

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney
on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, N. Potts, K. Parrish, N. Simons, R. Bevington, A Bunyan, A Butt, Ms S Godley, J. Brooks

Peterborough City Councillor Richard Brown and Nigel Simons

11 members of the public, Mr Buddle, Rose Homes

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

Chairman and others congratulated Nigel Simons on his election to Peterborough City Council

1118/17-18 To receive and approve apologies for absence,

Mrs. D Halfhide, R. Wood, Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen

1119/17-18 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

1120/17-18 Coop new Member to Thorney Parish Council

Ms Samantha Godley introduced herself and her hopes for the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Ms Godley who then signed the declaration of acceptance and passed these to the Clerk

1121/17-18 Public Discussion

Thorney Lakes. Discussed but minuted under planning

1122/17-18 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 July 2017

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th July were confirmed and signed

1123/17-18 Matters arising from minutes

1124/17-18 Matters for Information and Reports

Crime report – no crime report produced for August

Bedford Hall Management Committee – meeting 19 September

Bedford Hall working group - meeting with Caroline Rowen 13 September

Group members will be Jeff Bellamy (Chair Bedford Hall Committee), John Bartlett, Russ Bevington, Tony Hovell

1125/17-18 Report from City Councillors.

Councillor Brown and Councillor Allen – Nigel Simons has replaced David Sanders as our City Councillor

Cllr Brown dealing with overgrown garden in Station Road. He and Cllr Simons, to chase contribution to seats in bus stop from their fund

1126/17-18 Finance

The following was received in August

Community Project		£260.00
J G Cross	Memorial	£125.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Inter Mr Allan	£150.00
Mr M Peel	Allotment rent	£30.00
Anglia Reg Coop	Memorial Mr Aggar	£125.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Spridgeon	£125.00

To approve the following paid in August and to be paid in September

Glazewing	Skip at Cemetery	£53.54
Northerwood Systems Ltd	Web site hosting	£75.00
Mr J Bartlett	Bedford Hall keys	£6.60
Anglian Water	Water charges cemetery	£15.81
Cambs Acre	Payroll service	£70.20
Mr B Lucken	Petrol for mowers and travel	£101.81

1. Monthly bank reconciliation – signed

Cllr Brooks expressed his and the British Legions gratitude to the excellent way that Mr Lucken keeps the crash site memorial grounds. He has thanked Mr Lucken

1127/17-18 Planning Approvals and Refusals

17/01052/FUL - Boar House, Ten Foot Farm, Dairy Drove – approved

17/00505/FUL - House south of Ernest House, Wisbech Road – approved

17/00947/FUL for Construction of dwelling and garage at Plot 1 Land To Rear Of Rose And Crown Wisbech Road – approved

17/01353 Erection of a single self-build dwelling and garage - Plot 2 Land Rear Of Rose And Crown Station Road - approved

1128/17-18 Planning Applications and other matters

17/01571/R4FUL and 17/ 01572 - Extended Gardens to a bungalow and Maple Cottage in Gas Lane - no objections

17/01564/LBC For Replace two front and one side windows at 12 Whittlesey Road – no objections

17/01474/FUL For Proposed amalgamation of two cottages and extensions to form one dwelling at 71 And 72 The Causeway – no objection

17/01649/CTR Ash Tree 4469- Fell Elder Group A-Fell Ash Tree NT1-Fell Sycamore Tree NT2- Fell Elder Tree 4466- Fell at 2 Wisbech Road – notification only

17/01463/HHFUL For Single storey rear extension and garage at 1 Beech Close

17/01655/FUL Demolition of three dwellings and construction of three replacement dwellings with associated double garages, conversion of agricultural barns into dwelling including single storey rear and front extensions and double garage. Construction of new unadopted access road and boundary treatments Site address: Causeway Lodge The Causeway -

Mr Buddle introduced the project. Cllr Bevington summarised the views of Thorney Parish Council and said we have no objections to the proposed development

17/01432/FUL Change of use from leisure land as an 18 hole golf course (ceased in 2015); to leisure land with 17 holiday lodges/caravans and associated development. Thorney Golf Club English Drove - Thorney Golf Centre Limited –

Councillor Bevington explained his views on the application and proposed that the Parish Council request a deferment in respect of this application on the grounds of lack of concise, accurate and comprehensive information. Until the applicant provides the City Council and, thereby, Thorney Parish Council, local and all other residents of the Parish with this information we will be unable to make a properly informed appraisal of the proposals.

In the meantime, and in the absence of what is essential information, he proposed that we confirm that Thorney Parish Council object to any approvals being granted to this application.

Should the planning officer be minded to grant the application approval Thorney Parish Council request that it is referred to the Planning Committee.

He praised the report completed by Mr Glading.

Cllr Potts agreed with Cllr Bevington's views and pointed out Peterborough City Council's Rural Development Policy that this application does not address

Councillor Long said there were many unanswered questions concerning this application

Mrs Glading – concerned application is not factual and accurate

Mr Glading – said application was thin on facts to qualify the assertions made

Mr Starling – used economic argument when solar panel application was made (eventually withdrawn) but this application did not

Mr Sherman – said economic viability is not a planning consideration

Councillor Bevington summarised and Thorney Parish Council will unanimously reject this application

1129/17-18 Burial Authority

Mustard from field now harvested. Arrangements being made to provide drainage for the extension. Site meeting 12 September

1130/17-18 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported
2. Dog waste bin still needed north side Wisbech Road at the far eastern end of the village. Agreed Thorney Parish Council would pay for the bin. Peterborough City Councillors Brown and Allen to progress
3. Recent roadworks Thorney Crossroads – survey form completed and sent back to Peterborough City Council.
4. Extended 30mph limit Whittlesey Road – proposed that this will start just north of the cemetery. Whittlesey Road, Thorney. Thorney Parish Council request is that it starts further towards Whittlesey before the very sharp bend adjacent to Medicine Pond. Vehicles have a tendency to take this bend too quickly and there have been several near miss accidents with vehicles using the cemetery parking area
5. Speed activated sign Wisbech Road still needs repair
6. Smithfield – Cllr Brooks unsure of the benefit of double yellow lines Sandpit Road/ Smithfield

1131/17-18 Village Matters

1. Signs along The Causeway have had tree branches that obscured them removed
2. Thorney Park – Peterborough City Council has built a bund to stop damage to roadside verges
3. Wisbech Road noticeboard – this has been vandalised again. This time the doors have been completely ripped off and frame damaged. Agreed not to repair. Notices displayed will be laminated

1132/17-18 Allotments

1. Brian has cut down the vegetation on the allotments that have no tenants
2. Clerk to look into possibility that Community Payback be used to clear some debris' – no reply from Community Service. To be contacted again
3. Builders rubble dumped at end of site
4. Allotment winner is number 22 – Mr Riches, St Marys Close

1133/17-18 Youth Activity in the Village

Met with Peterborough City Council who are to revise their quote for various items in the Park. They will take on maintenance and insurance providing they install. Once quote obtained application will be made for funding

1134/17-18 Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Thorney Abbey for paying for tree removal at front of Abbey
Land registry form and title deed document completed and received back from Land Registry for the additional land at the cemetery

1135/17-18 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

1136/17-18 Any other business

Complaints that grass in Park is left too long before being cut. This results in large clumps of cuttings. Cllrs Brown and Simons to ask Peterborough City Council for additional cuts as Cllr Brown believed it should be cut at least 8 times per year
Cllr Simons suggested that the street signs around the Abbey should be more in keeping with the architecture and circulated some suggestions (Councillor Bevington declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)
Bus shelter, The Causeway – hole in roof made by rubbing tree branch. Mr Lucken has removed the branch and Cllr Simons will look into a repair

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed 7.56 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 9th October 2017 starting at 7pm