

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 11 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, R Bevington, Mrs. C Fuller, E. Gee, R.M. Harlock, P. Murphy,  
B A Ogden, Mrs. L Sheldrake, M. Amps-Woodward,  
Peterborough City Councillors D Sanders and R Dobbs  
PCSO Webber for item on crime  
0 members of the public.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence from Mrs. S Selby, W VanDriessche  
Declaration of interests – none declared

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 14 December (copies of which had  
previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

- 3.1 2009 Flooding – plans of the proposed sewage work by Peterborough City Council in  
2003 copied and circulated. Mr. Sharman, NLIDB, has discussed the issues that  
Thorney Parish Council has emphasised and at a recent meeting Mr. Sharman said “The  
question of capacity in the system has clearly been highlighted as Anglian Water are now  
preparing to survey and monitor their sewers”. He would like us to forward any flooding  
hotspots, be they road or sewer to him and he has forwarded the 2003 plan to Anglian  
Water for their comments. Information has been received following the article in the  
Thorney Post and collated by the Chairman.  
Continuing to search for flood prevention measures the Clerk has discovered “Sand-  
less Sandbags”. These measure 36 x 60 cm (14” x 24”) when empty and weighing only 450  
grams making them easy to store, made from a standard hessian outer and a “Super  
Absorbent Polymer,” they take only 5 – 6 minutes to inflate in fresh water, inflates to 15 –  
18kg. Once they have been inflated they can used in the same way as traditional sandbags for  
flood prevention and protection. Information will be placed on the website
- 3.2 Recent power failures – EDF report only one permanent failure since July due to wind  
blown debris’ from a farm
- 3.3 Parish Magazine – new list of Councillors and time of meeting sent to Village Post.
- 3.4 Clerk has spoken to Ms McCarthy concerning the statutory instruments to quote that  
reason for excluding Parish Councils. She is to talk to Peterborough City Council Chief  
Executive Mrs. Beasley. Chairman said there was still a great deal of misunderstanding  
between Parish Councils and the Peterborough City Council and the feeling was still  
that Parish Councils were being excluded.  
Councillor Sanders suggested leader of the Council should be approached but  
Councillor Bartlett said no information would be forthcoming from this approach. He  
suggested the Parish Council forum on 20 January would be better.
- 3.5 Footpath in Park breaking up and becoming dangerous at the Tavistock Close end –  
reported to Peterborough City Council for action
- 3.6 Drains in Church Street have been cleared.
- 3.7 Letter from Concrete Company stating they will litter pick nearby fields but southern  
boundary would be difficult to screen because of proximity to drain.

4. Reports

4.1 Crime report. 81 incidents, 15 crimes over the past two months. Burglary, theft, criminal damage and poaching form the majority of the crimes. PCSO Webber explained the reported crimes and said that bad weather possibly had an effect on reducing crime over the past month. There was a discussion on successful prosecutions -- PCSO Webber will try to report back on these.

Part of the notice board in Wisbech road is to be used for police notices.

Councillor Murphy said that a cold calling incident in Woburn drive had been successfully dealt with by a PCSO Webber.

At the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on the 2nd December an item was put forward relating to 'rural crime'. This was accepted as a police priority for the next three months. The Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT), Neighbourhood Intervention Team (NIT) and the Werrington Neighbourhood Policing team will all be conducting patrols and other initiatives in the area to try to catch those responsible for committing crimes

4.2 Bedford Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fuller - work well under way.

Entrance driveway slippery during recent snow. Councillor Sanders asked to be contacted in future as he may be able to help in gritting the road. He had done this outside some properties on the Woburn estate recently.

Fire and rescue to be asked if they will clear the future.

Kitchen to be upgraded -- Councillor Murphy asked to be kept in the loop.

4.3 "Village walkabout" on 16 December – Councillor Bartlett – defects pointed out to Mr. Moore. Suggested a review in 6 months time.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications outcome

09/00930 Retention Portable unit at Podge Hole Quarry, The Causeway - approved

Current Planning Applications

09/01488/CTR For Remove 9 Sycamore, 1 Poplar, 1 Horse Chestnut, 1 Beech and 1 Lime tree, and remove dead wood, reduce over road by 30% of 1 Sycamore, and reduce on roadside by 25% 1 Sycamore, reduce crown over roadside by 30-40% 1 Sycamore, and remove deadwood and lower decaying limb of 1 Sycamore, and remove dead tree At Land at Corner of Abbey Place and The Causeway – no objections, however, it would be desirable if replacement trees planted as this is in a conservation area.

09/01490/TRE for Remove 2nd and 4th Weeping Willow trees and remove tree in second group that has recently failed, remove 1 Ash, and 2 Horse Chestnut trees and crown reduce by 35-40% 2 Horse Chestnut trees at Land at Corner of Abbey Place and The Causeway – no objections, however, it would be desirable if replacement trees planted as this is in a conservation area.

09/01487/CTR for Reduce Bay tree by 25% at 8 Abbey Place – no objections

09/01472/LBC for Construction of a fire place and chimney breast with chimney extending two floors above and exiting through the roof at Willow Hall Willow Hall Lane – no objections

5.2 Section 106 –Peterborough City Council procedures for allocating money have been received. Councillor Bevington queried the S106 agreement monies which will be sought as part of the recent wind turbines. These contributions will go to Barn Owl monitoring and funding towards an eco-schools facilitator and educational needs to demonstrate sustainable energy generation.

Any pre-arranged agreements will continue as they have been stated in the agreement with the monies either held or still outstanding going to the specific projects as identified within the agreements. The document “Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme” (POIS) makes it clear that all section 106 money will go to Peterborough City Council and will be spent as they see fit.

Monies sought from the recent approval 09/00435/FUL will be pooled under POIS.

Councillor Bevington explained this further and also the Planning Obligation Implementation Scheme. He read a clause that would have been helpful to the Parish Council had it not been deleted from the updated copy! He explained in an email to Mr. Smith at Peterborough City Council, how the Parish extended their thanks for referring the Footpath and MUGA projects for S106 consideration and hoped this would bring positive results. Thorney felt much neglected in the S106 stakes. He asked about making a formal application for S106 funding and the omission of the tables from the POIS indicating works scheduled for 2012 and beyond pointing out that Thorney had completed a Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP) and submitted a Project Performa. He questioned if a Feasibility Study should be undertaken before a project is put forward for corporate approval.

Thorney Parish Council feel that the NIP explains how we arrived at the needs scheduled particularly as those needs are based on the community's response to a comprehensive questionnaire. However we are aware that a feasibility study can include a great number of factors and wanted a schedule of all the criteria against which a proposal is assessed and who carries out the feasibility study.

Finally he asked why the tables showing section 106 works had been omitted from the December 2009 version of the POIS? Does this mean that these works are being reconsidered or are no firm commitments being made at present?

No trust fund deed is necessary. Peterborough City Council acknowledges they have the NIP document.

Planning referrals -- Councillor Bartlett explained the letter from Mr. Harding, Peterborough City Council Planning Delivery Manager, where the referral planning applications to Committee will no longer be allowed. Councillor Sanders said this was the eroding democracy at the local level, however, if he and Councillor Dobbs were asked they would refer the applications the Parish requested to Committee.

Councillor Bevington read a draft reply to Peterborough City Council concerning this. Councillor Sanders suggested that the letter goes not only to The Chief Executive, Peterborough City Council, but to all City Councillors and Parish Councils.

5.3 Mr. Daley asked if he has involvement in planning applications within the village. Councillor Bevington said he did not have any particular involvement outside the development area.

6. Allotments  
Only 2 outstanding rents - Councillor Harlock to talk to tenant.
7. Roads and Footpaths
- 7.1 Street lighting - units already reported that needed attention with the exception of the damaged lights on the Station Road and Western roundabouts.
- 7.2 Station Road cracking badly.
- 7.3 Grass slope from the footpath to the roadside outside the Discount Store – Mr. Daley has made some enquiries regarding the feasibility and possible funding. He will contact Councillor Bevington when his enquires are complete.
- 7.4 Flytipping on old A47 between eastern end of village and eastern roundabout (just east Pigeons Farm)
- 7.5 Fly tipping Willow Hall Lane
8. Burial Board  
Hedge on road side Medicine Pond being cut back by Mr. Lucken  
Headstones being straightened.
9. Park Footpath and Multi Use Games Area
- 9.1 Progress so far – quotes for floodlights. Play Peterborough looking for funding as total quote between £36000 and £37000.  
Julie Rivet, Neighbourhood Council Manager, aware of POIS requirement for this.
10. Correspondence/Any Other Business
- 10.1 Councillor Sanders explained the reason for him not voting for the motion of Peterborough City Council to purchase the Posh football ground.
- 10.2 Councillor Bartlett highlighted meeting that Councillors my wish to attend.
- 10.3 Councillor Bartlett suggested that a sign giving vehicle speed should be erected in Station Road.
- 10.4 Water cycle report still awaited.
11. Finance
- 11.1 The following sums had been received:-

| <i>From</i> | <i>Reason</i>          | <i>Amount</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------|
| T V H M C   | Contribution to Lights | £1956.73      |
| Mrs. Reeves | Reserve burial plots   | £200.00       |
| Mr. Compton | Allotment rent 43      | £30.00        |
| Mr Tipton   | Allotment rent 7       | £30.00        |

14.3 The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

| <u>Payee</u>                 | <u>Reason</u>              | <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mr. A E Hovell               | Postage, Travel, telephone | 001690            | £89.33        |
| Society Local Council Clerks | Membership fee             | 001691            | £151.00       |
| Howsafe                      | Protective clothing        | 001692            | £9.54         |

The next full meeting will be held on 8 February 2010 with a Community Planning meeting 18 January. The meeting closed at 8.25pm