

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, N Simons, N. Potts, Mrs C Lewis,
A Bunyan

Peterborough City Councillor Nigel Simons, Richard Brown Steve Allen

4 members of the public

1374/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

K. Parrish, Mrs. D Halfhide

1375/18-19 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

1376/18-19 Declaration of vacancy caused by Miss Godley's resignation

Vacancy declared and application for membership to be advertised

1377/18-19 Public Discussion

Church Street area street nameplates - The name plates would be white on black and would have the appearance of being cast iron.

Plates would be sited at ground floor level (some are currently much higher) and those on posts would be secured to walls or buildings. See under finance for mandate

1378/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 September 2018 were confirmed and signed

1379/18-19 Matters arising from minutes

Covered elsewhere in minutes

1380/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – audit now completed

2. Bedford Hall working group – Steve Allen has had meeting with Mayor of combined authority who will support funding/grant applications but cannot provide any finance. Next meeting with Peterborough City Council 25th October

1381/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

Bench in Park – 2 suggested positions, new gym equipment on bend of footpath facing football pitches. Footpath position chosen

Woburn Drive development – height of play equipment reduced. Some delay in hard landscaping

Gate to Smithfield play area to be replaced.

Link to WW1 Life size Tommy to be circulated

1382/18-19 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Allotment rent 22	£30.00
Community contribution	£26.06
Community contribution	£1,030.00
reserve grave spaces E 452 and 457	£950.00
Reserve sanctum unit S 60	£550.00
Allotment rent 16	£30.00

Allotment rent 18 and 37	£60.00
Allotment rent 3 and 4	£60.00
Allotment rent 35	£30.00
Allotment rent 17,18,37	£60.00
Allotment rent 36	£30.00
Allotment rent 1, 2	£30.00
Allotment rent 12	£30.00
Allotment rent 38	£30.00
Allotment rent 5	£30.00
Peterborough City Councillors	£999.99

To approve the following paid in October

Salaries		£2992.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office, email and ISP payment		£70.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£553.01	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£847.10	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£84.06	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Payroll services	£86.40	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cemetery	Fuel	£63.22	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.
RTC Plant Services	Sundries	£31.60	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.
Salary	RFT Insurance	£211.46	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1
Inland Revenue		£136.78	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1
TVHMC	Parish Room cleaning	£240.00	Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s. 19
GD Services	Allotment clearance	£135.00	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26 & 42
RTC Plant Services	Sundry items	£57.93	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1
Lincs Drainage Co	Cemetery extension drainage	£3452.84	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1
Howsafe	Personal protection items	£145.07	Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992

1. To approve accounts for Payment – approved,

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
3. Mandate to match fund Architectural Heritage Fund Project Viability Grant – delayed to next meeting. Still awaiting some costing figures
4. Street signs around The Abbey – discussed in public discussion. A personal interest was declared by Councillor Bevington who took no part in the discussions. It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council will bank contributions from those people and organisations that have expressed interest to sponsor and contribute £100.41 (including of Vat) to the overall cost. Mr Richardson will organise
5. Heritage street lights around Abbey conservation area - discussed the large increase in the cost, notified by Peterborough City Council, of enhancing the street lights in the historic centre of the village. Peterborough City Council has notified us that the cost would now be £22,120.88 and not the original agreed amount of £10,450.00 This is because nine of the 11 light fittings due to receive embellishment are not capable of being fitted with the new equipment.
The Parish Council, The Thorney Society and many parishioners welcomed the news that the light fittings in the area of the Abbey, Church Street and Abbey Place could be enhanced during the programme to upgrade all light fittings in the village as part of the citywide project.
Thorney Parish Council is unable to fund this substantial increase in the cost, feel very let down by Peterborough City Council and believe that they should be responsible for funding the difference between the original and the increased cost.
6. Cemetery landscaping – it was agreed to purchase the grass seed for the cemetery at a total cost of £600

138318-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals

18/01243/HHFUL for Erection of rear extension at 16 Topham Crescent : Permitted

1384/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters

18/01550/CTR - Fell 4x Poplar trees and replace with 1 x Silver Birch and 1 x Hornbeam - 55A Wisbech Road - Thorney Parish Council have no objection to the felling of the 4 Poplar trees or to the two replacement trees.

We trust the replacement trees can be as mature and large as is reasonably practical.

18/01549/HHFUL 69 Station Road - Proposal: Ground floor side extension – no objection provided bricks and roof tiles match existing

PLANNING APPLICATION 18/01543/HHFUL - Single storey rear extension at 3 Beech Close, Unfortunately, Thorney Parish Council were not copied into a similar extension at the adjacent property (17/01463/HHFUL) by the City Council and were, therefore, unaware of it until it was constructed. Had we been aware of that application we may well have objected to it on the grounds of; over-development of a site in this location eliminating a small residential unit suitable for the elderly by making it into a family home. We have no objection to a family home being extended and improved but we are opposed to this smaller type of single storey residence being disproportionately added to. This would not be such a critical issue if the granting of planning approval for new developments was based on a greater proportion of the new homes being single storey and of a size suited to the elderly.

We are, therefore, of the opinion that this type of extension should not be permitted to this type of residence in this location.

We note that no pre-application advice has been sought for this application. It may be that the householder feels a precedent has been set and that their application should automatically meet with approval. We would object to a precedent being a reason for this application being approved. We object to an extension of this size having a flat roof in a residential area which typically has pitched, tiled roofs. However, one of our councillors makes the observation, should you be minded to permit this application, that the out-of-character flat roof would at least reduce the mass of this over-sized extension.

It may be true as per the application documents that this site is not visible from a public highway but the proposed extension will be. The previously approved and constructed extension (17/01463/HHFUL) is highly visible from Chestnut Drive and the same may well apply to this one.

The City Council requesting proposals for new sites for minerals or waste. This includes a site to the north of the A47 opposite Pode Hole which seems to extend back to the Bukehorn Road. These sites have not yet been accepted by the City Council but will be assessed by them against their criteria for this type of development. Thorney Parish Council has no objections at this Allocations stage to the proposed sand and gravel site. Thorney Parish Council letter to Peterborough City Council states our wish to register some items of concern;

1. As the Pasture House Farm quarry on the other side of the A47 has yet to become operational and there are extensive quarrying operations on the adjacent Pode Hole/Willow Hall Road site we have reservations about the additional heavy goods traffic that an additional quarry would generate, either onto the A47 to the south of the site or Bukehorn Road to the north.

We would like details about the direction of traffic flow, number of in/out journeys per day and how safe passage will be ensured onto either the main road of the A47 or the back road of Bukehorn. We would like an estimate of the number of additional lorries that may pass through the rural village of Thorney each day as we are of the opinion that we are already on the very limits of what is acceptable in this respect. This is particularly the case as the vehicles used seem to be getting larger and heavier. As many of these vehicles pass through the historic centre of the village we would, therefore, require that Peterborough City Council carry out vibration checks in order that we can be given guarantees that the passage of these vehicles will not undermine the stability of the buildings in this area. We believe development of this quarry will result in additional heavy, noisy and speeding traffic in a generally quiet residential area and this would be unacceptable.

2. We recognise that there are only a few residences in the vicinity of the proposed site but we trust any assessment of the suitability of the site will take account of them in respect of noise, smell, dust, fugitive emissions etc.

3. We assume working hours on the quarry site will be restricted so that there is no working during unsociable hours

4. We trust the processing plant can be discreetly located to minimise its 'industrial' looking impact on a rural landscape.

5. We assume that comprehensive archaeological surveys will be conducted as part of any planning application.

6. We regret the loss of trees on the Pasture House Farm site and trust, if this should be the case on the proposed site, that replacement trees, will be a requirement of any planning approval.

7. The Parish is very keen to extend the existing cycle way in the direction of Eye alongside the A47 and would hope that some levy could be imposed upon the development to fund this.

8. We also believe, if it does not already exist that, rather like a residential development, a levy similar to CIL should be imposed upon a quarry development from which the Parish in which the quarry is located benefits from a percentage being paid to them.

1385/18-19 Burial Authority

Drainage contractors completed work on extension. Clerk has altered position of drainage pipes so that less topsoil is needed and the gravel in the drainage pipe trenches filled to top to provide "French Drain" facilities as well as below surface drainage. "French drains" across the site to link the new drainage system may be needed.

Letter concerning ground condition in cemetery where red horse chestnut tree was felled.
Chairman to reply

1386/18-19 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.

2. The Causeway – road sinking badly near garden centre and near southern roundabout.
Station Road depression is also sinking again

3. Whittlesey Road from Hill Farm towards Whittlesey now has dangerous areas that have sunk and road split

Chairman and Peterborough City Councillor Allen to liaise with Peterborough City Council highways

1387/18-19 Allotments

Chairman and Clerk have inspected the allotments and debris dumped at end covered by nettles. Arrangements have been made to have these strimmed and then sprayed off so that a correct assessment of dumped material can be ascertained

1388/18-19 Village Matters

Kingsline Close – gates are too rotten to be painted and need extensive repair - ongoing

New notice board – ongoing

Inspection of the village signs after reports of rot found, only one sign in reasonable condition.

Existing signs can be copied and made of a different material, could cost upto £15000.

Alternative suggestions to be investigated

Suggestion that Thorney Parish Council should purchase one of the life-size Tommy silhouettes being sold to raise funds for service charities. Agreed in principle – details to be emailed around for members observation.

1389/18-19 Youth Activity in the Village

Faults on equipment to be rectified and Peterborough City Council inspection to be requested

1390/18-19 Facebook Posts

Comment given. Some posts replied to. Another member moderator appointed. Parish Council member vacancy to be advertised.

1391/18-19 Correspondence

Letter concerning ground condition in cemetery where red horse chestnut tree was felled

1392/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1393/18-19 Any other business

Increase in fly tipping in rural areas – free tipping to be available when new site in Peterborough is open

Lane between Smithfield and Sandpit Road will be maintained by Mrs Lewis

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 8.40 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 12 November 2018 starting at 7pm