

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 12 November 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

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

4 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests
Apologies from W VanDriessche

There were declarations of interest from Councillor Gee concerning the wind farm (this was next to his property and involved a relative), Councillor Harlock concerning the item from Peterborough City Council requesting notification of sites suitable for development (his property in Station Road falls into this category), Councillor Bartlett concerning the planning application for Cheriton House (because of past involvement) and planning application for the Post Office (because of friendship with the owners)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 8 October (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Vacancy on Thorney Parish Council advertised – no call for a ballot has been received therefore Thorney Parish Council can go ahead and co-opt a new member.

4. Co-option of new member

Three applications have been made: Mrs. Sue Knight, Mrs. Jayne Sheraton and Mr. Alan Bothamley.

It was agreed to invite all three to the next meeting to give a brief presentation to members.

5. Declaration of Interests

5.1 Motion to resolve that when a declaration of interest is given the reason and full nature of that interest is declared and minuted. The Chairman explained the reason for this agenda item. It was proposed by Councillor Amps-Woodward, seconded by Councillor Rowe and unanimously agreed that when a declaration of interest is given the reason and full nature of that interest is declared and minuted.

5.2 Return of Declaration of interests form. Outstanding forms from Councillors VanDriessche,

6 Thorney Conservation area – comments for Mr. Daley

A copy of the draft Thorney Conservation Area Appraisal was given to each Councillor at the last meeting. Councillor Bartlett did not take part in this discussion as he had already sent in his opinions to Peterborough City Council. Comments for feedback were as follows:

Excellent document with good guidelines for future development in the village
Pleased that document will be considered as a ‘material consideration’

Agree that it would be good if Conservation Area was extended to include the Wisbech Road cottage allotments and Abbey Fields and that all Duke of Bedford buildings be included on English Heritage's list of buildings of historical interest

Would welcome proposed work to the approaches to the village, tree planting generally, removal of legacy of the former trunk road, reduction of other visual clutter and all other recommendations in the document

Would like more emphasis on the predominant building type being two storeys and the use of a limited palette of building materials

Do not agree success of Kingsline as these houses exceed two storeys (two and a half storeys is not in keeping with village type)

Collection of old/salvaged building materials is good idea that could be carried out by Thorney Society

No mention of new development in Church Street

Part of Orchard Court appears to be in the conservation area map.

English Heritage document, pre-bypass, contains approximately 90 properties in the conservation area whereas there are only 30 in the report.

7 Planning

7.2 07/01583/FUL For One and a half storey side extension, with dormer window at

4 Topham Crescent – no loss of garage explained – no objection

07/01046/FUL Thorney Post Office, 5 Abbey Place – internal modifications – no objections

07/01411/FUL Wrydecroft Wind Farm – Thorney Parish Council were concerned that this development would have a detrimental effect on wildlife, health impact on nearby residents, effect on landscape, effect on nearby property prices, deeply unpopular with those nearby who are directly affected, loss of agricultural land – A vote showed 9 against and 1 abstention.

Thorney Parish Council objects to this application and if it is the Planning Officers intention to recommend approval Thorney Parish Council wish for this application to go before committee.

07/00580 Cheriton House – general upgrade, alterations to stable block to form gym and domestic store – ladder retained and window overlooking neighbour boarded up – no objection

Recent article in E.T. was thought to be intrusive.

Councillor Rowe questioned Councillor Bartlett about his involvement with previous Cheriton House applications.

07/01120 Willow Hall Farm and Briggs Farm mineral extraction – application to be considered by Planning and Environment Committee 13 November

06/00464 Willow Hall Farm and Briggs Farm – construction of reservoir - application to be considered by Planning and Environment Committee 13 November

Councillor Bartlett had visited site on the 2 above applications and found no objection

7.3 Invitation to submit to Peterborough City Council potential sites for future development. The letter and form from Peterborough City Council was given to each member

Peterborough City Council is progressing work on its Local Development Framework (LDF) and related to this, they are in the process of preparing the Peterborough Core Strategy and the Site Specific Allocations documents.

According to the RSS, Peterborough is expected to provide at least 20,000 new jobs and 25,000 houses by 2021 growing from our baseline figures of 2001. For PCC to provide

for this level of growth, more land needs to be allocated. They have invited developers, agents and land owners to submit potential sites for development. They are now extending this offer and giving Parish Councils the opportunity to put forward any sites within the Parish Council area which might have the potential to be developed for the following uses:

- Employment – including offices, manufacturing industries, warehousing and distribution
- Housing – including new dwellings, affordable housing, sheltered accommodation etc
- Sites for gypsy and traveller pitches
- Retail – including district and local centres
- Sites for mixed use development (such as a mixture of housing, employment, retail etc)

All sites submitted may be made publicly available during the issues and options stage of preparing the Site Specific Allocations document. There will be a process of assessment of each site, which will include the extent to which development of a site would conform with, and help to deliver, the strategy of the emerging Core Strategy. Only sites which meet the criteria will be included in the emerging LDF.

There will be a full public consultation on sites that have been suggested to Peterborough City Council in an Issues and Options document. This is likely to be in spring 2008.

Councillor Bartlett said this was a very important document that, if adopted, will be a blue print planning consents. Councillor Rowe said that sites should not be submitted without the owners consent and that farmers should be directly approached by Peterborough City Council.

The combinations of houses and employment was discussed at length as was the infrastructure – particularly roads. Councillor Bartlett said virtually no employment development had taken place in Eye despite the building of numerous homes.

The Peterborough City Council should write directly to land owners that may have land for development rather than through the Parish Council.

Councillor Bevington explained the conflict between the various initiatives the Peterborough City Council are progressing at the present time and he will developed this concern at the Community Planning meeting next week

7.4 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn/before committee

07/01257/FUL For Replacement dwelling at Poplar Farm Cottage Thorney Dyke Thorney – passed

07/01213/FUL For Conversion of former farm buildings into four residential units at Glasshouse Farm Dairy Drove Thorney – withdrawn

07/01382/CTR For Fell three Willows, one Maple and one Acacia; reduce crown of Yew by 20 per cent and cut back from building; thin Mulberry by 15 per cent to reduce crown weight; reduce crown and shape Bay and remove dead wood from two Maples and Alder at Cheriton House The Green Thorney Peterborough Reason for application: Health and safety – passed

07/01355/FUL For Creation of three car parking spaces for use of occupiers of nearby dwellings at Land To Rear Of 24 - 28 Wisbech Road – passed

07/01352/FUL For Two storey side extension at 21 Chestnut Drive Thorney – refused

07/01296/FUL For Construction of monument to commemorate war dead at The Green – to go to committee 30 October

07/01376/Ful Knarr Corner Farm, Dairy Drove – extensions - passed

06/02002/Ful Land of East Side Station Road for 78 Dwellings – withdrawn

07/00288 Stone Bridge Farm, Thorney Dyke – erection replacement bungalow

There was concern at the apparent obstructive nature of applications involving the conversion of redundant farm premises for living accommodation. Peterborough City Council to be asked what criterion is used in determining this type of application.

8 Household Recycling Centre

8.1 Members responsibilities. The Peterborough City Principal Solicitor, Philip Evans has indicated that “Any ‘person’ who ...treats keeps or disposes of controlled waste , or knowingly causes or permits to be treated kept or disposes of controlled waste...except under and in accordance with a waste management licence would be guilty of a criminal offence punishable with a fine up to £50,000.00 and or up to 5 years imprisonment. It is a matter that could be referred to the Crown Court”.

On concluded of his research he advises that an **individual member of Thorney parish Council could be held personally liable for any breach of the license conditions.**

The Law

Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA) sets of 3 categories of offences.

S33(1)a person must not **deposit** controlled waste, or knowingly cause or permit controlled waste to be deposited in or on any land unless a waste management license authorising such deposit is in force-and in accordance with the license.

S33(1)b states that a person must **not treat keep or dispose of controlled waste** , or knowingly cause or permit to be treated kept or disposed of in or on land, or by means of any mobile plant (except under and in accordance with a waste management licence.

S33(!)C) a person must not treat, keep or dispose of controlled waste in a manner **likely to cause pollution** to the environment or harm to human health.

These sections are offence specific and speak for themselves.

However S33(6) makes it an offence to contravene any of the above sections and or **any condition of the waste management license. To breach any condition of the license would be an offence.**

S 157 effectively allows for a member to be prosecuted for the offence committed by the body corporate (Parish Council) if that breach was committed with the consent or connivance or to have been attributable to the neglect on the part of a/the director, manager or similar **officer.**

Also where a body corporate are managed by its members, the above applies to its members.

Essentially individual members may be prosecuted.

It was unanimously agreed to implement the vote taken at a previous meeting to close the site at the end of November. Councillor Amps-Woodward to arrange the sign to be displayed at the site.

8.2 Peterborough City Council withdrew all the skips from the site prior to Sunday 4th November so that on this day Mr. Dufeu could not open and notices had not been displayed. The lack of skips was due to an administrative error by Peterborough City Council.

8.3 The answers to questions put to Mr. Pearne concerning the Household waste site are given below:

1. Will Peterborough City Council fund the change of the Householders' Recycling Centre from its present use to that of a bring site?

I have already raised the cheque for surrender of the waste management licence to the value of approximately £4,500, and will ensure that where I have funds available in the budget; I will make arrangements for the site to be prepared for becoming a recycling site. This includes repairing the road surface, removing the gates to open the access and other similar actions required to make the site safe and suitable for its new use.

Please note however that this money comes from my existing budget and as such is limited.

The Council shall arrange for recycling containers to be delivered to site, exact numbers and types to be agreed, however they are likely to include glass, cardboard, paper, cans and textiles.

2. Could you explain how the site will be able to be open more hours than it is at present, restricted as we are currently by Health and Safety concerns, the operation of the Concrete Company and access limitations?

By removing the large containers and sitting smaller containers to the rear of the site there will be a considerable increase in the room available within the site for parking and turning space.

This will ensure that there is reduced potential for users to park on the shared access road, exposing themselves to risk of accident, whilst carrying materials into the site for recycling.

With no requirement to man the site and the site gates being removed the site will be able to open all those hours that the adjacent concrete company have their security gates open.

This will be considerably in excess of the 3 hours per day, 4 days per week the site had been operating in the past, further reducing the demand per hour for the site reducing the potential for peaks of usage causing people to park on the shared access roadway.

3. What role will you expect of Thorney Parish Council once the new site is established?

The site will be a facility for residents of Thorney and the Parish Council, it is hoped, will take an active role in ensuring the site is well maintained and publicized. The Council would be happy to negotiate and enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Parish Council stating what level of Recycling Credit we would be able to offer to pay per tonne of material recycled, along with the role to be undertaken by the Parish. This could be in advertising the site, litter picking the site and cutting the grass along with possibly maintaining a reuse board where residents can advertise and give away second hand items to other people. None of these ideas are set in stone and we would be more than happy to discuss particular aims the Parish has in order to include them in the plans we make as a partnership to take this site forward into the future.

9 Crime Report

Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Executive Group Annual Conference
Saturday 17th November 2007 at Hinchbrooke Performing Arts Centre,
Huntingdon

PCSO Brader was ill and could not attend the meeting. The Thorney and Newborough Parish Council sponsored police car is being used by other officers and not as it was intended by a PCSO in the two parishes. Mrs. Sue Knight will contact Inspector Rogers to clarify the situation with PCSO Brader. There was a proposal forwarded that the car should be returned to the villages and only returned to the Police when a permanent PCSO is again delegated to the villages.

It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Amps-Woodward and unanimously agreed that this suggestion be put on the Newborough Parish Council agenda so that both Parishes had a uniform approach.

10 Allotments

11 Roads and Footpaths

Report on meeting with Mr. David Farquhar, Highway Engineer, Peterborough City Council, concerning finance for modifications to Wisbech Road. Attendees at the meeting were Councillors D Buddle, J Bartlett, Mr. D Farquhar, Mr. B Ward, Mr. S Mounfield, Mr. A Hovell.

The scheme will be completed in 2 stages.

Stage 1: comprises work to traffic lights, cross roads and Station Road. This will go out to tender with a start in January and a completion date of March. Highways Agency has contributed £250,000 and Peterborough City Council £75,000.

Stage 2: will be the work up to Gas Lane from near the Discount Store. Funding is not yet available for this work nor for any other proposals along Wisbech Road.

It is unlikely that the barriers across the Causeway Bridge will be removed.

A date for the public exhibition is to be set for mid December. This will allow a notice to be placed in the village Magazine advertising the event. Date agreed as 18 December.

No parking/waiting areas discussed and agreed..

The Causeway: Councillor Harlock reminded the meeting that the Highways Agency, in a meeting with Bypass Thorney Committee, PCC, Ross Jackson being one in attendance and Mike Povey and Jim Stephens from HA, they agreed to the work required on the road above the culvert running under the A47. They would not do it until the bypass was built but agreed to the funding in full for it to be done post by pass. This is important as we have one opportunity only to get it done.

Concern was expressed at the deterioration of the B1040 between Thorney and Whittlesey. Mr Ewing said this was to have a full survey for inclusion in works for next year but parts will not wait that long. Of particular concern is where the culvert passes under the road and the raised area near the bridge where a depression is now occurring on the Thorney side.

11.2 Street lighting

Pode Hole Quarry – light and centre road bollards not illuminated (bollards missing)
– Councillor Murphy to contact the Quarry.

Trees and shrubs still overhanging footpath in Station Road and near 58 Topham Crescent.

12 Burial Board

12.2 Removal of conifer tree near graves 455A because of root damage to memorial surrounds – agreed that Mr. Lucken should remove this tree.

12.3 Other matters

Request from Mrs. Campbell for a Peace rose to be planted near entry railings at the front of the cemetery – agreed

13 Christmas Lights 2007

Councillor Herdman updated the meeting on her negotiations for Christmas lights on the tower. At present she is discussing with Peterborough City Council and Wing Group possible re-use of redundant Peterborough City Council lights.

It was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Rowe and unanimously agreed that Councillor Herdman be given a budget of up to £1000 to provide this facility.

14 Thorney Park – considerations from Mr. Shuster to modify existing pavilion
Mr. Shuster still awaiting contact with Peterborough City Council

15 Correspondence/Any Other Business

15.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated

15.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated

15.3 Chairman had a letter from D o B School re a comment in our June minutes about the capacity of the school and its ability to cope with growth. In the letter the head and chair of governors said they had 29 places so they saw no problem. Chairman replied outlining the Community Planning process that was now taking place and the necessity to consider all options in this review.

15.4 Fix-it van dates received to end January 2008

15.5 The Clerk updated the meeting on the fly-tipping incident involving Mr. Cave and the Peterborough City Council enforcement team. This incident was in no way the fault of Mr. Cave. He cited the delays from Peterborough City Council in investigating the incident that caused him great distress. Councillor Harlock has his correspondence. Complaint dealt with by Peterborough City Council all be it in an unsatisfactory manner.

15.6 Two black dogs often loose in Gas Lane. They also roam the Park, Church Street and the surrounding countryside.

16. Finance

16.1 Budget consideration for 2008/2009. The precept for the next financial year will be set in December and Councillors were asked to think about any additional work they considered that should be allowed

16.2 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
A Sismey	Allotment rent	£10.00
E M Paul	Allotment rent	£20.00
B Ewing	Allotment rent	£10.00
Titford Funeral Services	Inter Mrs. Davison	£60.00
Mr. S Tawn	Allotment rent	£10.00
Mr G Cross	Memorial to Harford and Buffham	£34.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£2.41
TRUFC	Loan Repayment	£125.00
Peterborough City Council	Glass recycling	£93.20
Peterborough City Council	Business rates refund	£351.90

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

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>
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Powergen	Electricity Skip site	£31.00	001511
Walters Ltd	Printer cartridge	£89.68	001512
Mr. A Hovell	Software upgrade	£79.00	001513
Cambs Acre	Councillor Training Course	£15.00	001514
British Telecom	Telephone Skip site	£54.39	001515

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<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Telephone, postage, etc	001516	£45.56
Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery skip	001517	£190.96
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Sundry items	001518	£12.30
Grounds Maint Services	Cut Abbey lawns, strim cemetery	001519	£235.00
Mr. J M Dufeu	Household Waste Site Management	001517	£446.66
Thorney Community Centre	Hire of hall for exhibition	001518	£6.00

The next meeting will be held on 10 December 2007. The meeting closed at 9.35 pm