

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: J Brooks, P Rands, Mrs D Halfhide, D Jones Mrs Sheldrake

Peterborough City Councillors Richard Brown

0 members of the public.

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

724/15-16 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D. J Buddle, Mrs M Long, R Bevington

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders

725/15-16 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

726/15-16 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2015

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 July were confirmed and signed

727/15-16 Matters arising from minutes

Accuracy of June minutes – Mrs Turner has stated that her sound recording of the June meeting does not indicate that Mr Turner “continued to accuse Councillor Simons of various acts of aggression, dishonesty, lying and noise abuse” as stated in the minutes. It was agreed to leave the minute as written.

728/15-16 Public Participation and discussion

729/15-16 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report and discussion with Inspector Kieran Mylchreest 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”. Unfortunately the Inspector was called to an emergency and could not attend.
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – heating controls being investigated to be more tamper proof and radiator switches need investigating.
3. Response from Simon Webber – ongoing

730/15-16 Report from City Councillors

Councillor Brown asked Mr Lewis about Community centres. Chairman said that a meeting had been held – there would be no extra funding for school building, Peterborough City Council wishes for pre-school playgroup to relocate to school premises.

Survey to be carried out on Bedford Hall. General discussion on the use of Bedford hall and the workshops.

731/15-16 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

J G Cross	Memorials	£110.00
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Anglia Coop	Inter Mrs Pywell	£55.00
John Lucas	Inter Mr Limb	£55.00
Peterborough City Council	2 nd instalment precept	
	Burial Ground	£10687.50

Peterborough City Council	2 nd instalment precept Recreation Grounds	£1500.00
Peterborough City Council	2 nd instalment precept Parish	£20355.00

The following were paid in August and September
The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Lincs Proficiency tests	Pesticides examination	002043	£137.00
Anglian Water	Water charges	002044	£77.17
Colemans of Peterborough	Printer paper	002045	£67.96
Mr A E Hovell	Anti-virus software Thorney Post Computer	002046	£69.99

It is interesting to note that Precept money from Peterborough City Council is now designated differently stating 2nd instalment precept Burial Ground, 2nd instalment precept Recreation Grounds, 2nd instalment precept Parish

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed
3. Fence repair at Cemetery – Mr Harding, who installed the Sanctum units, quoted £494 for the fence repair at the far end of the Cemetery. It was proposed by Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Rands and unanimously agreed to accept the quote for the fence repair
4. External Audit report – no comments again

732/15-16 Planning Approvals and Refusals
15/000866 75 Wisbech Road – extension - approved
15/00212 Corner Farm Cottage 14 Wisbech Road – approved

733/15-16 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

15/01227 Tree works Duke of Bedford School, Thorney - no objections

15/01320 Abbey Place 4 – alterations and repairs to front window – no objections

14/01780 55 Wisbech Road – new cottage style dwelling – appeal to Secretary of State

15/00003/SCOP for Scoping opinion request at Land at Pasture House Farm, The Causeway, Thorney – mineral extraction – request this application goes before Committee as Thorney Parish Council is opposed to exit and entrance to the site is from Willow Hall Lane

15/01234/REM Application for Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for the outline application for up to 80 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access pursuant to planning permission 13/00951/OUT At Land To The South Of Woburn Drive –

Councillor Bevington wrote on behalf off Thorney Parish Council to Mr Tatt, Highways Engineer, Peterborough City Council, “On behalf of residents local to the development of land to the south of Woburn Drive in Thorney we would be grateful if you give the attached Thorney Parish Council document your consideration.

We are not opposed to the development of this site but we do feel there should be some forward thinking by the City Council in respect of probable further development of land on this side of the village. There is clearly the opportunity for a new road linking areas of development which could, in the long-term, overcome the need for Woburn Drive as an access road.

In this respect we would welcome an arrangement of dwellings on the Woburn site that makes possible a future road connection to the site on its eastern flank which, at present, the current layout does not achieve.

He also wrote to the Planning Officer stating “We recognise that this recent application is to deal with Reserve Matters but we wish to re-confirm our concerns over the use of Woburn Drive as the only means of access to this site (Parish Council’s letter to City Council dated 25 March 2013). We had hoped, in respect of the new access road proposed as part of the development of the adjacent Sandpit Road site, that the potential for this road to link with the Woburn Site would have been more fully considered by the developer of that site. We feel that such a link could, in the long term, allow the elimination of Woburn Drive as the means of access to the Woburn site other than, perhaps, as a means of emergency access. It is a great shame that the Woburn Site proposals seem to indicate a localised, self-contained enclave of housing that pretty much ignores, by the nature of it's layout, the possibility of future development on any of it's boundaries (other than, that is, the commercial ransom strips that we understand are being retained at those boundaries). Piecemeal, inward-looking planning of this kind cannot be in the best interests of the City Council's obligations to provide good, well-planned

and fully considered residential development. It would seem appropriate that a fundamental strategy for infrastructure for development on the south side of Thorney was put in place if the best solutions for this area are to be achieved. One of the main aspects of this could be a road that links any new development in this area. The new road proposed as part of the Sandpit Site development would be an ideal starting point for such a road. It would provide access from the Wisbech Road to any new development in this area with the possibility of an eventual connection across to the Whittlesey Road. It would seem short-sighted if this was not given proper consideration at this stage. We are not clear otherwise as to the real need for the new road at the Sandpit site. We would like to suggest that the pair of residential units immediately to the south of the lake on the Woburn Site are eliminated in order that clear provision is made in this location for the possibility of a future road connection to the site to the east. We are not arguing against development of this site but we feel strongly that it ought to take account of what may, in the future, take place adjacent to its boundaries. We would be grateful for the City Council's response to the above comments.

734/15-16 Burial Authority

Review of fees – fees from cemeteries in rural areas around Peterborough circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Jones seconded by Councillor Rands and unanimously agreed to implement the following charges:

Interments

a. Under 12	foc
b. all others	£150.00
c. Cremated remains	£150.00

Exclusive Right of Burial

a. 9X4 Grave	£400.00
b. Cremated remains	£250.00
c. Sanctum Unit	£550.00
d. 6X4 Grave for cremated remains	£550.00

Monuments

a. Flat stone 12"X12"	£125.00
b. Headstone (not exceeding 3 ft)	£125.00
c. Vase	£50.00
d. Additional Inscription	£40.00
e. Wall plaque	£156.00

Maintenance

a. Interred site	£75.00
b. Cremated site	£75.00

Search Fee	£20.00
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Double fees for non-Parish Residents that had association with Thorney within the last 5 years. Quadruple fees for association outside this time limit. Peterborough City Council rates apply for all other applications

Cemetery extension – it was agreed that the Clerk should begin the process of acquiring land for a cemetery extension in Whittlesey Road. This is a long drawn out process that could take several years. The Clerk explained the procedure that was required for a cemetery.

735/15-16 Roads and Footpaths

1 Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.

2. B1040 and other backroads from Crowland area

Councillor Sanders emails from partners in Lincolnshire explained. It seems now that there is now a cross boarder appetite to progress the weight limit that will benefit the citizens in both Peterborough and Lincolnshire. He has asked Mr Tebb to contact his counterparts in Lincolnshire, to start the ball rolling.

3. Street signs in Village for removal?

4. Station Road roundabout – damage needs repairing after vehicle accident – Clerk to chase HA.

736/15-16 Allotments

1. Best allotment this year was one of the two tenanted by Mr and Mrs Molesworth
2. Review of fees – because of the vacancies we have agreed to leave at present rental

737/15-16 Village Matters

1. Children's play equipment in Park fenced off for repair

738/15-16 Correspondence

New Government rules means that £75,000 is now guaranteed in Bank should Bank collapse.
Previously £85,000

739/15-16 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Wrydecroft Wind Farm representation – Councillor Brooks volunteered to be Thorney Parish Council representative.

723/15-16 Any other business

Heritage open day Sunday 13th September
Parish Council Liaison meeting 9th September

741/15-16 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 12th October starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.21pm