

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,  
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor J.E.G. Bartlett

Councillors: R.M. Harlock, D. J Buddle, C. Evans, R Bevington, P. Murphy,  
G.A .Kilham, P.A. Rowe, Ms. M Herdman, E. Gee, M. Amps-Woodward

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.  
0 member of the public present

1. Apologies  
W VanDriessche
  
2. Minutes  
The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.
  
3. Matters arising from minutes.
  - 3.1 Councillor Bartlett liaising with Peterborough City Council concerning illegal parking Wisbech Road and Church Street.
  - 3.2 PSCO Brader did not attend the meeting and councillors concerned by the non attendance and lack of visibility and personal contact around the village. His diary of attendance is to be looked at. These issues to be discussed at the next Police liaison Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.
  
4. Thorney Park –
  - 4.1 No further information received from Peterborough City Council concerning the item raised from the last meeting. Councillor Bartlett to urge for a response.

At this point Councillor Buddle took chair and Councillor Bartlett took no part in discussions

5. Planning
  - 5.1 Current Planning Applications approved by Peterborough City Council  
06//01645/LBC Bedford Hall Station Road – refurbishment of disable facilities  
06/01498/LBC Willow Hall Willow Hall Lane – modifications to house

Notice of appeal given for land off Sandpit Road erection of three dwellings  
06/00618.

The following applications were received:

06/01754/FUL Acca Atii Russell Close - Erection of single detached garage-  
Councillor Buddle declared a personal interest. It was proposed by Councillor Murphy and second by Councillor Bevington that if the existing garage is being structural undermined by the adjacent trees it should be demolished and then the new garage constructed. There was a majority agreement with Councillor Rowe disagreeing. Ms Herdman abstained.

06/01885/FUL Stuffins Pit Northey Lodge North Bank – Log cabin for leisure Use – no objections.

06/01938/FUL The Lodge White Hart Farm, English Drove – Front and rear dormer windows – No objections

06/02017/TRE Orchard Court- reduction of tree height by 50%. Councillor Evans declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting – No objections.

At this point City Councillor Sanders joined the meeting.

5.2 Requirements of village from contributions of possible development – Councillor Bartlett outlined discussion on development plans that are to be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Sanders explained details of section 106 monies

Councillor Bartlett read ‘Planning for real’ document that stated “is used to describe a technique for working with local communities using model, maps, photos and ‘walkabouts’, to draw directly on their store of local knowledge, ideas and aspirations. In practice, it tends to be used by planners in the non-technical sense – simply working with communities as partners, not imposing solutions from the outside, but drawing out information options and solutions through dialogue; by avoiding long, jargon laden reports, and focusing on local interaction, in whatever way suits local needs and resources”. It is expected that Peterborough City Council will liaise directly with Thorney Parish Council for any major development in Thorney.

Suggestions for use of Section 106 money could be:

A new pavilion, public toilets, disabled access to Community Centre, improvements to school.

Councillor Bevington insisted a gain should be made from Section 106 contributions rather just improvements to facilities because the development will necessitate this i.e. extra houses would need extra school facilities and this would not be a gain in the true sense.

5.3 It was suggested that it was a possibility that Thorney Parish Council allotments be sold for development as these were directly adjacent to a possible development area. If this was to be the case, holders would have to be given 1 years notice from any September deadline.

Alternative land could be looked at to provide an allotment area.

5.4 Windmill motors sign – Peterborough City Council wrote to the owner of the site and the person who has erected the sign and advised them to remove the sign by 30 November. They advised that advertisement consent was unlikely to be granted.

A reminder to both the owner of the land and the owner of the sign was sent on 7 December and contact with the owner of the site has been made on several occasions since. The owner thought that the advertiser had submitted a retrospective advertisement application.

Peterborough City Council has advised them that this has not been received and they are attempting to get the advertiser to remove the sign. They have advised Peterborough City Council that if the advertiser does not remove the sign by 12 January, they will remove it themselves. Peterborough City Council has advised them that as owners of the land it is they who will be prosecuted if the sign is not removed.

Councillor Bartlett took back the chair.

## 6. Crime Report

6.1 No crime report was received for Thorney. The original agreement was to provide information. Thorney Parish Council request this information before meeting as criticism is being levelled at PCSO inactivity.

6.2 Councillor Harlock explained, and Councillor Sanders agreed, there had been a lack of contact with police liaison committee in the area and will highlight the lack of PCSO liaison in Thorney

6.3 Other Matters - Invitation to Cambridgeshire rural community question time February 8<sup>th</sup> at St Ives.

## 7 Allotments

Only three rents outstanding.

One new allotment agreement signed for Mr. Osborne.

Councillors asked for information about how many allotments are free and how much money it costs Thorney Parish Council to run allotments. Expenditure on the allotments is approximately £1000 per year with an income of £280.

## 8 Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – PCC 5E still not working in park. Councillor Bartlett to chase.

8.2 Pode Hole Quarry – Lights still not working. Councillor Bartlett is dealing with this with Pode Hole Management Committee.

8.3 Buke Horn Road junction Station Road – Lamp damaged - being dealt with by Councillor Bartlett.

8.4 Station Road – Lamp outside nursery not working

8.5 Councillor Harlock has contacted Highway Agency again concerning outstanding items agreed at last year's meeting concerning the bypass.

8.6 Other roads and footpaths

8.6.1 Footpath outside Mrs Barron's house - Peterborough City Council investigating puddling.

8.6.2 Station Road – Peterborough City Council state they can remove some trees to negate the effect of ground shrinkage under the road. Trees near drain to be left as a shield from bypass. Proposed by Councillor Harlock and second by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed that Peterborough City Council should remove those trees that are affecting the road.

8.6.3 Dogsthorpe verge parking – Peterborough City Council intent to discuss on the 18<sup>th</sup> January with Dogsthorpe residents the report and verge parking could be banded throughout whole district.

8.6.4 Woburn Drive- hole in road

8.6.5 St Peter's Road – fence at end. Land registry to be contacted to determine ownership.

8.6.6 Whittlesey Road – dipping in road to be investigated by Peterborough City Council.

8.6.7 Continued reports of speeding in Station Road, Whittlesey Road and Abbey Place.

## 9 Burial Board

Mr. Lucken to spray footpaths with moss killer prior to resurfacing.

## 10 Thorney Household waste site - Future meeting date 16<sup>th</sup> January

8.1 There have been complaints about misuse on the bottle banks in Gas Lane.

8.2 Glass recycling places to be advertised in the village post.

8.3 Brown bins (garden waste) have not been collected for the past month – Councillor Bartlett contacting waste management.

## 11 Correspondence/Any Other Business

- 11.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated
- 11.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated
- 11.3 Peterborough City Council letter concerning Improving Accessibility to local services for Disadvantaged Groups. Meeting in Bedford Hall 4<sup>th</sup> January
- 11.4 Register of electors 2006/2007 requested from Peterborough City Council
- 11.5 Quarterly Vacancies Inquiry from national statistics
- 11.6 Crime and fear of scrutiny review
- 11.7 Peterborough arson action group surgeries
- 11.8 Community safety forum- community crime busting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 at the Cresset.
- 11.9 House on roundabout east end of village- car sales still ongoing as well as a static caravan
- 11.10 Dog fouling still a problem on Station Road and in middle of village.
- 11.11 Parking attendants are patrolling village
- 11.12 Conifer trees to be trimmed at cemetery- Councillor Rowe to chase
- 11.13 Village signs need repainting
- 11.14 Fairy Lights at “Tin Tabernacle” need to be removed as complaints have been received.
- 11.15 Councillor Herdman to liaise with regards Christmas lights for 2007

11. Finance

11.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i><b>From</b></i>	<i><b>Reason</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
Mr. N Osborne	Allot rent	£10.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£6.79
Mr. J Stebbings	Allot rent	£30.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Doades	£5.00
Mr. P Talbot	Allot rent	£10.00
John Lucas	Inter Mrs. Moth	£240.00
Mr. R Jary	Allot rent	£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, expenses	001416	£35.43
Shanks waste management	Skip at cemetery	001417	£164.63
Bothmans agriculture ltd	Herbicide	001418	£66.27
Columbaria company	Sanctum inscription branch	001419	£78.73
The Sign Team	Sigh for household waste sit	001420	£43.48
Mr C L Evans	Travelling expenses	001421	£52.98

11.2 Replacement printer

Proposed by Councillor Harlock and second Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed that a new printer should be purchased.

Councillor Harlock congratulated Councillor Bartlett on his Chairmanship of the meetings, where discussion has been open and frank with full involvement of all members of Parish Council.

The next full meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February

The meeting closed at 8:45pm