

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

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor W VanDriessche

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

Mr. K Tighe and Mr. J Marsden Peterborough City Council,  
Mr. N Goodhew (Ridgewind), Nutsgrove Windfarm  
Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.  
1 member of the public present

1. Apologies

M. Amps-Woodward,

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 9 October 2006 (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Fence end Woburn Drive not Mr. Jeffs

3.2 Rating assessment 4 Acres from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004

4. Visit by Mr. K Tighe and Mr. J Marsden Peterborough City Council Thorney Park  
Mr. Marsden handed out notes from previous discussions and a debate took place around these. Peterborough City Council Policy Overview Committee will be consulted before any final arrangements are made.

Other facilities at Hampton and Focus Centre have a similar arrangement to that proposed by Thorney Parish Council.

Grounds maintenance costs could be double those shown by the presented notes. There will be a service standard for maintenance agreed between Peterborough City Council and Thorney Parish Council.

Disused toilet block – part of a study by Peterborough City Council of general toilet facilities throughout the area. Possible decision in new year. It is likely that Peterborough City Council will not carry out maintenance on the facilities in Thorney Park.

The view was expressed that Thorney, as a community, could possibly build a new pavilion. Mr. Tighe said that he could see no reason not to explore the possibilities of the community providing a new pavilion but Peterborough City Council members would have to be consulted before any plans were agreed.

5. Visit by Mr. N Goodhew (Ridgewind), a discussion on the benefits for the local community of Nutsgrove Windfarm

As a Company Ridgewind (in conjunction with Wind Prospect) hope Thorney Parish Council could set up a trust fund that is run by the community for the local people's benefit and he gave examples of trust funds in other areas and how money was to be spent. Over the life of the project the income to the trust could be considerable. The developer has no intension of going forward with a section 106 agreement (PPS 22) but Councillor Bartlett counselled caution and suggested the new Peterborough City Council Planning Obligation Strategy be studied.

Mr. Goodhew suggested that if a Peterborough City Council member was on the trust fund then Peterborough City Council could attract other funding to match that of the trust fund. This is something that also needs to be explored. Mr. Goodhew was not talking to any other Parish Council concerning a fund.

Councillor Harlock said he believed that Peterborough City Council would still have an interest in any money that may be generated from the scheme.

Mr. Goodhew said there would be a bond in place so there would not be the possibility of redundant turbines remaining.

6. Planning

11.1 Current Planning Applications approved by Peterborough City Council

06/01294 3 Tower Court, Station Road, - conservatory

06/012300 Rear 61 Wisbech Road - withdrawn

The following applications were received:

06/01630/FUL - Park View Northey Road – For Continued siting and use of temporary mobile home, angling storage shed and angler's mobile WC - no objections  
Councillor VanDriessche declared a prejudicial interest in the next application as Chairman of the Bedford Hall Committee

06/01645/LBC - Bedford Hall Station Road – For Provision of access ramp, steps and platform and refurbishment of disabled toilet – no objections

06/01664/MMFUL - Pode Hole Quarry The Causeway – For Installation of replacement sand plant - no objections

06/0105/FUL Park View Northey Park Northey Road for Erection of bungalow – no objections - no objections

06/01622 Rear 137 Wisbech Road (access of Park Close) erection 3 bed dwelling – no objections but further development likely in this area and should be co-ordinated by Peterborough City Council.(Councillor Bartlett objected)

An email from Jim Daley concerning the Tap Room was circulated.

7. Crime Report

7.1 PCSO Crime report. Reasonably low level of crime in area but reports of distraction burglaries. Also in increase in vandalism in the Park. PCSO Brader will look to the Parish Council for guidance and will provide a breakdown of statistics. A discussion on crimes took place.

7.2 Speed checks will be carried out near the school

7.3 Invitation to Neighbourhood Policing Panels

7.4 Parking of vehicles close to the junction Woburn Drive/Wisbech Road will be checked.

7.5 Cars parked on yellow lines is a Traffic Wardens responsibility from Peterborough City Council.

7.6 PCSO Brader to liaise with traffic police concerning manning of traffic lights when the situation occurs of traffic being diverted through the village.

7.7 PCSO Brader can be reached on 07736086797 or email alex.brader@cambs.pnn.police.uk

8. Allotments

8.1 Tenancy agreement renewal for those allotments poorly kept? Ongoing

9. Roads and Footpaths
  - 9.1 Street lighting – 3 lights still off near bus stop – Highways Agency responsibility
  - 9.2 Other roads and footpaths. Advertising sign for Mill Garage being investigated by Enforcement Officer.
  
10. Burial Board
  - 10.1 Footpath resurfacing. Councillor Rowe obtained the quotation received for surfacing the footpaths. Further quotation obtained and circulated. A discussion took place concerning the quotations and it was agreed that D. Watt Roadways be asked to re-quote for a smaller area.
  
11. Thorney Household waste site  
Meeting on site Tuesday with architects.  
Grandfather rights limited life – no reply yet from Environment Agency.  
Still no 3<sup>rd</sup> skip supplied by Peterborough City Council despite assurances at last months meeting, so early closures are still necessary.
  
12. Christmas lights on Tower  
Mr. Jary and Chairman organising “Merry Christmas” lights. Agreed that funding for bulbs be provided.
  
13. Lone working of Employees – safety considerations/risk assessment  
A scheme operated by some local authorities was circulated. The system operated by employees telephoning in when starting work at a particular location, giving a completion time and then confirming when they left site. Should the employee not call in to confirm completion, or alternatively send in a “help needed” message, then a local contact is notified to take the action necessary to assist the employee. It had already been agreed at a previous meeting to pay half of Mr. Lucken’s mobile telephone rental costs so the only additional cost to Thorney Parish Council would be £8.00 per month.  
After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Lucken’s work did not create any particular risk and therefore not to proceed with the scheme above.
  
14. Village Plan – discussion to proceed?  
The letter from Peterborough City Council was circulated that expanded on the view that Peterborough City Council took on VDS’s and village plans.  
It was agreed that with the attitude displayed by Peterborough City Council in the document “Guidance Note On Using Village Design Statements, Parish Plans And Conservation Area Appraisals To Influence Decisions On Planning Applications” it was agreed not to proceed with a village plan.
  
15. Correspondence/Any Other Business
  - 15.1 Acre circulars, Harvest, Clerks and Councils Direct- circulated
  - 15.2 Tap room listing – Mr. Daley to again contact the appropriate people but did not think that it would be listed as it was rejected many years ago.
  - 15.3 Public Consultation on the Draft Peterborough Statement of Community Involvement by Peterborough City Council.
  - 15.4 Peterborough Preferred Waste Sites for Consultation document
  - 15.5 Public Consultation on the Draft Peterborough Statement of Community Involvement by Fenland District Council

- 15.6 Letter from Countryside Alliance requesting support to save local Post Offices
- 15.7 Peterborough City Council letter concerning Improving Accessibility to local services for Disadvantaged Groups
- 15.8 School crossing patrol Duke of Bedford School being discontinued March 2007. Partition being organised.
- 15.9 Peterborough City Council semina on Young People and Community Safety on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- 15.10 Councillor Harlock liaising with Highways Agency concerning by-pass maintenance.
- 15.11 Whittlesey Road – elevation in road where Thorney River turns at right angles to road (past Hill Farm)
- 15.12 Councillor Evans explained the main points raised at the recent CALC meeting.

16. Finance

16.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£3.57
Mr W Allen	Allot rent	£20.00
Fenland Stonemasons	Memorial Mr Nutt	£17.00
Mr. Hardwick	Allot rent	£20.00
Mr. Harlock	Allot rent	£20.00
Mr. Paul	Allot rent	£20.00
Mr. P Perry	Allot rent	£20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Spridgeon	Reserve grave spaces	£140.00
Anglia Memorials	Mem Mr. R Parker	£17.00
Mr.R Rex	Allot rent	£20.00
Mr. S Tawn	Allot rent	£10.00
Mr. B Ewing	Allot rent	£10.00
Mr. M Bruce	Allot rent	£10.00
Buckles Solicitors	Sanctum unit Mrs. Chamberlain	£400.00
Mr. B Lucken	Petrol, mileage, etc	£51.10

The following Cheques were drawn and signed out of meeting:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
British Telecom	Telephone skip site	001400	£68.70

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Postage, etc	001401	£39.12
Shanks Waste Services	Skip at Cemetery	001402	£79.41
Moore Stevens	External Audit	001403	£411.25
Mr. J Tindall	Internal Audit	001404	£290.00
Mr. J Downing	Repairs at skip site	001405	£135.12
Powergen	Electricity skip site	001406	£14.34

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The Columbaria Company	Sanctum unit Mr I and Mr. D Campbell	001407	£157.45
Peterborough City Council	Election expenses	001408	£29.00
Grounds Maintenance Services	Cut Abbey lawns/strim churchyard	001409	£226.78

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 December 2006

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm