

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor: J E G Bartlett

Councillors: P Rands, J Brooks, R Bevington, , Mrs. M Long, D Jones, N. Potts, D. J Buddle
K. Parrish, R. Wood

Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown and D Sanders

1 member of the public

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

929/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Mrs. D Halfhide, N Simons, Peterborough City Councillors Steve Allen

930/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations

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

931/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2016

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

932/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

Internet connection in Bedford Hall now operational thanks to Councillor Potts

933/16-17 Public Discussion

Concern that rubbish is being burnt and polluting the air in English Drove. – Resident to
complain to Peterborough City Council.

934/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

- Crime report. No Police presence. – Bukehorn Rd, Eye – attempted burglary to some outbuildings. A blue Ford Transit van was seen in the area at the time and this is being investigated.
- Scolding Drove, Thorney – shed burgled and tools stolen including a STIHL chainsaw and attempt to steal mower.
- Wisbech Rd, Thorney – two thefts from vehicles reported and index plates from both were stolen.
- Park Crescent, Thorney – distraction burglary involving 3 males who turned up at the address to carry out gardening work. One of the males gained access to the house and stole a large amount of money. A light blue Rover vehicle was seen in the area at the time and investigations are ongoing. Elderly lady is extremely traumatised by this crime.
- Park Crescent, Thorney – theft of a black Yamaha motorcycle. Two males seen wheeling the bike away in the early hour of the morning but the bike has not been located. It was later used in another crime.
- Richard Taylor from Cambs Police writes "My name is Rich and I have been the lead for the CCTV/ANPR van that covers all of Peterborough and outskirts, Inspector Andy Bartlett has asked me to make contact with all, with the view of meeting you at some point and finding out any issues or anything causes alarm and distress within the community you live in. The plan is I would like to become the first point of contact with issues, we are hoping by the end of October / November 2016 to have two new state of the art CCTV/ANPR vans to join the current van we have use off. Also you may or may not be aware with are to be

given casa accredited powers by our Chief Constable.
Suggested that pavilion in the Park would be a good location

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – Discussion concerning CCTV and Hive central heating control delayed until report from Peterborough City Council concerning Bedford Hall published. Councillor Brooks explained who the officers of the committee were

2. Post Office “desk” – Post Office Breakdown in service Wednesday 31 August. Clerk received some complaints that desk was not operation but they did not know this before going to the room. Intermittent broadband access is causing problems.

The access ramp we have is not manageable by one person. Suggested Mobility Stanground may be able to offer an alternative.

Councillor Jones expressed concern at the lone working by the post office staff and that they may be vulnerable to theft. Clerk to speak to Postmistress and if necessary invite to next meeting

935/16-17 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Brown is dealing with complaints from Orchard Court residents about burning of rubbish and cars parking on footpath at the car sales in The Causeway. He suggested complaints about fires be passed to Environmental Department at Peterborough City Council when the fires are burning so that they can investigate

Councillor Bevington to contact planning enforcement concerning the car sales site and enquire if they are breaking planning policy

Councillor Wood asked Councillor Sanders if a speed limit could be placed on traffic going to and from the building site in Woburn Drive. Councillor Sanders explained the process for traffic speed control

936/16-17 Finance

1. To note income and approve Payments

Income

HMRC	Vat refund	£860.49
Mr/Mrs Spridgeon Mr/Mrs brown	Reserve grave spaces	£1,900.00
HE Bull and Son	Inter Mrs Jary	£150.00

The following were paid in August and September

Mr. B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£59.17
Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£47.14

Payments

Cambs Acre	Payroll services	002078	£64.80
Anglian Water	Water charges allotments	002079	£57.21
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Sundry Items	Bacs	£7.75

2. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

3. Provision of flail mower – the grass cutting attachment to the Stiga mower can be removed and a flail attachment added. Mason Mowers have quoted between £1500 and £2000 for this. It would make keeping the untenanted allotments much easier to manage. Mr Lucken believes a self-propelled hand machine would be better as this could also be used in the Churchyard. Agreed to investigate self-propelled hand machine
4. Community Fund Applications – none so far

937/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

16/01136/FUL - For Change of use from agricultural field to cemetery at Thorney Cemetery Whittlesey Road - approved

16/00780/FUL for Construction of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling at Land To The Rear Of 8 And 9 Church Street - approved

16/01274/CTR – For Fell Holly tree at Thorney Abbey Church of St Mary And St Botolph The Green – approved

16/01171 land adjacent 39-41 Station Road –approval relating to access, appearance, landscaping for proposed 9 dwellings - reserved matters

16/01413/CTR Epicormic removal of Lime tree as per schedule at The Green – approved

938/16-17 Planning Applications and other matters

Recent planning forum – Councillor Bevington explained the items discussed

Following a query by a resident in Willow Hall lane concerning Pasture House Farm proposed quarry Mr Jones writes

1) Regarding the Implementation Issues in the Minerals and waste Site Specific Proposals DPD; you will note that the bullet points are prefaced with the phrase "The following will need to be addressed within a planning application:" There are two sub issues here; (i) the applicant will say they have addressed the issue of access by presenting a range of alternatives and it is for the planning authority to determine the application as submitted, and (ii) it has been established that the implementation issues within the SSP DPD are not to be regarded as policy (this was established at an appeal hearing for another site in Peterborough).

2) The application has to be considered because it is a valid planning application - a recommendation will be made to committee who will then make a decision (i.e. the process of determining the application has to be followed).

3) I am seeking further clarification from Highways England regarding the comments they are reported as having made to the applicant prior to the application being made (i.e. within the "Consideration of Alternatives" section of Part 1 of the Environmental Statement. I will report back following clarification from Highways England.

4) The current proposal is not seeking to impose any restrictions on traffic movements in and out of Willow Hall Lane, turning left or right, rather, it has been emphasised that quarry traffic will only typically need to be turning left. I have previously sought clarification on this matter from both PCC Highways and Highways England, and there is no requirement to impose any restrictions on which way any traffic could turn out of Willow Hall Lane.

5) As per response 3, I am seeking further clarification from Highways England regarding any pre-application discussions they may have had with the applicant regarding the consideration of alternatives.

a) I understand that the intention behind the 'no access to Willow Hall Lane' issue was due to the Lane forming part of the Green Wheel. You'll note that as part of the application a footpath / cycleway is to be

provided alongside the Lane for the length of the improvement works (i.e. alongside Pasture House plantation).

b) I note your objections, but would request that for clarity you submit a separate representation (this correspondence will go on file, but we file representations separately - as this helps ensure that you are registered correctly on the system, and acknowledgements, committee invitations etc are sent out properly).

c) I would highlight that presently there are no restrictions on any vehicles turning right into Willow Hall Lane / onto the A47 at this junction.

d) Traffic turning right - the application highlights (in Part 8 - Transport Assessment) that "the majority of construction work is within Peterborough, as are the major transport corridors including the A1 etc" as the basis for the majority of traffic turning left out of the quarry over its lifetime. Looking at the expected scale and distribution of growth set out in the Peterborough Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPD's I would not disagree.

e) Neither the Local Highways Authority or Highways England have indicated that a 'left turn only' restriction would be required. At Section 6.13 (Part 8 Transport Assessment) the applicant explains the intention to impose a left turn only on their drivers. There is no explicit planning requirement for left turn only at the neighbouring Pode Hole quarry - though the operator does impose this on their drivers.

939/16-17 Burial Authority

Fencing and drainage of cemetery extension – agreed to obtain costs for fencing and drainage

940/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Wisbech Road “bottleneck” near Park entrance – still to hear from Mr Tebb. Mr Tebb to be asked for update
3. Weight limit B1040 - Legal Order will come into effect on the 5 September 2016, an instruction has been sent to our contractors to erect the relevant signs.
4. Dairy Drove – tree growth causing road surface to have severe undulations
5. Church Street and The Green – road surface now completed
6. Peterborough City Council consultation on extending the yellow lines Abbey Place/Church Street to aid sight line of cars exiting Church Street
7. Some areas of the verge in English Drove have not been cut – Chairman liaising with Peterborough City Council
8. Woburn Drive – road and footpath surface deteriorating from use by vehicles go to and from the building site. Lee Moore to be asked for the annual village “walk” and a separate inspection in the Woburn Drive area.

941/16-17 Village Matters

1. Seats in bus shelter – awaiting cost from Mr Shirley
2. Footpath repair The Green – awaiting cost from Mr Shirley
3. CCTV Bedford Hall – Councillor Potts explained the quotation that he had received. Decision to delay until report by Peterborough City Council concerning Bedford Hall published
4. Portacabin in the Park – still being vandalised and suggestion it may be in use for drug activities. Chairman liaising with Councillor Allen
5. Tavistock Close access to Park. No reinstatement has yet been carried out after the ground works many months ago. The Clerk did make this an official complaint to Peterborough City Council but still no rectifications of the area. City Councillors to be asked to help

942/16-17 Allotments

Mr Patman was this year's allotment winner

943/16-17 Correspondence

Invitation to NLIDB Open Day – Councillors Brooks, Jones and Wood to attend

944/16-17 Thorney Parish Council Equal Opportunities Policy

The circulated policy was agreed

945/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

946/16-17 Any other business

47 Park Close – weeds still a problem

Chairman attended USAF memorial at crash site. American air force grateful for the maintenance Thorney Parish Council carries out on the site

947/16-17

Date of next meeting

Meeting of the Parish Council 10th October 2016 starting at 7pm. The meeting closed 8.10pm