

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Tank Yard, Thorney  
on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor J E G Bartlett

Councillors: Mrs. M Long, R. Bevington, A Butt, R. Wood, Miss S Godley, K. Parrish,  
N Simons, N. Potts, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs C Lewis, A Bunyan  
Peterborough City Councillor Nigel Simons, Richard Brown 6 members of the public

**1354/18-19 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Peterborough City Councillor Steve Allen

**1355/18-19 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

**1356/18-19 Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Members interest and declaration of data protection acceptance policy**

Mr Bunyan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Members interest forms

**1357/18-19 Public Discussion**

A question was raised as to when all the works on the Thorney Meadows site would be completed. This included completion of road tarmacking, pavement and the park play area. Thorney Parish Council to enquire with Larkfleet. Residents of estate setting up an Association

Abbey cemetery maintenance discussed

Church Street area street nameplates - A Church Street resident who has been campaigning for the signs, said seven would be needed and funding had been secured for one (Whittlesey Road as there is no sign at present so City Council will fund) and two may be paid for by residents subject to their cost. The name plates would be white on black and would have the appearance of being cast iron.

Plates would be sited at ground floor level (some are currently much higher) and those on posts would be secured to walls or buildings

Resurfacing pavements along Sandpit Road, Smithfield and Park Close. Tar had been splashed up people's walls and the green on Smithfield has been hacked up. Cllr Simons said he would take it up with the City Council.

**1358/18-19 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 August 2018 were confirmed and signed

**1359/18-19 Matters arising from minutes**

**1360/18-19 Matters for Information and Reports**

Bedford Hall Management Committee – Thorney Parish Council are Custodian Trustees of Bedford Hall. The Bedford Hall Management Committee are to use the same auditor as Thorney Parish Council.

Grant application form for the Architectural Heritage Fund has been started. With the aid of the Peterborough City Council Conservation Officer Thorney Parish Council is getting a list of companies able to undertake the work to start a tender process. This is expected to take about six to nine months to complete.

## 1361/18-19 Report from City Councillors.

Discussions ongoing concerning access road south Wisbech Road East.

Mill garage verge parking being investigated

## 1362/18-19 Finance

The following were received in August September

Reserve grave space E347 £100.00

To approve the following paid in July

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| Salaries                      |                                  | £2992.00 | LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50     |
| Office, email and ISP payment |                                  | £70.17   | LGA 1972 sections 111, 142  |
| Cambs County Council          |                                  | £553.01  | LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50     |
| Inland Revenue                |                                  | £847.10  | LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50     |
| Veolia                        | Skip at cemetery                 | £75.02   | LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.   |
| Cambridgeshire ACRE           | Payroll services                 | £86.40   | LGA 1972 sections 111, 142  |
| Cemetery                      | Fuel                             | £110.03  | LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1.   |
| Wave                          | Water usage cemetery, allotments | £61.30   | LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions)Act 1970 s1. Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215 |
| Northerwood                   | Website hosting                  | £75.00   | LGA 1972 sections 111   |
| Allotments                    |                                  | £10.89   | Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215   |

1. To approve accounts for Payment - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
3. Budget review – clerk produced figures estimating income and spend at year end. Included with those figures were proposals for spend on additional items that needed to be agreed.  
It was agreed that this year's expenditure would exceed the budgeted amount set in January 2018 and the Parish Precept, that has remained the same despite rising costs for the last 6 years, would have to increase to finance the new projects. Projects considered for this year include Extension to cemetery, drainage, landscaping, fencing and hedge/tree planting, Heritage-style street lights for Church Street and Abbey Place, loan to play equipment in the park, Legal charges associated with Bedford Hall negotiations, Roadworks to reduce the pinch-point in Wisbech Road, Grant for structural survey of Bedford Hall.
4. Seats in Park – agreement to provide. Peterborough City Council to install one new seat that they will then maintain. Funding to be sought for second seat
5. Mandate to match fund Architectural Heritage Fund Project Viability Grant – to be discussed at next meeting
6. Street signs around The Abbey – discussed in public discussion. Costs to next meeting. A personal interest was declared by Councillors Godley and Bevington who took no part in the discussions
7. The grant agreement for £9588.98 from section 106 contributions signed by Chairman and Clerk outside the meeting after email agreement from 10 Councillors. This contribution will be used to part finance equipment in the Park

### **136318-19 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

18/01304/CTR Remove 6 cypress trees in rear garden - 2 Belgravia Court - Permitted

18/01344/FUL 3 Dairy Drove Thorney- withdrawn

17/02011/ Pond House The Park Wisbech Road – Refused

18/01276/FUL Bar Pasture Farm Willow Hall Lane - Refused

### **1364/18-19 Planning Applications and other matters**

18/01550/CTR - Fell 4x Poplar trees and replace with 1 x Silver Birch and 1 x Hornbeam - 55A Wisbech Road - Thorney Parish Council have no objection to the felling of the 4 Poplar trees or to the two replacement trees.

We trust the replacement trees can be as mature and large as is reasonably practical.

18/01549/HHFUL 69 Station Road - Proposal: Ground floor side extension – no objection provided bricks and roof tiles match existing

Enforcement update on three enforcement issues in the village as follows;

1. Golf Club - English Drove - Site Owner has been warned that he is in breach of 8 conditions that apply to the planning approval. The conditions include requirements about items such as drainage (surface and foul), archaeology, landscaping. On the 5 September Enforcement issued a letter notifying of the breach and granting 4 weeks in which they are to be addressed. If this is not complied with they will take the necessary formal action against the owner which could result in a 'stop order' being issued.
2. Sheds/Access behind 160 Wisbech Road - Enforcement have visited site this morning. They have spoken to the tenant at 160, investigated the work that has been carried out in respect of the roadway and sheds and will be making a series of phone calls to further assess what is intended and what action may be required.
3. Station Road/Goodman's Close road junction – enforcement will investigate the terms, conditions drawings and other documents that form the planning approval and proceed from there

The City Council requesting proposals for new sites for minerals or waste. This includes a site to the north of the A47 opposite Podge Hole which seems to extend back to the Bukehorn Road. These sites have not as yet been accepted by the City Council but will be assessed by them against their criteria for this type of development. In the meantime they would like any comments that others have by the end of October.

This will be a sand and gravel site with an anticipated opening date of 2022.

To be discussed at October meeting

### **1365/18-19 Burial Authority**

Awaiting drainage contractors to complete work on extension. Clerk has altered position of drainage pipes so that less topsoil is needed.

Letter concerning ground condition in cemetery where red horse chestnut tree was felled. The area will be inspected by Parish Councillors.

### **1366/18-19 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting faults – to be reported.
2. "SLOW" sign still to be painted on the road along Whittlesey Road where the 30mph limited has been extended.
3. 20mph speed limit signs by the school were contradictory. There were speed limit signs, but another sign stating times the limit was in operation.
4. 40mph sign as you enter Nene Terrace near Single Sole Farm has fallen off.
5. Poor state of Green Drove. A huge crack in the middle of the road on Green Drove, with the surface crumbling, between Sly's yard and the pumping station.
6. Numerous complaints about the state of Whittlesey Road.

7. Pot holes again appearing in Woburn Drive

**1367/18-19 Allotments**

Some debris dumped at end. Chairman and Clerk to inspect

**1368/18-19 Village Matters**

Painting gates Kingsline Close – gates are too rotten to be painted and need extensive repair - Chairman and Clerk to inspect. If new gates are the only option we may have to consider the Community Infrastructure Levy

Notice boards – suggestion that these were not now in the correct places to convey information. Agreed to look at displaying notices in Village store and a possible new notice board near school

Inspect the village signs after reports of rot - Chairman and Clerk to inspect

Suggestion that Thorney Parish Council should purchase one of the life-size Tommy silhouettes being sold to raise funds for service charities. Will contact the Royal British legion to discuss the idea.

Canary Cottage sited on Knarr Fen may become a listed building. English Heritage were considering whether it should be listed after discovering it was much older than first thought. It is one of very few mud construction buildings with thatched roofs to survive.

Speedwatch volunteers have been active and six more waiting for training. Speed surveys had been carried out in Station Road and Woburn Drive had been added to their survey sites They would also be checking speed of vehicles leaving the village on The Causeway.

**1369/18-19 Youth Activity in the Village**

Exercise equipment being installed in Park for open day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**1370/18-19 Facebook Posts**

Comment given. Minutes to be circulated to members and when accepted sent for posting

**1371/18-19 Correspondence**

Letter concerning ground condition in cemetery where red horse chestnut tree was felled

**1372/18-19 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

**1373/18-19 Any other business**

Some disturbance reported in Village Shop. PCSO to be asked to attend next meeting

**Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed 8.40 pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 8 October 2018 starting at 7pm