

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 14 January 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, R Bevington, P.A. Rowe, E. Gee, P. Murphy,
R.M. Harlock, Ms. M Herdman, M. Amps-Woodward, C Evans and Ms. S Knight
Chairman welcomed Mrs. Emma Tajer who was being retained as a Contact Clerk due to Mr.
Hovell having another serious hand operation.

Chairman also welcomed Mrs. Sue Knight to her first meeting as a Parish Councillor.

0 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies from W VanDriessche

There were declarations of interest from:

Councillor Harlock on agenda item 6.1 as applicant is a customer of his.

Councillor Bartlett on agenda item 6.1 as applicant was a friend.

Mrs. S Knight signed declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 10 and 11 December (copies of which had
previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Councillor Bartlett has spoken to Richard Ewing regarding the drainage junction of
Wisbech Road and Woburn Drive as was advised this will be done later this year.
Clerk to check with Mr Ewing

4. Motion to temporarily exclude the public

Resolution in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Administration to Meetings)
Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at
agenda item 5 it is advisable in the public interest that the Press and Public be temporarily
excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw

5. Clerks Hours – agenda item request Councillor Harlock.

Before the discussion of this item began the Chairman asked all members of the public
including the Clerk to leave the meeting for the duration of discussions.

Councillor Richard Harlock took the chair for this item. He has spent time making an
analysis of the role performed by the Parish Clerk, Mr Tony Hovell. By way of introduction
it was pointed out that the service received by the parish from its clerk is of the highest
quality and has been consistently superb for a long time. Recently the increase in the
volume of meetings and the work each one generates has increased disproportionately to
the level of remuneration that the clerk receives. Councillor Harlock's analysis showed that
Mr Hovell was fulfilling all of the LC2 criteria for council clerks and many of those at
level LC3. The hours he is remunerated for monthly is 69 and by using figures available it
is clear that Mr Hovell was working for at least 20 more hours per month.

The whole council was in agreement that the situation needed to be rectified and so two proposals were put forward and both were unanimously accepted. First it was proposed to increase the clerks pay from 1st January 2008 on the basis of 90 hours worked per month. Proposer Councillor Amps-Woodward, Seconded Councillor Herdman. Second it was proposed that these changes be reviewed twice yearly. Proposer Councillor Bevington, Seconded Councillor Bartlett.

It was further agreed with Mr Hovell, when he returned to the meeting, that he would maintain a log of the time he works to enable the council to properly reward his efforts in the future.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

07/01960/ADV For 2 x non-illuminated signs at English Drove Farm Buildings, English Drove – no objections

07/01823 New Agricultural building at Pode Hole Farm, Causeway- no objections

07/01733 Paddy Hut Conversion at Old Hall Farm, French Drove- no objections

6.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn/before committee

07/00580 Cheriton House, The Green – alterations to stable block – passed

06/00105 Park View, Northey Road – erection bungalow - withdrawn

07/01808 21 Chestnut Drive – side extension – passed

07/01600 Toll Hose, The Causeway – fence and access – passed

6.3 Date and Time of public meeting concerning 07/01296 Monument, The Green – Councillor Bevington advised a questionnaire will shortly be circulated to the villagers and this will include a question about a memorial. He was unsure exactly when this would be sent out or collected. He suggested that the questionnaire would generate another public meeting. He also raised concerns about who would attend the meeting for memorial and if there would be proportional representation of those for and against the proposal. He thinks meeting should be put on hold for the moment.

Chairman asked Councillor Gee about the existing memorials.

Councillor Gee advised it was those killed in World War One and World War Two, Both existing memorials in the Abbey and Methodist Church are identical. The memorial was created in 1923 after WW1 and the names on the WW2 fallen were added later.

Councillor Amps-Woodward agreed that the meeting should be postponed.

Councillor Murphy asked would a meeting be a necessity if the questionnaire came back with a positive determination on the memorial of how villagers felt.

Councillor Bevington suggested that Thorney Parish Council should write to Peterborough City Council to ask them how long they had to decide the future of the memorial as any decision could be put to appeal due to time delay. Councillor Bartlett will chase this with Paul Rossington.

Councillor Bevington asked if a meeting produced positive and negative feedback how would Thorney Parish Council make a decision.

Chairman advised Thorney Parish Council would make no decision just report the evidence to Peterborough City Council.

Councillor Amps- Woodward suggested that the location and size of the memorial was more of an issue than actually having a memorial.

Chairman asked if the memorial was not on the green where should it go?

Councillor Bevington said there were issues with the design and materials for the memorial. He reported some people believe Tank Yard would be a better location, however this land is owned by Peterborough City Council where as the green is Thorney Parish Council land which he would favour.

Councillor Gee also had questions over the design. He did believe that Mr Jary was very passionate about producing the memorial.

Councillor Knight asked about size

Councillor Bevington advised approx two and half metres tall, he also reminded Thorney Parish Council the memorial will be donated by Mr Jary.

Councillor Amps- Woodward suggested meeting be left until Questionnaire is returned.

Councillor Murphy advised Thorney Parish Council that Peterborough City Council referred this back to Parish Council as it believed the villagers deserved a say in determining if the memorial was to go ahead.

Councillor Bartlett thought Thorney Parish Council owed the villagers a meeting.

Chairman suggested we should use the results of the questionnaire and have a public meeting and possibility this would be March 2008

Councillor Gee asked if results would be known before a meeting took place.

Councillor Amps-Woodward suggested that meeting should be held in community Hall to be closer to the proposed site of the memorial, so people could see a mock up of the memorial.

PCSO Buddle entered meeting

7. Household Recycling Centre

Following the site meeting between the Chairman and Mr. Pearn (Peterborough City Council Waste Disposal) and then the arrival on site by Mr. Dufue, Mr. Pearn emailed the Chairman and stated:

“I will note below briefly my itemized list as best from my notes made on site during our time there.

When you left the site I had the opportunity to speak at some length with Mr Dufeu regarding his ideas and feelings about the site, his relationship with the Parish Council and his various operations.

1. Mr Dufeu will organise the removal of the following:

Fridges and washing machines, approx. 15 in number, 1 number 40 cubic yard scrap metal bin marked Glazewing, 1 number 8-14 cubic yard Hooklift scrap skip marked Glazewing, 1 number battery unit containing approximately 4 number stillages containing a batteries and wire scrap, Empty contents of gas bottle compound, Removal of bric-a-brac from the lock up container, Tidy any remaining items into the bins to await collection

2. I will organize on behalf of the City Council:

Collection of waste oil bank, Removal of empty gas bottle cage, Removal of large bulk waste skips, Emptying and removal of glass banks

3. Parish Council will organize:

Removal of site office, Disconnection of telephone service, Disconnection of electrical supply, Removal of access steps, Removal of storage container

(Please note that the Councils contractor at the Dogsthorpe site would be interested in taking the access steps off your hands if you have no further use for them).

The site hut will be cleared by Councillor Harlock when the electricity and telephone have been disconnected. Mr. Dufeu has still to return his key despite two requests to do so. Clerk to meet City Locks on site to gain entry and to check ownership of container.

8. Crime Report

PCSO Buddle gave crime report for 10th December 2007 to 10th January 2008.

PCSO Buddle is currently covering Thorney, Newborough, Peakirk, Eye and Eye Green.

Councillor Harlock raised his concerns that there were crimes that did not appear on PCSO Buddle's figures.

At this point PCSO Buddle left the meeting

9. Allotments

New allotment agreement signed for Mr. Pettit

Councillor Harlock raised his concerns over the state of the allotments and the on going cost to the Parish Council by providing the allotments. He asked whether Thorney Parish Council could ask the tenants to move allotments to make maintenance easy.

Councillor Herdman objected to asking people to move allotments and suggested we could offer the tenants two allotments for the price of one.

The clerk advised that Thorney Parish Council had 43 allotments and only 20 were taken. Allotments to be advertised and clerk will produce a map showing the free and occupied allotments.

Councillor Bartlett suggested that other areas should be looked at for allotments – Community Planning Committee to take this on board later in the study.

Councillor Evans suggests that Thorney Parish Council should give people a restricted choice of allotments to reduce area.

10. Roads and Footpaths

10.1 Street lighting - Nothing to report

10.2 Podge Hole Quarry – query concerning additional signage to warning of approach passed to Mr. Paul Sinfield (Atkins, Norwich – route agents). He will investigate on site to determine that all regulations are being observed,

10.3 Footpath outside Cheriton House, The Green. Meeting arranged with Mr Ewing Thursday 17 January. Mr. Daley will have to be involved as this is in a Conservation area and the footpath has historical significance.

10.4 Road Closure between New Cut and B1166 – From 25/01/07 to 15/02/07 French Drove Thorney, Carriageway Resurfacing. Diversion New Cut, A47 Wisbech Road, Gull Road, Murrow Bank, The Bank, B1166 and vice versa.

10.5 The Causeway, junction of Wisbech Road, Thorney. From 28/01/08 to 31/03/08. Traffic signal refurbishment & carriageway / footway resurfacing Four way temp traffic lights 09.30 – 15.30

10.6 Councillor Harlock advised that he had heard nothing about dead tree removal on A47 and will chase with Mr Povey

10.7 Councillor Rowe asked if Mr Lucken should be clearing Ivy off the wall near tank yard which belonging to the nursery and on nearby land belonging to the Public House?

10.8 Councillor Rowe asked on behalf of Mr Lucken if he could have a new strimmer.

Councillor Harlock suggested Mr Lucken should maintain his existing equipment and report faults to Thorney Parish Council. He proposed that Mr Lucken should fill out time sheets.

Councillor Bevington agrees with Councillor Harlock with regard Mr Lucken filling out time sheets.

Councillor Amps-Woodward suggested Mr Lucken should keep a log book for all equipment Thorney Parish Council has purchased for him and the regular maintenance checks he does on them.

The Clerk advised Thorney Parish Council that Mr Lucken should already keep a record on the inspections on the park he is required to carry out. Mr Hovell will provide Mr Lucken with a log book and create the time sheets.

Councillor Rowe advised the council he would approach Mr Lucken with the time sheets and advise him that he must comply with these or further action will be taken.

Councillor Harlock suggested we should get more than one quote for the strimmer. Councillor Gee and Rowe will source these quotes.

After a full discussion it was proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Murphy and agreed that Thorney Parish Council should purchase a new strimmer subject to more quotations.

11. Burial Board

12. Correspondence/Any Other Business

12.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated

12.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated

12.3 Councillor Harlock advised that Thorney Parish Council still had not received the records from the police regarding the Community car although these had been requested on many occasions. Councillor Knight will chase this.

12.4 Thorney Parish Council website- it was suggested that Thorney Parish Council need help maintaining the website. Councillor Evan suggested Mr Gilbert.

12.5 The Internal Auditor, Mr. Tindall, who has carried out the audit for the last 16 years, has decided to retire and live in Greece. There were no alternative suggestions of Auditor from members of the Council. Clerk to contact CALC to ask for contacts they may have

13. Finance

13.1 Refurbishment of Parish Room Councillor Evans outlined the plans for the refurbishment and the work would take 4-5 weeks to complete. Alternative quotes were sought and Councillor Evans read these to members.

After a full discussion it was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Bevington and agreed by unanimous verdict that the refurbishment should go ahead and the cost spread over two financial years. Walters to supply furniture (£2700), Mr. Smith to carry out decoration (£430), Espo to supply curtains (£491.60) and Fairtrade Joinery to carry out stud wall work (£1500.00).

Councillor Evans to coordinate work.

Contract Clerk to clear all old planning applications from storage area (these are duplicates held by Peterborough City Council), move out metal storage cupboard and filing cabinet on Saturday 19 January.

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mr. Coombs	Inter Mrs. Coombs S20	£400.00
National Savings	Interest	£805.14
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£1.82
Anglia Regional Coop	Inter Mr. Elliott	£170.00
Mr. Stebbings	Allotment rent	£30.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Telephone, postage, etc	001528	£40.90
Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery skip	001529	£114.50
Cancelled		001530	£0.00
The Sign Team	Notices for HH Waste site	001531	£45.53
Sage (UK) Ltd	Payroll software	001532	£305.50
K A Wing Group	Christmas Lights on Tower	001533	£968.45
Peterborough City Council	Removal asbestos from HH Waste site (July 2006)	001534	£97.53
Ms. S Black	Cleaning of meeting room	001536	£13.00
Mr. C L Evans	Travel expenses	001537	£40.30
E.ON	Electricity Skip site	001538	£34.72
British Telecom	Telephone Skip site	001539	£65.27
Peterboro Grass Machinery	Repairs Chain Saw	001540	£31.07
Walters Ltd	Printer cartridge	001541	£279.01

Meeting of Community Planning Committee 16 January, 7pm.

The next full meeting will be held on 11 February 2008. The meeting closed at 9:30pm