid across the road that can monitor and record vehicle speed. These could be repositioned to give an indication where speed-watch would be most useful.

Request that PCSO for Rurals attend a meeting so that he can introduce himself.

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.00 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 13th November 2017 starting at 7pm