

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 29th January 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor W VanDriessche

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

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1 member of the public present

1. Apologies

Councillor Buddle

2. Declaration of interests

Councillor Murphy expressed a personal interest as his son is on Peterborough City Council environment committee.

3. Thorney Household waste site – decision on future.

Chairman proposes site be opened with 2 operatives Saturday 12.00 till 15.00 and Sunday 09.00 to 14.00 as Concrete Company closed at this time. He will supervise as license holder. Chairman outlined reasons for proposal.

Councillor Bevington commented that site should only be open to Thorney residents.

Chairman said site had to be open to residents of Peterborough district, but Thorney Parish Council could restrict usage by Lincolnshire residents.

Councillor Rowe asked about the legal obligations to Thorney Parish Council with a license holder needing to be within 2 hours of site. Chairman explained he could get cover if he was not available.

Councillor Amps-Woodward agreed the suggested opening times were a good idea.

Councillor Murphy asked how long the Chairman's Grandfather Rights would last for. Chairman said he was awaiting a response from Kettering but he expected this to be in excess of 18 months.

Councillor Bartlett expressed concerns about the health and safety on site and would like a system in place for checking usage. He also had concerns about the long term future of landfill which means the skips currently being used at Thorney Household waste site would no longer be allowed.

Councillor Bevington suggested the Thorney Parish Council should make a submission to Peterborough City Council regarding Chairman's proposals.

Chairman stated Mr Smith was the person Health and Safety qualified on Household waste site, he also stated site would be run legally.

Councillor Amps- Woodward outlined proposals to Councillor Harlock who has just joined the meeting.

Councillor Bartlett suggested Thorney Household waste site should limit the size of trailers.

Clerk suggested sending letter to all Thorney residents to they can use site on producing this letter.

Councillor Harlock concerned about the abuse Mr Smith would suffer if he was to turn people away.

Chairman explained there would always be two people on site and if there was not the site would shut. He also liked the idea of sending letters to residents of Thorney.

Councillor Bartlett emphasised the importance of finding out how long Grandfather Rights had left to run.

Councillor Harlock said he would like Thorney Parish Council to be proactive about future of Household waste site not reactive.

Councillor Bartlett suggested that when Chairman was away all parish councillors would be informed and who would be running site.

Councillor Harlock wanted a log to be signed when operatives where on site and asked if environmental office report could be circulated to all Parish Councillors.

Chairman suggested site should be open from Saturday 17th February and this was agreed by all Councillors.

The motion to open Thorney Household waste site on Saturdays and Sundays when Concrete Company was shut was proposed by Councillor Rowe and Second by Councillor Gee and unanimously agreed site is opened with 2 operatives Saturday 12.00 till 15.00 and Sunday 09.00 to 14.00 as Concrete Company closed at this time. Councillor Van Driessche will supervise as license holder and full safety outfits will be worn by operatives, correct signage displayed and if only one operative available the site will shut. Councillor Harlock outlined Thorney Parish Council plans to investigate the future of Thorney Household waste site further.

4. Development in Thorney – update from Councillor Bartlett

Councillor Bartlett outlined the Peterborough City Council document concerning the possible sale of assets in Thorney. Graham Law to attend meeting 6th February 2007

Planning for real was also explained.

Planning for real has been used since the late 1970s as a way to give local people a 'voice' and professionals a clear idea of local people's needs in order to bring about improvement to their neighbourhood or community. Although the basic idea behind it has remained the same, the technique has evolved over the last 20 years. With training and advice, groups have adapted the principles to suit their own specific needs.

Potential uses

Planning for real is a practical technique involving a 3D architectural model of a local area, which people use to decide what needs to be done to improve their surroundings. Groups have used it to tackle all sorts of issues relating to housing, traffic, community safety, vandalism and the living environment (parks and play areas).

The recognised advantages of Planning for real are that it engages people; lets them take an overview; gives everyone a chance to join in; and generates ideas.

Working out what is best for a neighbourhood depends on all kinds of expert knowledge: from planners to the designers to local organisations. All these people are used to study plans and diagrams of their patch. The model gives local people without this technical knowledge a way of seeing how the neighbourhood might look after development plans have been implemented. Problems and opportunities that remain hidden or only partly seen from street level are often more apparent from the overview offered by a 3D model.

From its roots in the late 1970s, Planning for real has been developed and successfully applied to areas of open space, derelict sites and town centres as well as housing estates, small and large. It has also been applied to look at options in anything from health care, tenant management and development planning overseas to the location of play facilities.

As the technique has been successfully applied in different situations, it has gained recognition among funders of projects as well as community workers and groups. Planning for real has been used as part of project bids to show potential funders the degree of community involvement in the proposed project and also to establish the credibility of project with local people.

How it works

Planning for real begins with a handful of residents making a large scale 3D model of their neighbourhood. They use their local knowledge to ensure it represents the place as it really is - warts and all.

At the meetings that follow, the model dominates the room. People cluster round it, recognising familiar landmarks and chatting informally as they identify the problems and possibilities which their birdseye view reveals.

Beside the model is a kit of cut-outs: shrubs, zebra crossings, phone boxes, double glazing, sheltered housing whatever seems appropriate.

There are also the materials for people to make their own cut-outs: there may be things they would like to add that no one else has thought about.

People select the options they would like and place their chosen cut-outs on the model where they see fit. The results of these meetings can then be turned into action plans using charts to prioritise actions

5. Planning

07/00036/FUL For Change of use of land to garden and creation of new farm

Access at 17 North Side Thorney Peterborough – No objections

06/02019/FUL - Erection of bungalow at land to rear of 137 Wisbech Road Thorney- No objections.

06/01532/FUL – Barn Conversion- additional floor space at Sycamore Farm, French Drove- No objections

6. Finance

The following cheques were signed out of meeting:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Miscellaneous	001420	£37.52
British Telecom	Telephone skip site	001421	£52.41
Walters Stationers	Printer and stationery	001422	£534.07
Smart Electrical	Remove Christmas lights	001423	£75.00
Thorney Village Post	Magazine entry	001424	£35.00
Peterborough City Council	Business rates cemetery	001425	£326.81
Mr. A Hovell	Software upgrade	001426	£59.00

The meeting closed at 8:10pm