

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 12 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, P. Murphy, M. Amps-Woodward, C Evans, R Bevington,
Mrs. C Fuller, E. Gee. Mr. B A Ogden

PCSO Webber 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 W VanDriessche, R.M. Harlock, Peterborough City Councillor R Dobbs,

Declaration of interests from Councillors Amps-Woodward and Fuller concerning Community Fund money (they took no part in the discussion or vote as they are members of the Bedford Hall Committee).

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ogden to the meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 8 December 2008 (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Advertising on land opposite Pode Hole Quarry –passed to enforcement officer – as yet no response. To be passed to Councillors Dobbs and Sanders for action

4. Filling of Vacancies on Thorney Parish Council - only one application for 2 vacancies
Mr. Ogden read the declaration of Councillor and handed the appropriate forms to the Clerk.

As there were 2 vacancies and the advertising notice was in the same period, to fill the 2nd vacancy Thorney Parish Council can co-opt onto the Council

5. Reports

5.1 Crime report by PCSO Webber. 8 crimes.

Large number of vehicle related incidents due to icy roads. Some anti-social behaviour in village, theft and 3 farms targeted.

PCSO Webber has given a talk to the WI.

5.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller – next meeting 26 January. New decorations purchased for Christmas. Notice to be displayed concerning chair storage.

Meeting with Peterborough City Council to discuss survey of Bedford Hall. Councillor Bevington suggested the fire officer should inspect the building.

5.2.1 Legal Topic Note “Help for Village Halls” – for information. This was sent to Councillors for future reference and would include the Social Centre as well as Bedford Hall.

5.3 Freedom of Information Act update – a list of those items the Clerk has already placed on the website was given to each Councillor as was a copy of the “Home Page” of the website showing councillors and links to FOI pages. Other items, as indicated on the FOI page, have to be decided as relevant and if so who is to prepare the documents as these will be Thorney Parish Council policy. Clerk to prepare most and feedback to Council.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications outcome

08/01327 4 Erica Walk – change of use of open land to garden – refused

08/01450 T-mobile modifications to masts at Middle East Farm, The Causeway – permitted development

08/01429 3 Abbey Place – change of use – passed

08/01435 4 Topham Crescent – demolish garage, construct extension – refused (lack of symmetry with surroundings)

08/01363 Chestnut Farm Cottage, New Cut - passed

6.2 Current Planning Applications

08/01231/FUL For Conservatory to side at Willow Tree Cottage Willow Hall Lane – no objection – does blue glass roof pose a visibility problem?

08/01436/FUL For Single storey rear extension at Keepers Cottage Bukehorn Road – no objection

08/01365 French Farm, French Drove – Cornwall Light and Power Ltd – 2 wind turbines - Thorney Parish Council were concerned that this development would have a detrimental effect on wildlife, health impact on nearby residents, effect on landscape, effect on nearby property prices, deeply unpopular with those nearby who are directly affected, loss of agricultural land.

Thorney Parish Council objects to this application and if it is the Planning Officers intention to recommend approval Thorney Parish Council wishes for this application to go before committee. The number of units at present proposed means that people that live in this area will be surrounded by them in close proximity.

MOD have objected to nearby wind farms.

08/01568 14A Church Street (pharmacy) alteration of opening hours to 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday – support opening hours

6.3 Proposed amendment to the Local Lists for validation of planning applications

In April 2008 the government amended the Town and Country (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 to introduce a mandatory standard application form and associated information requirements for validation of applications. Legislation also allowed Local Planning Authorities to set their own standards (Local Lists) for information to accompany applications. The legislation also allowed Local Planning authorities to review their lists and if they are proposing to make amendments (other than minor amendments) to re-consult and adopt new lists.

Peterborough City Council is proposing to include the requirements of the Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme (POIS) within its Local Lists. Namely; that prior

to validation of any planning application to which the (POIS) applies, applicants will submit either proposed Heads of Terms in respect of any S106 agreement, or a Unilateral Undertaking, dealing in full with any issues arising out of the (POIS).

Section 106 Planning needs – all contractors will make contributions that will then be pooled in zones. Thorney Parish Council “wish list” will have to be reviewed and become part of the comments returned on planning applications.

Councillor Bevington will return the appropriate forms and include Causeway Bridge Trief kerbing, sports pavilion, cycle-path to Eye, improve public services, youth facility in Park. Public toilets, speed restriction measures, maintenance of river walk, further education, link footpath in Park.

7. Allotments

Waiting list gradually being reduced by reallocations.

Request from “My allotment plot” to place advertising boards at allotment entrance offering supply of gardening items. Thorney Parish Council has no objection to this.

8. Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

Pode Hole quarry lights again discussed – 2 lights and central reservation light not operative. Thorney Parish Council to invite a management member of the quarry to a future meeting (Councillors Bartlett and Murphy to organise). Clerk to write to Malcolm Moss MP asking why a private company is responsible for light maintenance on a major road.

8.2 Speed cameras in village/Wisbech Road parking restrictions. Peterborough City Council has decided that they will revert to their original proposals. This means that the double yellow lines will be reinstated on the south side of Wisbech Road as they were prior to the resurfacing carried out in 2008. The extended area of limited waiting on the north side of Wisbech Road, near the shop, will be marked out at the same time.

There are no proposals to widen the footway outside Classic Cars

Peterborough City Council does not believe resident parking is Church Street is either necessary or beneficial.

Concerning Abbey Place no matter what length the restriction is, signage would be required. Peterborough City Council do not consider that shortening the limited waiting area would be sensible unless it were to be removed altogether, with the entire length of parking becoming unrestricted.

Speed cameras: The Transport Partnership has to ensure that cameras operate within government guidelines, which include a requirement to assess the ongoing need for cameras following major engineering works such as completion of the bypass. Recent speed monitoring gave no indication of an ongoing speeding problem in the village. In conjunction with the lack of serious accidents in recent years Peterborough City Council believe this makes it virtually impossible for the Partnership to justify keeping all four cameras. After a vote it was agreed that the West end of the village and the southside centre speed cameras should be retained.

Peterborough City Council view is that it is more beneficial to keep those on the entrances to the village.

Speeding is a problem in Station Road and Abbey Place not Wisbech Road.

8.3 Footpath outside Cheriton House and the Shambles

Mr. Lucken will clean this footpath by the method suggested by Councillor Bevington when the weather allows.

8.4 Other roads and footpaths

Mr. Peter Garnham, Highways Traffic Manager, Peterborough City Council, rang the Clerk just before the meeting and explained that as far as the Causeway Bridge was concerned there is a meeting later this week to determine what budget constraints will be applied. If Mr. Mounfield still has resources left from the Wisbech Road modifications, Thorney Parish Council will be consulted about their alternative use.

White lines marked on footpath near Classic Cars reduce the width of the footpath. These should be removed and the path returned to its correct width. Councillor Bartlett will meet Officer on site.

9 Burial Board

Lawn mowers have been collected for service.

10 Correspondence/Any Other Business

10.1 Communities in Control – code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – a consultative document

10.2 The Rural Working Group and Greater Peterborough Partnership extend an invitation to join them to explore the successes and challenges of our rural agenda and also to help us set priorities and identify issues for the future.

Each event will incorporate two workshops, designed to provide in-depth discussion around themes outlined in the rural vision and strategy.

Monday 19th January 2009 – Barnack Village hall – Councillor Ogden to attend

Transport and accessibility – Sustainable transport and access to services

Rural Economy and Business – Thriving rural areas, supporting inward investment

Monday 26th January 2009 – Peakirk Village hall – Councillor Buddle to attend

Housing - Quality of new development and refurbishment of existing housing'

Environment - Accessible green spaces & enjoying our heritage

Both events will include an opportunity to learn more about progress within each theme and input into its future development

10.3 Library Service has completed its review of Library Strategy – Thorney library has some amendments to opening hours. Councillor Amps-Woodward said that Thorney is a working village and opening hours do not support this. Chairman to respond

10.4 Parish Councillors to be invited to All Party Meetings at Peterborough City Council.

11 Finance

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mr. D Compton	Allotment rent 42, 43	£40.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Hurn	£17.00

Mrs. Dawson	Allotment rent 36	£20.00
National Investments	Interest	£686.98
HE Bull	Inter Mrs. Scotney	£20.00

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	001624	£23.34
Colemans of Peterborough	Printer and stationery	001625	£691.14
Mr. J Bartlett	Travel and car park costs	001626	£8.20
CPALC	Training	001627	£90.00

Community Fund money – previous requests made to Councillor Dobbs and Sanders were £500 to TRUFC, £600 Thorney Colts, £850 Scouts and £600 Thorney Society. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Evans and agreed that the remained of £2400 be allocated to Bedford Hall for Interior refurbishment of the bar area.

The next full meeting will be held on 9 February 2009. The meeting closed at 9.15pm