

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 14 July 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, R Bevington, P. Murphy, R.M. Harlock, M. Amps-Woodward,  
Ms M Herdman  
PCSO Webber for item on crime only

6 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies from Ms. S Knight, E. Gee, W VanDriessche, C Evans

There were declarations of interest from: Councillor Amps-Woodward concerning  
item on Scouts request.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 9, 23 and 30 June, 2008 (copies  
of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 08/00325/REM for Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of five dwellings  
with garages and access at Gas House, Gas Lane – the specification on the plans  
only refers to the road on site and not Gas Lane.

3.2 Councillor Harlock has removed old village sign base Whittlesey Road

3.3 Acknowledgement from Robert Fowler, Planning and Policy Research Section,  
Peterborough City Council concerning the submission of comments on the Core Strategy  
document

3.4 Car sales Church Street – established use back to 1948 with no conditions attached  
relating to the number of vehicles for sale or to parking of vehicles for sale on the  
highway. No further action the Enforcement Officer can take.

4. Vacancy on Parish Council

Mr. Bothamley has withdrawn his nomination to the Council. This leaves Mrs. Fuller as the  
only candidate. It was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Bartlett, and  
unanimously agreed that Mrs. Fuller be co-opted to Thorney Parish Council. Mrs. Fuller  
then signed the declaration of acceptance.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications outcome

Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn/before committee

08/00374 58 The Causeway – front extension and side conservatory – passed

08/00414 58 The Causeway – single and 2 storey side extension - passed

08/00008 Northey Lodge, North Bank – additional pitches for seasonal pitches –  
passed

08/00515 The Green – crown, clean and inspect Tilia tree – passed

08/00642 and 08/00643 The Old Laundry and Stables, Abbey Place – passed

08/00707 Grange Farm, Green Drove – 2 agricultural buildings - passed

08/00655 Old Hall Farm, French Drove – conversion grain barn to 5 bed dwelling  
- refused

#### 5.2 Current Planning Applications

08/00758/FUL for Conversion of two dwellings into one and extension to front elevation at 5  
And 6 Toneham Lane – no objection

08/00821/WCMM For Variation of condition C3 of planning permission ref 04/01419/WCMM  
to allow a maximum of 24 working events outside of permitted hours in a 12 month period at  
Pode Hole Quarry The Causeway – no objection  
Many complaints of sand on main road

5.3 Request for Parish Poll concerning Memorial – at the last meeting “The Chairman  
told them it was now up to them to reconsider their position and let Thorney Parish  
council know if they still wished to go ahead with a Poll”. There has been no  
further contact

5.4 Memorial – update. No further information. Councillor Bartlett suggested that Thorney  
Parish Council should act as enabler and arrange a meeting between parties. The principle  
of location on The Green must be established with the Planners before a meeting could  
take place. Mr. Jary must raise this with planners as it is his planning application –  
Councillor Bevington to liaise.

#### 5.5 Other matters

Letter from Peterborough City Council concerning the status of the Peterborough  
Local Plan (First Replacement) and the future alterations to it.

### 6 Crime Report

6.1 Police Report. PCSO Webber gave a report of 19 calls to service, 18 crimes and a  
resume’ of the more serious incidents particularly hooliganism.

6.2 Councillor Harlock explained there had been another break-in at his premises-  
11 this year with 9 of those gaining access from the allotments. After discussion  
it was agreed that costs should be obtained for placing a barrier across the  
access road and providing keys to allotment holders. It was proposed by  
Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and agreed  
that up to £500 could be made available to provide the barrier before  
resubmission to the full meeting.

6.3 Notice board in Wisbech Road vandalised - has now been repaired

6.4 High visibility patrols were successful in providing useful information. Some  
youngsters have suggested a multi-purpose games area and shelter would cut  
down on vandalism

6.5 Woburn Estate – cold caller on non Cold calling estate dealt with rapidly by  
PSCO Webber. A thank you letter to be sent to the PCSO.

6.6 Further speed checks to be carried out along Station Road

### 7 Allotments

7.1 Smiley Faces allotment - agreement to be terminated because of their lack of  
husbandry. Mr. Stevenson to be asked to flail and apply herbicide. Invoice to be  
sent to Smiley Faces

7.2 Waiting list for allotment tenancy – Mrs. Bradbury, 12 Ash Close added to the list

## 8 Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.

8.2 Footpath outside Cheriton House. Councillor Bevington had determined the necessary procedures for the maintenance of Yorkshire stone footpaths. These are:

1 General: Water (cold is satisfactory) with a little washing-up liquid in it. Broom with rugged bristles.

Swill water over paving and brush to loosen any dirt. Wash off with clean water.

Do not use hose or power hose as this will wash out any joint filler.

Do not use any acid based cleaning products as these may damage surface of stone.

2. Algae. Algae will form in damp weather. To remove dilute bleach 1:1 in water. (Use cheap off the shelf household bleach – not thick or gloopy bleach). Apply via a watering can and leave for several minutes before rinsing off with clean water.

Note: several treatments may be needed to eliminate existing algae.

Carry out this treatment every two to three months to keep paving free of algae.

3. Lichen. Treatment as for algae but use stiff or wire brush on areas of lichen. Do not be too forceful with wirebrush as this can damage surface of stone.

4. Moss. Treatment as for algae with bleach but moss will need brushing off before rinsing with clean water. **Do not** use moss killer

5. Leaves. Keep paths clear of wet leaves.

6. Level. Check that there is no movement in paving that creates lips between stones that are greater than 10mm.

Mr. Lucken to be asked to carry out the above work and cleaning

8.3 Highway Agency to be asked about progress of their investigation concerning road marking at Pote Hole Quarry

8.4 Highway Agency to be contacted concerning trees overhanging footpath near footbridge near Station Road roundabout

8.5 Drain at junction Church Street and Abbey Place blocked

8.6 Petition against proposed double yellow lines in village – to be passed to Mr. Mounfield, Peterborough City Council.

8.7 Councillor Harlock will report back to September meeting on progress with landscaping and Station Road roundabout

8.8 Footpath steps outside museum – meeting with Mr. Smith who is costing modifications

8.9 Tree near Bedford Hall to be removed shortly

## 9 Burial Board

9.1 NLIDB to install a concrete outlet header to the discharge drain from the cemetery at no charge to Thorney Parish Council

9.2 Other matters – confirmation again to be sent to Mr. Lucken that gate at cemetery must be kept locked

10 Household Recycling Centre – update

As agreed at the last meeting all Thorney Parish Council equipment now cleared thanks to Councillor Harlock.

Mr. Pace liaising with Environment Agency concerning licence termination

Mr. Pace also liaising with the Concrete Company concerning parking.

11 Community Leadership Fund – Councillor Bartlett explained concept of funding City Councillors David Sanders and Ray Dodds have asked for suggested uses of Community Leadership Fund. It was agreed the following should be put forward:

1. Donation £500 to Thorney Rugby Union Football Club (already promised?)
2. Donation to Thorney Colts for pavilion provision – Mike Shuster (team manager, 11 Laurel Drive, michael@game6.co.uk) in negotiation with Louise Wilcox (PCC) concerning modifications to the pavilion in Thorney Park
3. Thorney Heritage Centre – have asked for a donation of £600 to further their work in providing a new display area – contact is Ms. Fletcher ([dot.thorney@tesco.net](mailto:dot.thorney@tesco.net))
4. Thorney Scout Group contact [mbcaterers@thorney.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:mbcaterers@thorney.fsbusiness.co.uk) who would also like a donation of £600 towards the work they do with the scout group
5. A further use could be the provision of a shelter which the older children could use. At the planning meeting 15 September this will be discussed further with Cherie Lester from PCC Child services. She is also bringing a new colleague with her who deals with 0- 19 yr olds. Any spare money could be put to very good use as Thorney has had problems recently of anti-social behaviour. The Police are considering arranging a Youth Forum to discuss with local youths what they want in the village in light of the recent ASB problems  
Ms. Fletcher suggested that a Youth Leader could meet with the older children, possibly in the cafe' to discuss what they want.
6. A further use could be flower planters or hanging baskets.
7. Thorney provides Christmas lights on the tower. Could the fund make provision for a donation to these?

12 Review of Standing Orders. A copy of the existing Orders was circulated prior to the meeting. These orders were updated last year and the folder now contains standing orders, financial orders and risk assessment procedures. Agreed to leave discussion until next meeting

- 13 Audit Report. Copies of the internal audit report were circulated prior to the meeting Councillor Harlock explained he had studied the Clerks timesheets and concluded that the time spent was about 106 hours per month not the 90 that Thorney Parish Council pay. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and unanimously agreed to increase the paid hours to 100 per month. This would be reviewed again in 3 months time.

#### 14 Correspondence/Any Other Business

14.1 The NLIDB are to invite 2 Councillors from each Parish Council to an open day in October this year. The day would consist of a presentation, an inspection of work in progress and a visit to a pumping station.

14.2 Energy Park, Peterborough – renewable energy from biomass with zero landfill - planning submission nearing completion.

14.3 Possible car repairs 174 -176 Wisbech Road. Enforcement Officer to be advised

14.4 Sandpit Road, Sandpit Terrace – residents say signage causes confusion. Peterborough City Council state signage is correct

14.5 Councillors Bartlett and Buddle explained the recent meeting with the Head of Duke of Bedford School. The needs of the Parish to be considered from contributions from developers (there is a building at the school that could be modified for school and outside needs). Councillor Harlock to liaise with developer and Simon Chandler Head of D of B School.

14.6 Doors to Parish room discussed. Unlikely Peterborough City Council will replace doors

14.7 Bedford Hall Constitution briefly discussed

14.8 Christmas lights on tower to be discussed at next meeting.

#### 13 Finance

13.1 Request for donation from the Scouts. Passed to Councillor Sanders for inclusion in Community Leadership fund.

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Peterborough City Council	Park inspection	£500.00
J G Cross	Memorials to Mr. Beeton, Batterby, Berry	£49.00
Thorney R U F C	Loan repayment	£125.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£1.44
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Inter Mr. Morgan	£400.00
Mr. Bone	Inter Mrs. Bone	£400.00
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Memorial	£20.00
The Concrete Company	Purchase of metal steps (ex HH waste site)	£150.00
Mr. C Marks	Purchase of old lorry container	£120.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Thorney Community Centre	Hire of room for road works exhib	001592	£24.00
Thorney Football Club	Donation for sporting activity	001593	£600.00
Peterborough Grass Mach	Repair Stiga blades, sundries	001594	£100.09
Mr. A Hovell	Telephone, postage, travel	001595	£34.98
Grounds Maintenance Service	Cut and Strim Abbey Churchyard	001596	£270.25
R A Baker	Repair toughened glass notice board Wisbech Road	001597	£99.88
NLIDB	Drainage rates allotments	001598	£19.54

The next full meeting will be held on 8 September unless a special meeting is called for August. Community Planning meeting 15 September.  
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm