

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 8 October 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

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

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 10 September (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.

4. Visit by Mr. Mounfield – Village street scene

Mr. Mounfield presented plans for discussion and he explained the various modifications. The traffic lights Station Road/Abbey Place would be completely renewed and most central refuges removed.

The bridge barrier, highlighted in the draft conservation area appraisal as being ugly, was again discussed and Mr. Mounfield would investigate the use of this with regard to the new status of The Causeway. Mr. Mounfield explained that finance was available for the traffic light modifications only. He was exploring alternative finance methods for other areas of Wisbech Road.

Councillors made representations concerning other modifications particularly near the discount store. Traffic light modifications were already funded and should be complete by March 2008 and Mr. Mounfield hoped all modifications could be co-ordinated to be carried out at the same time

A plan was presented showing the proposed parking restrictions and this was discussed at length

Public display late November

Mr. Mullins explained the various pedestrian crossings. Some kind of traffic calming will be proposed for Station Road where excessive speed of vehicles is a regular occurrence.

Posters advertising the modifications and the public exhibition will be produced by Mr. Mounfield and Councillor Evans will coordinate distribution

There will be some signage removed particularly from the footpaths/cycleway.

5. Visit by Mr. Daley – Thorney Conservation area

A copy of the draft Thorney Conservation Area Appraisal was given to each Councillor and it is the Peterborough City Council's intention that following the meeting to commence 6 weeks consultation on the draft report. A letter and 4

page summary of the report will be sent to all addresses within and adjoining the conservation area. The full report will be on the Peterborough City Council's web site together with the Thorney Built Environment Report for reference. Copies of the report will also be held at Thorney library.

The Thorney Conservation Area Appraisal will be material consideration when making planning decisions and considering other changes affecting the area to ensure that its special character and appearance is not harmed and assesses the historic and architectural qualities of the village.

The build audit and the VDS have been taken into account in producing the draft appraisal. It was agreed that the document prepared by Mr. Daley was excellent. Councillor Buddle asked about protection of the tap room and Mr. Daley has proposed it for spot listing. English Heritage is still considering this along with the other Duke of Bedford properties. All S.S. Tuelon's work, as an architect of significant importance is also being considered for listing.

Mr. Daley said that the Peterborough City Council had the power to make listed buildings weatherproof and in the extreme to require restoration. However the later was mostly not considered because it could possibly mean compulsory purchase by Peterborough city Council.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

07/01497/FUL For Replacement front windows at 126 Wisbech Road Thorney – no objection

07/01357/FUL For Rear conservatory at Poplar Farm Willow Hall Lane Thorney – no objection

07/00574 New plans for Cheriton House showing additional parking arrangements – no objections. To go committee end October.

Councillor VanDriessche said it was his opinion that Mr. Bothamly had been unfairly treated with his planning application and gave instances where he believed this to be so. He highlighted many items raised by the Thorney Peterborough City Councillor.

Councillor Harlock expressed sympathy with Mr. Bothamly and suggested that the Chairman should talk to Councillor Bartlett about his opposite stance to that taken by Thorney Parish Council. No correspondence from the City Councillor had been copied to Thorney Parish Council.

It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council should reaffirm to Peterborough City Council that Thorney Parish Council has no objections to the plans that it has seen for Cheriton House.

4 objectors have made their concerns known over the proposed war memorial on The Green. These have been passed to Peterborough City Council.

The Chairman explained these objections – size, positioning, and duplication.

Councillor VanDriessche explained the history and thought it was very generous offer from Mr. Jary to erect a memorial. The planning officer had met Mr. Jary on site and found no objection on planning grounds.

Councillor Bevington said there were very strong objections from a few – however the Chapel was often locked and the future Abbey opening was uncertain so people need a public memorial to pay their respects. He said a lot of anger was because people felt that they had not been consulted.

6.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

06/01576 New archaeological research building, Northey Road – withdrawn

07/01244 Extension and garage, 35 Whittlesey Road - passed

7 Household Recycling Centre

Councillor VanDriessche would like the Council to reconsider closing the site. He thought a bring site would be very untidy. He highlighted the plans that were sent to Peterborough city Council that brought no response. He suggested Mr. Dighton would construct a new entrance and said Mr. Dufeu was qualified and experienced in site management. The cost to Peterborough city Council was something back to the parishioners.

The Chairman said that a vote had been taken to close the site as Mr. Brown had told Thorney Parish members they would be personally liable for all regulations concerning the site.

Councillor Rowe said that a bring site using the existing entrance would be no different to that existing at present.

Councillor Harlock suggested Peterborough City Council should clarify that Thorney Parish Council members are personally legally responsible for the site licence conditions and also that funding will be available from Peterborough City Council to convert the bring site to underground storage.

Councillor VanDriessche said that the extra precept would be worthwhile to keep the site open. Councillor Rowe said that argument should have been presented before a vote was taken on site closure.

Councillor Gee said that the site was extremely useful to the Parish.

The Chairman will check with Peterborough City Council the personal liability question.

8 Crime Report

PCSO M Nicholson gave a report of recent crimes and the work that PCSO Brader was doing in the village.

Sgnt. Bradshaw has spoken to the garage concerning parking. The chairman explained that illegal car parking on Wisbech Road and in Church Street was of particular importance not the area targeted by PC SO Brader around The Green. The parochial church Council to be asked not to park on The Green.

Councillor Harlock said no businesses in Station Road had the opportunity of liaising with PCSO Brader. Furthermore no records had been received concerning the vehicles mileage.

Councillor VanDriessche was not sure the Thorney and Newborough we getting value for money in their sponsorship of the vehicle.

PCSO Nicholson answered questions concerning PCSO powers and would liaise with inspector Rogers concerning producing records for inspection.

9 Allotments

Tenancy agreement for Smiley Faces Day Nursery signed.

10 Roads and Footpaths

10.1 Street lighting

10.2 Other roads and footpaths

Footpath outside Cheriton House, The Green. Peterborough City Council now state this is not their responsibility. Mr. Lucken to be asked to power wash the pavement.

The Causeway Bridge – road depression

Pode Hole Quarry – Councillor Harlock said this was a very dangerous access to the A47 that was inadequately signed, had poor street lighting and cars and vans were still accessing the A47 by turning right. Councillor Murphy to take up at next Pode Hole Liaison meeting.

Parking on the grass in the Park – complaints that the gravel area not being used for parking.

Trees along Station Road – branches affecting footpath.

11 Burial Board

Recent high wind broke large branch off horse chestnut tree. No damage to surrounding memorials.

Some vandalism concerning vases on graves

12 Christmas Lights 2007

Councillor Herdman progressing.

13 Thorney Park – considerations from Mr. Shuster to modify existing pavilion
Mr. Shuster still waiting to meet Peterborough City Council on site to discuss proposals. This has now been dragging on for 3 months despite regular emails from Mr. Shuster requesting a meeting.

Dog show proposed for August 2008

14 Correspondence/Any Other Business

14.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated

14.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated

14.3 Three letters of complaint that a new war memorial will be built on The Green. Letters acknowledged and Planning department informed of objections

14.4 Parish Council vacancy advertised.

14.5 Town and Parish Standard newsletter – circulated

14.6 Peterborough City Council review of polling places

14.7 Booklet from DEFRA “Ways to tackle climate change” and suggestions and examples of how some Parish Councils have tackled the problem.

14.8 Fly tipping at French drove and Bukehorn Road – to be reported by Councillor Gee

14. Finance

Request from Thorney Colts for donation to Club – Following the request for assistance from the Thorney Colts Football Club it was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor VanDriessche and unanimously agreed that a grant of £600.00 should be made to encourage this sporting facility. (The Local Government Act 1976 Section 19 to provide such recreational facilities as it thinks fit and under Section 19(3)

(a) a Parish Council may contribute by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by any voluntary organization in providing these recreational facilities).

14.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mark Forth undertakers	Inter Mrs. Whitworth	£800.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Moth	£17.00
Dr. A Knights	Allotment rent 2006	£30.00
Dr. A Knights	Allotment rent 2007	£10.00
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£25,132.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£4.37
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Lilley	£17.00
C T Harlock	Allotment rent	£20.00
W G Allen	Allotment rent	£20.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A E Hovell	Telephone, postage, etc	001498	£64.83
Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery skip	001499	£111.00
Grounds Maint. Services	Grass cutting/allotment herbicide	001500	£146.88
AWA	Water charges Cemetery/allotments	001505	£101.25
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Mower repairs	001506	£227.51
Grounds Maint. Services	Grass cut Abbey	001507	£47.00
Mr. J M Dufeu	Household Waste Site Management	001508	£516.66
Mr. R Jary	Repair lock mower store	001509	£48.60
Thorney Colts	Donation to sports facility	001509	£600.00

The next meeting will be held on 12 November 2007. The meeting closed at 9.50 pm