

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Bedford Hall then Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 3 September 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, Mrs. D Halfhide, P. Murphy, J Rowe, J Brooks, Mrs. L Sheldrake

Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders and D McKean

Miss Amelie Trespass, Indigo, Mr. O Seward, REG Wind Farms

8 members of the public

82/12-13 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D. J Buddle, Mrs. S Selby, J Bellamy, E. Gee, PCSO Pokhun

83/12-13 To receive declarations of interest

Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda – none

84/12-13 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 and 18 July 2012

Minutes of the Council meeting held of 9 and 18 July were confirmed and signed

85/12-13 Matters arising from minutes

1. Mr. Jary liaising with Mr. Shirley to repair and repaint the Village signs – also the seat in the cemetery. Some work has already been completed

86/12-13 Public Participation

Ms. Trespass and Mr. Seward said construction of 2 wind turbines with existing planning permissions would start in 2013. Bus trips had been arranged to nearby sites.

Ms. Trespass explained the feedback that had been received from the open days and site visits. The information can be viewed at www.frenchfarmwindfarm.co.uk

Mr. Seward said REG puts £4000 per MW of installed capacity per year into a local Community Fund and favoured this approach rather than a section 106 agreement that would go into central funds.

Councillor Bevington explained the general Thorney Parish Council view and the fear that Thorney will be surrounded by wind turbines.

Mr. Seward said planning applications for additional turbines would be early 2013 with construction possibly later that year or early the next. A costly appeal process against a planning rejection would impact on the Community Fund that would possibly have to be shared with other adjacent Parishes. Some contributions can be made upfront to finance major projects.

Mr. Turner asked how the community fund would help those most affected by construction and proximity. Mr. Seward said that clearer communication can be made with a view to helping those affected.

Mr. Cave - The first planning permission was granted in 1999 for 2 turbines and minor works were started, planning permission extended and allowed extra height on appeal in 2012.

He questioned the green credentials as construction produced more greenhouse gasses than was saved by wind generation. Also “nuisance” and highlighted recent claim at Deeping St James where the turbines were 1000m from the premises. If the 1000m distance was adhered to in Thorney there could be no units erected.

Mrs. Boswoth – how many people who lived close to the proposed turbines supported them. Ms. Trespass to liaise directly to answer.
 REG are in discussion with Highways concerning access as stability of French Drove has been questioned. Mr. Saward said that wind farms are situated where the landscape is advantageous to wind generation
 £48 per household per year is paid to the Government in “green tax” each year.
 Generally around £10000 per year is paid for land rental.

87/12-13 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report – Between 25th-28th August diesel stolen from vehicle parked on site on Station Road, overnight 27th August theft of GPS systems from tractors parked overnight Northside Thorney, overnight 27th August - theft of two GPS systems from tractors parked overnight on farm Thorney Dyke
 Speed control carried out in Whittlesey Road
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Sheldrake – plan to replace lino in main hall early next year
3. Neighbourhood Committee – Councillor Brooks – next meeting 19th September

88/12-13 Report from City Councillors

Community Infrastructure Levy – lists of requirements to Peterborough City Council before 24th September – must be evidence based
 Proposal for CIL to be split between central Peterborough City Council and Neighbourhood Councils
 Woburn Drive/Wisbech Road – camera has detected underground drain damaged

89/12-13 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Fenland Stonemasons	Memorial Mr. Duguid	£115.00
Mr and Mrs Jary	Reserve space	£200.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr. Allen	£50.00
HM Revenue and Customs	VAT Refund	£3327.19
J G Cross	Memorial Mr. Brown	£50.00
Fenland Stonemasons	Memorial Mr. Duguid	£80.00

The following were paid out of meeting:-

Howsafe	Pistol grip litter picker	£39.00
Mr. Jary	Repair village signs	£537.00
Grounds Maintenance Services	Cut Abbey Lawns	£144.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Postage, travel, telephone	001871	£64.15
Cancelled		001872	£0.00
Mr. J Brooks	Keys for Parish Room	001873	£12.50
Glazewing	Skip at cemetery	001874	£83.72
Mr. A E Hovell	Compost bin for cemetery	001875	£58.50
Columbaria Co	Memorial Mr. Hilliard	001876	£90.00
Anglian Water	Water cemetery and allotments	001877	£171.26
Coleman's Stationers	Paper and clip board	001878	£20.97

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – bank statements not yet received
3. Agree use of Neighbourhood Committee Contribution and CLF contribution
 Put money towards footpaths extensions in Thorney Park

Use the money to purchase land for a cemetery extension or sanctum units .

It was proposed by Councillor Sheldrake seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that the money should be used for extension to Sanctum area 20 units at £290 + vat each and delivery gives a total cost of £7056 for materials and then installations costs

90/12-13 Planning Approvals and Refusals

12/00958 15 Chestnut Drive – loft conversion - approved

91/12-13 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

12/01253/FUL For Installation of two micro scale wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades) at Little Knarr Forge Wisbech Road – Peterborough City Council refused the last application because: "The two proposed wind turbines at 17.8 metres in height to blade tip, will be sited 44.2 kilometres from, in line of sight to, and will cause unacceptable interference to the ATC radar at RAF Cottesmore. Wind turbines have been shown to have detrimental effects upon MOD ATC radar. These effects include desensitisation of the radar in the vicinity of the turbines and the creation of 'false' aircraft which controllers must treat as real. Furthermore, the desensitisation may also result in aircraft not being detected by the radar and therefore presented to controllers. This would result in a harmful impact upon aviation safety and be contrary to Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy (2004) which states: Paragraph 25 of PPS22

...It is the responsibility of developers to address any potential impacts, taking account of Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defence and Department for Transport guidance in relation to radar and aviation, and the legislative requirements on separation distances, before planning applications are submitted. Local Planning Authorities should satisfy themselves that such issues have been addressed before considering planning applications". This application is no different to the last and Thorney Parish Council can see no reason why this permission should be granted when the previous one was refused and in any case our standard objections apply.

12/01299/HHFUL For Replacement of the 4 rear windows with aluminium windows as the specifications supplied at 184 Wisbech Road – no objections provided it complies with SPD

92/12-13 Burial Authority

Methodist Chapel will be closed because of floor collapse. It is too expensive for Methodists to repair so building will be sold for other purposes.

War memorial plaque – suggested relocation to Bedford Hall

93/12-13 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting – faults reported by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Speed cameras Wisbech Road. Consensus of opinion from members was that the two should be left at the entrance to the village on the Causeway and Wisbech Road and the 2 from the centre repositioned in Station Road and Whittlesey Road – AND all should be in working order.
3. Hedge in Woburn Drive still restricting footpath – occupant asked to cut back
4. Carriageway maintenance by Peterborough City Council on The Causeway, Old Knarr Fen Drove and Knar Fen Road
5. Contact details are needed from Peterborough City Council as to whom to contact when hedges adjoining footpaths impede the footpath width.

94/12-13 Allotments

1. Judging of allotments 18th July – winner was Mr Patman on plot 20
2. Clerk has spoken to Mr. John Harris, Lodge Farm, Black Drove, and he is agreeable to Thorney Parish Council either levelling off the surface on the existing road across the grass field or diverting the road around the western and northern boundary. It was agreed to keep the existing route and ask Mr. Harlock if he can level the area.

95/12-13 Village Matters

1. 36 bus travelling along Park Crescent – to ask Stagecoach Manager to attend next meeting.
2. Community Action Plan – under the Localism Act all costs now have to be borne by Parish Council

96/12-13 Correspondence

1. Code of Conduct 2012 from new Localism Act – forms from Parish Liaison meeting at Peterborough City Council
2. Email from Mrs. Fletcher asking for a footpath along English Drove towards the golf club. Mrs. Fletcher expanded on her ideas and this will be placed on the list for Community Infrastructure Levy
3. Parish Council Conference 23 October at Kingsgate Centre Parnwell
4. Letter of thanks from Thorney Running Club for use of Parish room
5. Letter concerning electric bicycles for rural communities
6. Invitation to NLIDB open day on Wednesday 10 October – Councillors Brooks and Rowe wished to attend
7. New external auditors confirmed as Littlejohn LLP based in London

97/12-13 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Abbey Graveyard maintenance

98/12-13 Any other business

Heritage open day 8-10th September

Peterborough City Council proposals for energy park – meeting at golf club 4th September

99/12-13 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 8th October 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm