

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 9 February 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, P. Murphy, M. Amps-Woodward, R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller,
E. Gee, B A Ogden, W VanDriessche, R.M. Harlock, Peterborough City Councillor R Dobbs,
PC Oldfield for the item on crime.

0 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence from C Evans, Peterborough City Councillor D Sanders.

Declaration of interests from Councillors Amps-Woodward, Fuller and VanDriessche
concerning Community Fund

Declaration of interests from Councillors Bartlett and Murphy concerning the gravel to be
provided to spread on the access road to the old vicarage.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 12 January (copies of which had
previously been circulated to all members) were signed. Draft minutes of the
Community planning minutes 19 January sent to each Councillor.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Advertising on land opposite Pode Hole Quarry –Enforcement Officer
investigating

3.2 White lines marked on footpath near Classic Cars reduce the width of the footpath
– Councillor Bartlett. Meeting still to be arranged

4. Filling of Vacancies on Thorney Parish Council - co-option

As the second vacancy and the advertising notice coincided with the first vacancy that
resulted in one application Thorney Parish Council can co-opt onto the Council. To be
deferred to next meeting

5. Reports

5.1 Crime report by PC Oldfield. 26 incidents of which 11 related to speeding in
Station Road and through the village. Some anti-social behaviour. 10 crimes-
mostly thefts.

5.2 Speed watch carried out on 16 January. Volunteers needed to operate speed watch
equipment – notices to be displayed.

5.3 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – Community Fund
donation of £2400 for decoration and internal works. Condition survey to be
carried out by Peterborough City Council.

Priorities identified for internal work – 1st priority is the kitchen.

Reports that warm air in main room not working Bedford Hall Management
Committee Chairman to investigate.

5.4 Freedom of Information Act update –

- 5.4.1 Approve Procedures documents “Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure” and “Complaint Procedures.” These procedures, written by the Clerk, were discussed and it was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Harlock and unanimously agreed to approved these as Thorney Parish Council working procedures
- 5.4.2 Form Committee to deal with complaints – it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors Harlock and Ogden form the committee.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications outcome

08/00048 102 Wisbech Road – dwelling with integral garage – appeal against refusal to be heard by Informal Hearing.

08/00982 Four Acres Bungalow North Side – appeal against refusal to change use of land to caravan storage and sale of cars to be heard by Informal Hearing

08/01231 Willow Drove Cottage – conservatory to side - passed

6.2 Current Planning Applications

08/01570 Causeway Lodge – demolish existing house and replace with 3 five bedroom houses – brownfield site, reuse of existing materials, generally complies with VDS – concerns expressed as to boundary treatment onto Causeway, more specific details on retention of trees on site needed as this area is the gateway to the village and needs to keep the green tree outlook. Will the buildings be piled and what are the sewage systems?

Councillor Bartlett was opposed to the development as it was outside the village envelope. After a vote with 8 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention it was agreed that the above comments be fed back to Peterborough City Council.

08/01562 Eyebury Quarry – although not in Thorney Parish the CD was received from Peterborough City Council as part of the consultation process – Councillor Bevington explained the application was to extend the quarry life beyond 2009.

6.3 Site Location Update and Proposed Additional Sites

The next steps for Peterborough City Council will be:

1. To process and review the 1700 comments received for the 1st consultation
2. To develop and apply the detailed site assessment criteria that will be used to select the most appropriate sites
3. On completion of the assessment to consult further towards the end 2009 on the resulting preferred sites

It is stressed that all submitted sites are only possible locations and Peterborough City Council is not committed to any of the sites.

It was agreed that reasons for sites not chosen were also needed.

7. Allotments

8. Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

Pode Hole quarry lights acknowledgement from Malcolm Moss MP concerning these lights – many emails between Peterborough City Council departments and Councillor Dobbs. New site manager at Pode Hole looking into the issues.

8.2 Speed cameras in village/Wisbech Road parking restrictions.

The Causeway/ Wisbech Road junction of (B1167) The Causeway/Wisbech Road/ Station Road/ Abbey Place, - Carriageway and footway remedial works – starting when weather improves

8.3 Footpath outside Cheriton House and the Shambles

Mr. Bothamley reports that his wife has slipped on the footpath outside Cheriton House and hurt her back and neck.

The Clerk met a Contractor on site who pointed out the modern concrete slabs that had been previously placed in the path outside Cheriton House. He made a good suggestion that those broken in the path next to the Church should be replaced by the stone slabs outside Cheriton House with those in turn replaced by reclaimed concrete slabs to match about a third of how the path is now. Councillor VanDriessche produced the estimate for this work.

The Conservation Officer's view on this is that if the paving is to be reset the conservation approach – given that the paths are of significant historic value and positive features of the conservation area and The Green - should be to replace all broken Yorkstone and concrete slabs with Yorkstone.

Opportunity Peterborough will shortly commence implementing a major public realm improvement scheme in and around Cathedral Square. This work includes new paving to the forecourt around St John's Church where there is a quantity of Yorkstone paving of similar size and appearance to the paving at The Green. This can be seen, outside the West Tower facing Queen Street and a smaller section close to the access ramp off Church Street (at the Guildhall side of the Church). Re-using this material would be perfect as this project has signed up to Peterborough's Zero Waste Place Initiative and reuse of material is definitely a priority. As such the main contractors Osborne's have been contacted to see what can be accommodated as part of the phasing of works and site clearance. They will also be asked to quote for the work.

It is Thorney Parish Council intention to relay the footpaths outside Cheriton House and to the south of the Abbey. However, because York stone is expensive to purchase, the intention to relay will be over a period of possibly 12 months or more. This period of time will allow use of reclaimed material from around St. Johns Church in Peterborough at no material cost to the Parish Council. This will be coordinated with the Conservation Officer of Peterborough City Council and Opportunity Peterborough. English Heritage will also be involved.

Some intermediate work will take place once we have the required number of quotations and until this occurs notices will be displayed warning of slippery and uneven footpaths.

Thorney Parish Council believes it is in the interests of Thorney to restore the paths as was originally intended.

The grass on the Green has been damaged and Mr. Lucken will repair this.

It was proposed by Councillor Gee, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and agreed that gravel be provided for Mr. Lucken to spread on the access road to the old vicarage. There was 1 abstention.

8.4 Other roads and footpaths

There have been a number of complaints that every time the lights change the pedestrian crossing signals bleep when there is no pedestrian in sight. This

constant noise is very annoying to local residents with bleeping throughout the day and over night. Councillor Bevington has passed this to Mr. Ewing but this is the second time that the same thing has been reported to him.
Timings need to be reassessed and the camera on the column connected.

Church Street is now in urgent need of repair.

8.5 Bypass – some trees replanted and some extra set.

8.6 Gritting of pavements – none carried out in Thorney by Peterborough City Council.

9 Burial Board

The walk behind mower needs a new clutch as well as maintenance. The new clutch alone will cost in excess of £300 which makes the machine uneconomic to repair as a new machine is just over £600.

Quotations to be obtained.

10 Correspondence/Any Other Business

10.1 CPALC AGM minutes

10.2 Letter from Councillor Sanders to Parking Services Manager suggesting parking enforcement visits should be coordinated with PCSO

10.3 Fix-it-van visit dates from 20 April received

10.4 Precept (Council Tax) increased by approximately 2.5% for next 3 years by Peterborough City Council. Thorney Parish Council precept remains the same as last year.

10.5 Rural vision and strategy meeting – report from Councillor Ogden – local homes for local people discussed.

11 Finance

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Thorney R U F C	Loan repayment	£200.00
CALC	Repayment course fee	£35.00
HE Bull	Inter Mrs. Scotney	£20.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£1.57

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Telephone, postage, travel, computer repair	001629	£75.79
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Stiga mower service	001630	£241.88
ESPO	Fire proof cabinet	001631	£741.45
Boothmans Agriculture	Herbicide	001632	£204.70
Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration	001633	£35.00

The Sign Team

Footpath signs The Green

001634

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The next full meeting will be held on 9 March 2009. Community Planning meeting 23 February. The meeting closed at 8.16pm