

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 13 March 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor: W VanDriessche

Councillors: R. Bevington, J.E.G. Bartlett, P A Rowe, G.A.Kilham, D. J Buddle, M. Amps-Woodward, C. Evans, R.M. Harlock. PC Smith

Mr. Shuster

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion

1. Apologies

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2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 13 February (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed

3. Matters arising

3.1 Some Key Homes in Thorney have insecure doors – Councillor Bartlett has written to Management Committee. Clerk received letter saying they were reviewing the situation

3.2 Thorney Parish Council vacancy – Peterborough City Council agree that the vacancy should be held until the May elections.

3.3 Councillor Harlock expressed his appreciation for himself and the other members of the Bypass Thorney Committee at the letter sent to him from Thorney Parish Council.

4. Visit by Ms L Wilcox and Mr M Shuster concerning pavilion in Park

No reply from emails sent to Ms. Wilcox concerning attending this meeting which she agreed to last month. She has also not contacted Thorney Parish Council or Mr. Shuster with the funding details that she was to investigate.

At this point the meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

Mr. Shuster explained the meeting held in Thorney Park late in the evening with Ms. Wilcox. Chairman expressed exasperation at the attitudes of some Peterborough City Council officers that no progress had been made. Mr. Shuster said the groundsman had explained that it was visiting teams (and one in particular) that abused the changing facilities.

There were 2 options for enhancing the pavilion:

1. demolish and rebuild
2. repair and upgrade

The Chairman expressed the view that Thorney Parish Council should now seriously consider taking over the Park running from Peterborough City Council and Councillor Bartlett was to progress this further.

Councillor Rowe asked who was responsible for changing room security and said it would be beneficial to the village for Thorney Parish Council to become fully responsible for the Park upkeep.

Mr Shuster said that lighting needed to be improved for security and, so that more use could be made of the park, extra floodlights were required.

Lighting could be arranged in 2 parts – 1. from the car park to the pavilion 2. from pavilion to tennis courts.

The meeting was reconvened.

It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council should look into the possibility of taking responsibility for the management of the Park and Trevor Gibson to be approached regarding this. Chairman to investigate lighting and Mr. Shuster to draw up a list of needs.

5. Planning

5.1 Current Planning Applications

The following applications were passed by Peterborough City Council:

05/01933 Northey Road, Newark – erection offices and warehouse

The following applications were withdrawn:

05/01782 Rear 8 & 9 Church Street – erection of dwelling

The following applications were received from Peterborough City Council:

05/01392 The Barns, White Hart Farm, English Drove - 1200 High Courtyard walls should have material that match the existing bricks. Concern over placement of central heating storage.

06/00208 English Drove Farm Buildings - change of use of building to storage - no objections

06/00239 21 Topham Crescent – rear conservatory – no objections

06/00187 Sycamore Cottage, French Drove – rear extension - no objections

06/00286 26 Woburn Drive – rear extension – no objections

06/00358 2 The Green – thin and trim trees- no objections

5.2 Peterborough Local Plan (First Replacement) – map circulated to all Councillors.

5.3 Concrete Company not in breach of planning consent.

5.4 A developer has approached Councillor Harlock concerning property development that could include Thorney Parish Council allotments. Any approach to talk to Thorney Parish Council should be made through the Clerk.

Chairmen's view was that this area should be for employment but Councillor Harlock expressed a different view.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet with Peterborough City Council Estates Manager to ascertain the Peterborough City Council ideas.

6. Crime Report

6.1 Sponsorship of local PCSO. Newborough Parish Council discussed cooperation with Thorney Parish Council and agreed in principle although finances would have to be negotiated. Eye Parish Council will not join any initiative.

PC Smith explained the role of the PCSO's and their powers.

Clerk to write to Inspector Rogers concerning use of Parish Room.

6.2 Crime and Fear Scrutiny Review – Public meetings 16 March at Fletton and 21 March at Bretton

6.3 PC Smith explained recent crimes in the Parish

7. Allotments

Councillor Harlock volunteered to level the area for a road so that hardcore can be laid to give better access to the allotments.

8. Roads and Footpaths

8.1 Street lighting. Street lights still out along Wisbech Road. Councillor Bartlet to contact Peterborough City Council and H.A.

8.2 B1167 through village. When road de-trunked will footpath revert back to pedestrians access rather than shared with bicycles?

8.3 Other roads and footpaths. Footpath and road walk through village with Mr. Ewing mid March with Councillor Bartlett and others.

9. Burial Board  
Mrs Sheldrake applied for consent to erect a seat in memory of Mr. R Sheldrake at the top of Station Road in the area backing onto the river and overlooking the crossroads (land in ownership of Thorney Parish Council). When a seat was in this location previously that were complaints. Suggested alternative is near Paddock, Wisbech Road.

Gates at Cemetery need painting. Mr. Tawn to be approached.

- 10 Correspondence/Any other business
- 10.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated
  - 10.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated
  - 10.3 Fenland District Council – Fenland Local Development Framework, consultation document. Can be viewed at [www.fenland.gov.uk](http://www.fenland.gov.uk)
  - 10.4 DVD from Peterborough City Council “A Place to Grow” concerns tree and wood protection
  - 10.5 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan – Issues and Options Consultation. Can be viewed at [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)
  - 10.6 Letter of resignation from Mr. Cave and letter from Standards Officer to be published.
  - 10.7 Patients and Public Involvement in Health Forum for Greater Peterborough – consultation document.
  - 10.9 Chairman to look at NLIDB maps to ascertain if recently fenced area along the Causeway is Common Land – in progress
  - 10.10 Work on bypass to be fully completed shortly.

- 11 Salary Review of Employees  
After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed that a 3% salary increase would be affective from 1 April 2006.

12. Key to Bollard The Causeway/Laurel Drive  
Letter from Buckles Solicitors concerning a key for Mrs. Barron to open barrier on link path the Causeway/Laurel Drive circulated to all Councillors as was the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Williams.  
Mrs. Barron claims she has a right of vehicular access over the footpath which is inferred in a letter from Greenwoods Solicitors in July 1984 on transfer of the property from Mr. Harlock Senior. Councillor Harlock declared an interest in this as it was his father that sold the property. He has no vested interest in it at the present time.  
Mrs. Barron had spoken to the Clerk and explained she was selling the property and wished to secure the access rights to expedite the sale.  
The letter from Mr. and Mrs. Williams explained they owned the land in question (Title Absolute number CB 29059). This states “The land is subject to rights of way” – there is no mention of vehicular access.  
The property at 82 the Causeway is surrounded by an 8 foot high solid brick wall that has been in place immediately after the premises was purchased by Mrs. Barron in 1984. Councillor Rowe declared a prejudicial interest as he owned the adjacent property and his premises did have vehicular access over the footpath into his yard via an existing gate.  
Although Councillors Harlock had a personal interest in this topic because of his past knowledge of negotiations and transactions around this property he was asked to contribute to the discussion. Historical discussions and negotiations were explained.

The bollard was erected in the footpath with the full consent of the owners – Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Title deed number CB29059). This was to stop illegal parking. Councillor Harlock explained that originally there was a solicitors' error that almost came to litigation. However, in 1994/5 Mr. C Harlock spoke to Mr. Barron who agreed he did not want vehicular access and consequently signed documents from Mr. D Ball, Frazors Solicitors, 29, Old Market, Wisbech, PE13 1ND to correct the ownership issues. It was in this document that vehicular access was abolished.

### 13. Site entrance to Skip Site

Councillor Van Driessche outlined the proposals that Peterborough City Council had for the skip site entrance to comply with Health and Safety rules and the letter from Peterborough City Council was circulated. This said that:

“The City Council has been made aware of a number of issues relating to the Thorney Site from a recent inspection undertaken by the Health and Safety Executive. In response to this the City Councils own Health and Safety Services team has visited the site, and made a number of recommendations for both the operation and infrastructure on site. As the Parish Council operate the facility and hold the Waste Management Licence, a number of these recommendations need immediate action by yourselves. I have detailed them as follows:

1. Access to the site for members of the public must be restricted to suitable times that fall outside of the operating times for the Thorney Concrete Company.
2. Should the changed hours fall outside daylight hours then sufficient lighting must be provided, by the Parish Council. In these circumstances the Environment Agency must give written permission for any suggested lighting plan, alongside a modification to the licence should these hours also fall outside the existing licence provisions.
3. The site operative must wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, for example steel toe shoes, high visibility clothing etc.
4. The site operative must also affect greater control on the vehicle movement and parking both on site and on the shared access road.

The City Council therefore requests, as soon as possible, confirmation of agreement to these points from the Parish Council, alongside a written implementation plan and risk assessments for the continued operation of the facility. To avoid the City Council having to consider closure of the facility the Parish Council must provide, if possible, sufficient management of the site and the traffic flow onto and off of the site.

In conjunction with these measures, the City Council is looking into physical changes to the access road layout, including but not limited to signage, speed restrictions, speed bumps. Once this work has been finalised the Parish Council will have to agree to operate the facility in such a way as to enforce restrictions and conditions imposed on traffic in the interest of safety for all visitors and vehicles.

Urgent meeting to be held with Mr. Brown, Head of Environmental and Public Protection Services, Peterborough City Council by Chairman and Vice-Chairman

### 14. Thorney Community Youth Centre

Councillor Bartlett outlined the recent developments with Peterborough City Council officers. Small grants available – centre to be run by management committee. Viability of maintaining the facility was discussed at length as this is a very valuable asset to the community.

It was proposed by Councillor Harlock and agreed in principle that upto £4000 could be made by Thorney Parish Council for the continued running of the centre. However, this was not to be conveyed to Peterborough City Council and Councillor Bartlett will continue to liaise with officers and negotiate funding from Peterborough City Council.

15. Finance

15.1 Insurance values and equipment covered. Clerk to look at schedules with permission to write off assets that are not currently used such as ride on lawn mowers.

15.2 Methodist Chapel request for donation to kitchen facilities

The Clerk explained he could find no powers that the Parish Council had that would allow a donation to the Methodist Chapel for kitchen facilities.

15.3 The following sums had been received:-

From	Reason	Amount
John Lucas	Inter Mrs. Campbell	£20.00
Anglia Reg Coop Soc	Inter R Sheldrake	£170.00

The following BACS Orders were paid in February: -

Mr. A Hovell	Isp Connection/home office	£35.17
Mr. B Lucken	Salary	£12.92
Mr. B Lucken	Petrol, mileage, etc	£24.00
Inland Revenue	Income tax/NI	£507.75

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

Payee	Cheque no.	Reason	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	001282	Postage/Travel/Registration	£67.32
Shanks Waste Services	001283	Skip at Cemetery	£50.31
Peterborough Grass Mach	001284	Maintenance mowers	£43.33
Peterborough Grass Mach	001285	New hand mowers	£7.58
Colemans of Peterboro	001286	Storage facilities	£421.92
Anglian Water	001287	Water at allot/cemetery	£68.95
PGM	001288	Repair Stiga mower	£56.58

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 April at 7.0pm

The meeting closed at 8.56pm