

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 9th July 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

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

15 member of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies

Apologies from W VanDriessche and R. Harlock. There were declarations of interest from Councillor Gee, Murphy and Bartlett as members of the PCC concerning Cheriton House and Councillor Bartlett as a Peterborough City Councillor concerning Cheriton House.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 11 June and 25 June (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

4. Planning

4.1 Planning Applications

07/00936/FUL For Single storey rear extension at 21 Laurel Drive – no objection

07/00579/LBC and 07/00574/Ful Cheriton House, The Green – Change of use to a mixed use dwelling with 4 bed and breakfast bedrooms, guest dining room and ancillary guest facilities including alteration to ground floor windows and alterations/extensions to second floor en-suite bathrooms for B and B accommodation; alterations to first floor bathroom and to internal partitions. Councillor Bevington outlined this application to the meeting. Plans are more accurate than those previously received and have greater detail. Drawings show 7 parking spaces accommodated by a wall repositioning. However, the ladder to the upper storey of the barn is not shown on the plans and this ladder would obstruct the parking arrangements. The ladder is an important part of the outbuilding and should be retained for its heritage.

A copy of the email sent by Mr. Bothamley was given to each Councillor.

Observations made were:

1. Lightning mast should be retained as a safety feature
2. Disabled access to the B&B is not shown nor is disabled parking.
3. “The window on the east elevation to be repaired” – concern that this was never a window but a hay forking access point
4. No fire precautions mentioned for change of use to B&B

Councillor Bartlett said he had referred this application to the Planning Committee at Peterborough City Council

The main concern from Thorney Parish Council was the parking arrangements that were still considered to be inadequate. More space should be made available to the rear of the premises. Lack of parking will overspill onto The Green, impact on neighbours and restrict the open space in a conservation area. Furthermore considering this application and the application for use of an outbuilding to a physiotherapy unit, Thorney Parish Council now objects to this change of use in a residential area.

Councillor Bartlett requested a Thorney Parish Councillor attend the Peterborough City Council Planning Committee to speak about this application.

4.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

- 07/00507 Chestnut House, Northside – erection detached summer house - passed
- 07/00588 17 North Side – new farm access - passed
- 07/00813 Bassnimoor Farm Thorney Dyke – new farm building - passed
- 07/00759 Owls Rest Poplar Farm Willow Hall Lane – rear conservatory - passed

4.3 Consideration of proposals for determining planning applications (paper by Councillor Bevington attached as appendix)

Councillor Bevington explained this and it was unanimously agreed to accept this document as future Council policy. It was also agreed to send the document to the Peterborough City Council Standards Officer for clarification of acceptance.

4.4 Rural Extended Services – “Delivering the Rural View”. Also public consultation of Peterborough’s growth. Chairman urged Councillors to attend the exhibition and workshops. Date given to councillors in a paper by the Chairman.

5 Household Recycling Centre – Update

Chairman has written to Mr. Pearn outlining the decisions and reasons for those decisions concerning the Household recycling centre. He stated “The outcome is that we wish to change Thorney HRC from its present format to a Bring Site. Our reasons for this were wide ranging, but put simply we could not justify the spending of public money both from Thorney Parish Council and Peterborough City Council for a unit, which is only open for 3 hours on a Sunday morning.

We felt that none of us has the skills needed to oversee the current site, nor did we have the desire to become involved in Recycling in the technical way the system now demands. We could see the danger looming of being liable for things we clearly are not trained to understand. We feel that Dogsthorpe HRC is physically close enough to us and perfectly adequate for the purposes of waste recycling for items that could not be dealt with at a Bring Site in Thorney.

Clearly it is desirable and would be very useful to us to have your advice on the path we should take towards achieving our goals. We need to work out with you the time scale that would be required to turn Thorney HRC into a Bring Site facility. From written advice you have previously given us, I believe the first action, when we are ready to proceed, would be to close down the site so that the licence held by Thorney Parish Council can be surrendered. Second would be the clearing from the site of all skips, buildings, et cetera. Thirdly we would need to agree with you what types of receptacles would be appropriate, suitable and useful to have on the Bring site. Then the new unit could be opened”.

Councillor Rowe made the point that the existing site takes items that cannot be placed in the Peterborough City Council collection bins.

The Chairman read the response from Richard Pearn

Process of surrendering the licence could take longer than 3 months

A fee will be payable

The clearance of waste from the site, removal of PCC containers, the cessation of management arrangements can all happen before licence is formally surrendered

We can decide when site is closed and management arrangement is terminated

Other processes are likely to take a lengthy period of time.

Bring Site.

Can commence once licence has been satisfactorily surrendered

Might be a good idea to leave a gap between closing site and reopening as a recycling site. Will reduce potential for people to see it as a waste site and deter potential fly-tipping.

Initial suggestion for recycling site – 3 glass banks + 2 for cardboard and paper, one for mixed cans and plastic bottles. Review after 3 months.

Environment Agency.

Surrender Process Guidance Notes.

Licence holder remains bound by its obligations until it is surrendered and we must apply to the EA to surrender it

They determine the condition of the land in terms of pollution to environment or harm to public health

Before making application. EA will tell us the type of evidence we will need to provide. We need to discuss this with EA soon

To make surrender application. Completed application form sent to EA + charge + evidence required, including,

- Types + quantities of waste dealt with

- Any pollution prevention measures in place

- Report on condition of site

We need to identify risk from contamination if it exists and report how it could affect “potential receptors”

We need to say what use will be made of the land i.e. Bring Site, + evidence.

We have to have all details and evidence before we send off the application – 10 days is allowed for missing information. Then the application will either be processed or rejected and returned + fee. There is no right of appeal. Therefore it has to be right first time.

When the application is “duly made” i.e. is all correct, EA will write and confirm this.

Then there is a 3 month period to “determine the application”

Application is then placed on public register

On receipt of “duly made” application EA will inspect the site to check:-

- the site is cleared of all wastes and residues including tanks, drains, interceptors

- et cetera and any raw materials associated with site for waste management

- site is free from contamination caused by wastes

- site is physically stable

site is free from continuing discharge.

We have to meet all criteria.

Assessment of Application.

Once all points are satisfied and EA proposes acceptance of the surrendered licence, EA will consult with appropriate planning authority and consider representations made by them

If no objections appear EA will accept surrender of licence and issue Certificate of Completion.

Subsistence charges for remainder of year will be returned and TPC will be released from any financial provision obligations.

After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Herdman and unanimously agreed to give 3 months notice of closure from the end of July of the Thorney Household Recycling Centre.

Mr. Dufeu to be invited to a meeting to discuss the THRU's future.

6 Crime Report

PCSO. No Crime report. More speed checks carried out in Station Road
Letter read from Mr. Shelton concerning anti-social behaviour in the village.
Councillor Bevington said there was no where for the teenagers to go.

7 Allotments

7.1 Following the visit 6th June the occupiers of numbers 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, 37, 38 were told that these would be flailed and later have herbicide applied. The tenant of 23 and 24 has cut down the overgrowth on his units. Mr. Stevenson to be asked to flail those overgrown with weeds - 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, 37, 38, spray off the weeds in August.

It was proposed by Councillor Herdman, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and unanimously agreed that tenancies would not be renewed in October to the existing tenants of 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, 37, 38.

8 Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting –

8.2 Other roads and footpaths

8.3 B1040 Thorney to Dog in Doublet – initial safety checks by Mr. Ewing. This route is already identified and scheduled for a further assessment for possible major works due to developing drought damage and other deterioration.

8.4 Andy Tatt – Acting Inspection and Works Team Manager deals with maintenance policy and will respond to our request for attendance at a meeting. To be invited to October meeting.

8.5 Trees on Dairy Drove – to be cut back from road – Councillor Gee to liaise with Peterborough City Council

9 Burial Board

9.1 New footpath from gate to cremated remains area. Mr. Jary underway with this work. Additional work involved to move seat

9.2 Cremated remains area with memorial stones at ground level. Mr. Jary has started this work. Green stones to be laid between memorials

10 Adoption new code of conduct.

CALC has suggested we Adopt the Parish and Town Councils Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2) to take effect from September 1st 2007 and put in place light touch rules of operation.

Light Touch Rules

The adoption including Para 12(2) means that councils need to set up rules of how the situation will operate when a councillor with a prejudicial interest is invited to make a factual presentation and answer questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed that if a councillor with a prejudicial interest wishes to speak on an agenda item then that interest and intention must be stated immediately after Item 1 on the Agenda. The public will be allowed a maximum of six speakers who may provide information for up to three minutes only and each person may only speak once. The Chairman will look to secure a balance of public speakers. The public participation is not to be a part of the debate but merely fact giving and answering questions in the same manner as the councillor with the prejudicial interest.

Councillor Bartlett said that the Peterborough City Council Standards Section are having an open day in the Autumn.

11 Christmas Lights 2007

Councillor Herdman to progress further

12 Standards Committee representative for Peterborough City Council panel
Councillor Bartlett already on this panel from a Peterborough City Council perspective – Councillor Evans volunteered to have his name put forward for this committee

13 Village street scene – plans prepared.

Mr. Mounfield outlined the proposals from the plans shown to the meeting. The 20mph limit near the school will not be retained.

Water collection on Wisbech Road junction Woburn Drive was highlighted.

Work for zebra crossing near the school to be started this August with following work to begin late Autumn/early winter.

A public exhibition of the works will be held.

14 Thorney Park – considerations from Mr. Shuster – left to next meeting

15 Correspondence/Any Other Business

15.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated

15.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated

16. Finance

16.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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Cambs Fire and Rescue	Grass cutting fire station	£100.00
Peterborough City Council	Park inspection	£500.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£3.20
Inland Revenue 05/06	Income tax/National Insurance repayment	£547.30
Inland Revenue 06/07	Income tax/National Insurance repayment	£301.94

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	001474	£30.40
Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery skip	001475	£88.80
Mr. R Jary	Repair and relocate village sign	001476	£820.0
Mr. J M Dufeu	Household Waste Site Management	001477	£486.66

16.2 Request from Thorney Football Club for donation. Following the request for assistance from the Thorney Football Club it was proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed that a grant of £500 should be made to encourage this sporting facility. (The Local Government Act 1976 Section 19 to provide such recreational facilities as it thinks fit and under Section 19(3) (a) a Parish Council may contribute by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by any voluntary organization in providing these recreational facilities).

The next meeting concerning Community Planning will be held on 13 August 2007

The next meeting will be held on 10 September 2007

The meeting closed at 9.55pm