

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber,
Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 9 October 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, M. Amps-Woodward, G.A .Kilham

Mr. M Brown, Mr. R Pearn Peterborough City Council, Mr. P Eden Cambridgeshire
Acre.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

0 members of the public present

1. Apologies

Ms. M Herdman, P.A. Rowe, E. Gee

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 11 September 2006
(copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed

3. Matters arising from minutes.

3.1 Letter of thanks from Thorney Football Club for the continued support by
Thorney Parish Council

4. Visit by Mr. Mike Brown, Peterborough City Council Household Waste Site
Mr. Brown introduced himself and reference was made to the plans submitted earlier
by Thorney Parish Council. He outlined the past, the future Peterborough City
Council plans and Thorney Waste performance. He also explained the different
categories of waste that now had to be separated and the continual growth of the
hazard wastes list.

Alteration of the submitted plans needed to include:

- Risk assessment for changes to site operations, specifically including pedestrians and vehicles forced to interact due to proposed locations of bins and public parking areas being on opposite side of the vehicular access.
- Plans to show the existing site infrastructure, including oil tank, gas bottle store, battery bin, glass banks, site office and waste storage container. Revised plans to show that the changes can accommodate the existing provisions, or show how the Parish Council intends to provide these differently.
- The Parish Council has previously requested an additional bulk skip for the site, and Council officers have made arrangements for one to be available shortly. Parish Council to confirm that the plans are able to accommodate an additional bulk skip safely.
- City Council Officers have enclosed a brief outline specification for the works required to be undertaken in order to achieve the changes desired by the Parish Council. Thorney Parish Council to review, amend as appropriate and return to Richard Pearn as soon as practicable, then he will begin to obtain costs for the works as agreed.

Other questions that need to be addressed are:

- The WEEE directive is coming into force, and as such many more items will fall into its control. How will the Parish Council ensure that such items are segregated from the waste stream and put to one side within a suitable container for collection by the City council or its agents?

The Chairman asked what this was and asked for Peterborough City Council help which Mr. Brown appeared to be reluctant to give. He said it was Thorney Parish Council responsibility to look up the details and interpret them even though he was the expert!

- The City Council has recently raised health and Safety concerns regarding the Thorney site, namely vehicle control, safety equipment and lone working. Can the Parish Council supply officers with comprehensive risk assessments for the proposed operations, particularly in light of the single operator employed on site.
- Can the Parish Council provide details of the Health and Safety training and first aid training qualifications of the site operative?

Mr. Brown dwelled on the instances of asbestos being taken into the site which was a hazardous waste and had to be dealt with by specialist teams.

The Chairman stated that over the years he had continually asked for help from Peterborough City Council but very little was forthcoming. More help was needed from Mr. Brown to improve the site and he gave specific instances where help was requested but not given. Mr. Pearn said a green waste skip would be provided this week. The Chairman listed the recycling that was carried out on the site.

Mr. Brown said the management of the site had to improve and inferred that if it did not he would close the site. He also said that if illegally dumped waste was placed outside the closed gates then the site should not be opened and Peterborough City Council should be asked to remove the offending material.

Mr. Brown also suggested that the site should be limited to Thorney Parish residents only as it was a Thorney run site. This despite the fact that from his own figures Peterborough City Council pay £51.00 per tonne to have the waste skips removed from site.

Segregation of material should be done before placing in the skip.

Commercial waste cannot be accepted at the site.

Councillor Bartlett said that when the present licence expires in 2008 Mr. Brown had implied the site would close if a new technically competent person had not been trained to be take charge.

Councillor Bevington asked how the public was being informed of changes to the new recycling policies – Mr. Brown said that a committee was looking into this. The general public needed to be educated.

Recycling of the Thorney site – an Officer from Peterborough City Council will do a survey at the site and highlight areas where material can be recycled. Mr. Brown said that cycles for instance could be sent to Africa. The question was asked how Thorney Parish Council was supposed to know this if no information was given to them by Peterborough City Council.

Mr. Brown stated that he, on behalf of Peterborough City Council, would not take over the site if Thorney Parish Council did not or was not able to run it.

Mr. Pearn said he would check to see if the site licence would be invalidated if an alternative entrance was found thereby effectively increasing the site accommodation for skips.

The Chairman said that the facility was very important to the village and again asked Peterborough City Council for co-operation and help to keep the site operational.

The Chairman to look at original Environment Licence and letters to clarify if the licence did expire in 2008. He would also contact a qualified site operative to see if he would take on the Thorney site licence.

A special meeting will be held to discuss the site further.

5. Visit by Phillip Eden, ARCE – Parish Plan

Mr. Eden introduced himself and his remit.

Village appraisals and village design statements have demonstrated the value in whole communities coming together to set out their vision and ways of achieving it. Parish Plans build on this experience.

They can provide you with a blueprint for the future survival of your rural community.

Parish Plans are supported by the Countryside Agency to help communities take charge of their own destinies by setting out a vision of how they want to develop and identifying the action needed to achieve the vision.

A partnership of representatives from Cambridgeshire ACRE, the Countryside Agency and Cambridgeshire County Council have developed a scheme for community involvement activity to be integrated into and supported by the work of the County's Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) that are set up by each District Council.

Communities will be supported to prepare a Parish Plan that includes a Local Action Plan with LSPs helping these communities to implement their plans.

- A Parish Plan is holistic and comprehensive in scope. It should set out a vision for how the community wants to develop, and identify the action needed to move forward
- It gives everyone a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues effecting their community
- It should complement and help deliver local planning policies and frameworks but cannot override adopted planning policy
- It should influence local housing and land management strategies
- It should contribute to the way local services are managed and delivered
- It should identify which features and local characteristics people value
- It should identify local problems and opportunities
- It should spell out how residents want the community to develop in the future
- It prepares a plan of action to achieve the vision

Mr. Eden gave a resume' of the Parish Plan process and gave a handout that was very informative. It is Thorney Parish Council who must make the decision to proceed.

Results should be impartially analysed before a report is produced.

Councillor Buddle highlighted the difference between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the model Mr. Eden was using was based on Cambridgeshire. The Peterborough model was expected to be similar.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Eden for a very informative presentation.

6. Thorney Park – Peterborough City Council submissions for the future

Jon Marsden apologised for being able to attend the Parish Council meeting due to prior appointments which cannot be changed. He is however in possession of most of the required information to assist in moving this matter forward and suggested attending the next meeting 13 November.

7. Planning

11.1 Current Planning Applications

The application 05/01144 Land at North Bank, Mr. K Peppercorn, erection stables for horses, goats and sheep, has been allowed by the Planning Inspector.

The following applications were received:

06/01334/FUL Land Off Sandpit Road And To Rear Of 64-67 Park Crescent - Erection of one detached dwelling and two semi-detached Dwellings – development would look better if geometry had more to do with Sandpit Road frontage.

Councillor Bartlett declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the discussions.

06/01497 Willow Hall, Willow Hall Lane – repairs and modifications -

Councillor Bartlett explained that the applicant at 4 Acres had won an appeal. The question was raised if commercial rates had been charged by Peterborough City Council for the past when the business has been operational.

8. Crime Report

8.1 PCSO Sponsorship and crime report. Vehicle now available and cheque for invoice will be signed in the meeting.

8.2 PCSO crime report – no report

8.3 Crime and Fear of Crime Scrutiny Review by Peterborough City Council to be carried out.

9. Allotments

9.1 Tenancy agreement renewal for those allotments poorly kept? The allotments that were poorly kept were highlighted. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to those holders that had poorly kept allotments

10. Roads and Footpaths

10.1 Street lighting – 3 lights out near the school

10.2 Other roads and footpaths.

10.2.1 Tree in Church Street to be trimmed by Mr. Lucken

10.2.2 Rubbish encroaching onto footpath from building site in Church Street

10.2.3 St.Peters Way, end of road – fence that is broken is land owners responsibility.

11. Burial Board

11.1 Footpath resurfacing. Councillor Rowe obtained the quotation received for surfacing the footpaths. Further quotation to be obtained.

12. CALC resolution to reform – Councillor Evans explained the proposals to reorganize CALC and it was agreed that Thorney Parish Council agree with the proposals

13. Christmas lights on Tower
Chairman progressing with Mr. Jary’s help

14. Lone working of Employees – safety considerations/risk assessment
Left to next meeting

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Acre circulars, Harvest, Clerks and Councils Direct- circulated

15.2 Tap room listing – Mr. Daley to again be contacted.

15.3 Councillor Buddle expressed the opinion that the back area should be trimmed.

15.4 Possible merger of Thorney, Newborough and Eye Church Parishes.

16. Finance

16.1 As agreed at previous meeting it was now formally proposed by Councillor Buddle, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed to Sponsor the PCSO vehicle in partnership with Newborough Parish Council. It was also agreed that the cost would be split on a population proportion with Newborough at 1200 electors and Thorney 1800 electors. This would mean that the Thorney contribution would be £4500 and Newborough £3000.

16.2 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mr & Mrs Campbell	Inter sanctum units	£800.00
W Davis	Inter Mrs Tolliday	£100.00
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£24400.00
Anglia Reg. Coop Soc	Inter Mrs. Doades	£55.00

The following BACS Orders were paid in September/October: -

Mr. A Hovell	Isp Connection/home office	£35.17
Mr. B Lucken	Salary	£10.99
Mr. B Lucken	Petrol, mileage, etc	£55.56

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	001393	£37.67
Shanks Waste Services	Skip at Cemetery	001394	£97.05
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	Sponsor PCSO Car	001395	£4500.00
Grounds Maint Services	Spray Allot/Abbey lawns cut	001396	£75.21
CALC	Councillor Training	001397	£100.00
NLIDB	Drainage Rates Allot	001398	£19.54
Grounds Maint Services	Abbey lawns cut	001399	£45.83

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 November 2006

The meeting closed at 9.35pm