

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 1 September 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: R Bevington, P Rands, Mrs M Long, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs L Sheldrake, J Brooks, Peterborough City Councillor R Brown and D Sanders. PCSO Pokhum

2 member of the public

536/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence

D. J Buddle, Mrs. S Selby, PCSO Mary Webber,

537/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

538/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 July 2014

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2014 were confirmed and signed

539/14-15 Matters arising from minutes

1. Councillor Sanders liaising with Peterborough City Council concerning problems of getting grass cut in several areas in Thorney. These are near Borrow Pit (the other side of the hedge), the footpath towards Pode Hole and the junction of Bukehorn Road (B1443) and Station Road (B1040).
2. Peterborough City Council to re-look at solar panel economics

540/14-15 Coop to fill vacancies on Thorney Parish Council

1. Agree Cooption. Applications to join Thorney Parish Council had been received from Mr. Simons, Mr. Ogden, Mr Jones and Mrs Frayne.

540/14-15 Public Participation

Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11 November – school to attend and students will present a remembrance plaque on the memorial

American war memorial – duplicate plaque to be made and placed on Bedford Hall

522/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Crime report presented by PCSO Pokhum – 42 calls to service and 11 crimes (criminal damage, theft, burglary, class A drugs seizure, vehicle crime, domestic oil theft)
2. Bedford Hall Management Committee –
3. Meeting with Peterborough City Council concerning grass cutting in village – met with Chris Jackson – very helpful meeting. Areas highlighted that needed additional maintenance have been done
4. Meeting with Lee Moore concerning footpaths and hedges in village – meeting 2nd September
5. Pode Hole Quarry – minutes circulated. Request to be made that open day occurs in 2015 as it did not in 2014

543/14-15 Report from City Councillors

Wisbech Road bins – now cleared from footpath. Thanks to Councillor Brown

544/14-15 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Grounds Maintenance Services	Mow Abbey Lawns, Strim graveyard, allotment clearance	£482.00
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Mr. A Hovell	Travel, postage, telephone (May-August)	£76.60
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£360.00
Britannia Fire and Security	Parish Lawnmower store security	£390.70
Grounds Maintenance Services	Mow Abbey Lawns, Strim graveyard,	£280.00
Mr. A Hovell	Trees for cemetery	£159.69
Mr. A Hovell	Anti-virus renewal	£69.99

2. Monthly bank reconciliation and bank mandate to pay Glazewing by Direct Debit for skip at cemetery – signed
3. Repairs to Bedford Hall Clock. After discussion concerning the historic value of the clock it was proposed by Councillor Sheldrake seconded by Councillor Bevington and unanimously agreed that the clock should be repaired at a cost of £1941. Chairman of Bedford Hall Committee said that the Bedford Hall Management Committee would contribute to the repair cost
4. Meeting with RES – wind farm community fund. Questions raised at recent meeting circulated. These include examples of how a community fund could be used. Further meeting to be held. The 5km radius from the site for the Local Discount Scheme should be extended to cover the whole of the village of Thorney. The fund will be administered by Cambridgeshire Community Association.
5. Grounds Maintenance Services quotation of works schedule, Public Liability Insurance and H & S policy documents – circulated and agreed
6. External Auditor report – external auditor report signed with no comments

At this point Councillor Halfhide joined the meeting

545/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals

- 13/00951 Outline application for upto 80 dwellings – land South Woburn Drive - approved
 14/00588 Willow Cottage, 1 Lordship End, French Drove – change of use from student accommodation to domestic use – approved
 14/01182 81 Wisbech Road – replacement garage - approved

546/14-15 Planning Applications and other matters

1. Planning applications

14/01350 140 Wisbech Road - replacement 3 windows - no objection
 14/01464 Thorney Park – various tree works – no objection
 14/01367 30 Wisbech Road - Re-roof main property and outbuilding; reposition stud walls in kitchen to form WC and form stud wall in back bedroom to create bathroom and single bedroom – no objection
 14/01290 Gas Lane – 5 dwellings – no objection
 14/01400 Willow Hall Farm Quarry – new road over Willow Hall Lane – no objections
 14/01375 Land To The Rear of Barsby Cooked Meats Northey Road - Retrospective retention of two touring caravans, siting of one new static caravan with facilities block and relocation of existing stables – Thorney Parish Council object to this proposal. Works may interfere with archaeological remains, is in a flood area and note to be taken of past planning refusals for similar developments in this area. Development would be against standard CS9 of the Core Strategy as it is not close to shops or schools. Thorney Parish Council request this application go before Committee if planning officer is minded to approve.
 14/01532/FUL and 14/01533/LBC 5 Abbey Place - Change of use from retail to residential. Building to be retained exactly as is with very minor changes of removing one internal wall, wall mounted post and wall mounted sign – no objection
 14/01550/HHFUL 71 Station Road - Demolition of existing garage and rebuild single storey garage – no objection
2. Community Emergency Plan. Draft information concerning this circulated. Explained at last Parish Liaison meeting. Further meetings with Peterborough City Council to formulate Parish inclusion
3. Customer forum – 9th September. Councillors Bartlett and Bevington to attend

547/14-15 Burial Authority

Trees ordered as agreed at cemetery inspection in June

548/14-15 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street light – report by Councillor Bartlett.
2. Councillor Long asked if there were plans for any roads in Lincolnshire that were to be modified/upgraded to allow access for the wind turbine construction. Chairman to contact Lincs County Council. Circulated information from Wryde Croft Windfarm says access will be via A47 and New Cut.
3. Footpath from garden centre upto west bypass roundabout impassable because of weed growth. Corner Buke Horn Road/Station road overgrown and needs cutting. Meeting with Chris Jackson dealt with this and area to be reassessed.

549/14-15 Allotments

1. Best allotment – Mr Mark Peel, 17 Kingsline Close
 2. Over grown allotments and future inspection/action policy – it was proposed that unkept allotments should be controlled and maintained by Thorney Parish Council if tenants default on their obligations. Agreed not to do this but in extreme cases tenancy will be terminated.
- Notice to be placed advertising vacant allotments

550/14-15 Village Matters

1. Overhanging hedge 35 Wisbech Road – Hedge partly cut back. Lee Moore has helped in this matter
2. Football club said their matches are to be played at Parson Drove because the facilities at Thorney are not up to football league standards
3. Children's Centres – school forming a contract with Peterborough City Council. Discussions ongoing
4. American flag (triangular shaped) in a presentation case, and American flag (folded the same). Councillor Brooks declared an interest. Agreed to display in entrance lobby of Bedford Hall after handing to Royal British Legion.
5. Footpaths in Park - New footpaths in Park should be started in Autumn

551/14-15 Correspondence

552/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Update Bank Mandate after new Councillors co-opted

553/14-15 Any other business

Potted oak tree from Mrs Underhay to be planted in Cemetery
Anti dog fouling notices and bins needed at eastern end of village
Trees between Kingsline Close and Chestnut Drive removed
Greater attendance at museum this year

554/14-15 Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 13 October 2014 starting at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.40