

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,
Thorney on Monday 13 October 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, P. Murphy, R.M. Harlock, M. Amps-Woodward, Mrs. C Fuller,
E. Gee, C Evans

PCSO Webber for item on crime only

0 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests
Apologies from Ms M Herdman, R Bevington, W VanDriessche,
Letter of resignation from Mrs. S Knight. Electoral Officer notified and vacancy to be advertised.
Declaration of interest from Councillor Evans concerning the planning application 08/01188/FUL For Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a detached house, a detached bungalow and a pair of semi detached houses (revised) at Gayport The Causeway
2. Minutes
The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 8, 22 and 23 September, 2008 (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.
3. Matters arising from minutes.
 - 3.1 Letter to Mr. Bowyer asking how to progress a Community Master Plan
 - 3.2 Church Street – many pots holes. Is this to be resurfaced? Drop kerbs needed near pharmacy – no reply yet from Peterborough City Council.
 - 3.3 Mrs. Walton, Library and Customer Services Manager to attend 10th November meeting
 - 3.4 Letter of thanks sent to Mr. Culpin
4. Visit by Inspector Dominic Glazebrook, Sector Inspector
The new sector Inspector introduced himself and asked for Thorney Parish Council concerns. Councillor Harlock explained a recent incident that did not bring the police response that was expected. Inspector Glazebrook to investigate incident and report back to councillor Harlock. Councillor Amps-Woodward explained that police services have improved with the arrival of PCSO Webber. This was agreed by all members.
Councillor Gee said that undesirables were often seen on farms that have constant theft problems. Thorney is a large parish of over 17500 acres. Invasion of people's personal space is a very real problem.
Councillor Buddle asked if the helicopter patrols that sometimes fly over the village could have a feedback as to their purpose.
Councillor Bartlett said apathy with residents reporting crimes was because of police inaction in the past.
Antisocial activities in Wisbech Road and possible remedies were discussed.
Councillor Harlock asked about speed checks within the village - speed camera at the west of the village is again active.
5. Mr. David Ball - "The Role of the Environmental Enforcement Officer"
Mr. Ball did not attend

6. Reports

6.1 PCSO Report – dealt with under item on crime

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications outcome

Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn/before committee

08/00982/FUL For Use of land for agricultural, sale of cars and short term storage of caravans at Four Acres Bungalow North Side – refused

08/00990/LBC for Removal of existing lean-to conservatory and replacement with hardwood orangery, formation of new opening in existing east wall and insertion of french doors at Abbey Cottage 35 Wisbech Road – Passed

08/00899 Creation of manage at Roslyns Farm, North Bank – passed

08/00821 Pode Hole Quarry -Variation condition to allow 24 working events outside the permitted hours in a 12 month period –passed

08/00927/FUL for Conservatory to rear at Tracey House Whittlesey Road – passed

7.2 Current Planning Applications

08/00821 Variation condition to allow 24 working events outside the permitted hours in a 12 month period – no objection

08/00899/FUL for Creation of a ménage at Roslyns Farm North Bank – no objection

08/00927/FUL for Conservatory to rear at Tracey House Whittlesey Road – no objection

08/01188/FUL For Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a detached house, a detached bungalow and a pair of semi detached houses (revised) at Gayport The Causeway – there were the following concerns about this application: There is no mains sewage to this part of the village therefore cess pits would have to be installed. As the area is much lower than the adjacent development is it prone to flooding – hence concerns about the cess pits. Surface water drainage could also be a problem.

A question was raised before about height of new buildings relative to existing buildings. Height of existing given but no heights are shown for the new. Thorney Parish Council cannot recommend approval when such basic information is not available.

A context drawing to show height levels would give local residents a much clearer picture of the proposed development as the ground levels are very different.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals Extraction Plan – Middle West Farm borrow pit – Councillor Bevington submitted the following:

MINERAL AND WASTE - Preferred Options

The Peterborough City Council paper on Mineral and Waste which covers Peterborough and Cambridgeshire suggests the following sites as local ‘Preferred Options’;

1. Extend Pode Hole to the west (across and to the west of Willow Hall Road) and to the south. Some of the expansion suggested by Pode Hole was rejected on the grounds that the areas being proposed were of archaeological significance.

2. Develop Middle West Farm on the north side of the A47 as a quarry.

Reasons for Expansion

To meet the proposed scale of Peterborough City Council development over the next 15 years (housing, roads etc) with locally sourced materials to avoid long haulage runs to ship materials in from elsewhere.

Considerations

New areas of quarries would:

1. eliminate high grade agricultural land
2. Be a visible blight on the rural landscape
3. increase heavy goods vehicle traffic on A47
4. eliminate some natural habitats and wild fauna and flora

The Peterborough City Council paper has taken account of these issues and still concluded that these sites are preferred options although they would make the 'Appropriate Assessment' regarding habitat, fauna and flora.

The paper suggests that the majority of the additional traffic would be travelling westward toward Peterborough. Does this mean that traffic from Middle Farm West will turn across the A47 to travel towards Peterborough – this would be dangerous?

The paper also suggests that should these quarries be given approval there could be a requirement to complete the cycle/footpath to Eye. At present this is only a suggestion and not a condition.

Parish Council Comments:

1. Would regret the loss of high grade agricultural land.
2. Would be completely opposed to the unsightly visual impact the quarries adjacent to the A47 would have.
3. Would be opposed to the loss of natural habitats, fauna and flora.
4. Would be opposed to the additional heavy goods traffic the quarries would generate on both sides of the A47 with its implications on safety.

Parish Council Questions:

1. How is loss of agricultural land and natural habitat, fauna and flora to be justified
2. What measures would be taken to assess the archaeological significance of the proposed sites.
3. What measures would be taken to overcome the unsightly visual impact of quarries adjacent to the A47
4. What measures would be taken to ensure safety on the A47. How would lorries exit/enter the extended Podge Hole site. How would they enter/exit the Middle West Farm site. Can we see Highways report on the proposals for these sites.
5. Will there be a condition that any east bound traffic from these sites is not permitted to enter the village.
6. What will happen to 106 homes generated by the proposed development. Will the completion of the cycle/footpath to Eye be made an absolute condition of development.
7. What conditions would be imposed for use of the land once the quarries have served their use.
8. If approved would there be any guarantee that no further expansion would be permissible.

9. Can the person responsible for deciding these sites are preferred options be asked to attend a Thorney Parish Council meeting to explain the reasoning.
10. Why is the agreement on the borrow pit for the Thorney by-pass being reneged on?

6.3 Interactive Planning Portal

This new site is very good for guidance with planning application. It can be found at: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/hhg/houseguide.html>

7 Crime Report

Police Report. PCSO Webber gave a report of 29 calls to service, 9 crimes and a resume' of the more serious incidents.

8 Allotments

- 8.1 The 2 turning areas have started to be cleared by Councillor Harlock. but there is a lot of rubbish dumped on them to be cleared first. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Buddle and unanimously agreed to provide hardcore to surface the areas at a cost of £440.00.

For the fourth time in four weeks Councillor Harlock went to allotments at around 3.30pm Sunday and the gate, although closed, was unlocked. A letter to be sent to all allotment users stating that it must be kept locked at all times when the site is empty. Faulty lock now replaced.

Councillor Harlock reported that there are several very overgrown allotments – numbers 16, 17, 18, 20, 29, 30, 31. Tenants to be written to concerning their obligations. Councillor Harlock to scrape top surface of these allotments to clear weeds. Surplus to be deposited on number 29.

- 8.2 Consideration for allotments to be placed into a Site Specific area – agenda item next meeting.

9 Roads and Footpaths

- 9.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention. Street lighting columns along Wisbech Road to be renumbered. There appears to be some wires that are disconnected on the top of the traffic lights.
- 9.2 Councillor Harlock gave a report on progress with landscaping and Station Road roundabout – some planting at western roundabout on old A47 road.
- 9.3 Key to Park Gate – to next meeting
- 9.4 The plan of the new proposed waiting restriction that was emailed to the Chairman was discussed at length. Councillor Murphy explained his meeting with Councillor Dobbs concerning these restrictions.

It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council wishes the restrictions that were originally proposed to apply to the area near the cross

roads not those on the modified plan. However, one modification that should be considered is that residents parking should be implemented on the West side of Church Street between the garage and the pharmacy.

9.5 Centre bollard lights at Podge Hole Quarry out – Councillor Murphy liaising with Quarry management.

9.6 Hedge of Rose and Crown restricting footpath width.

9.7 Concern raised about the junction of Bukehorn Road/Station Road roundabout because of poor sightline of approaching traffic.

10 Burial Board

11 Christmas light on tower

Councillor Herdman had contacted Peterborough City Council by at present had not received a reply.

12 Correspondence/Any Other Business

12.1 Car Haven Car parking permits received

12.2 Town and Parish Standard newsletter

12.3 Ex Office Manager PCALC has now set up her own training business.

12.4 Programme of training courses issued from PCALC

12.5 Consultation from Department for Communities and Local Government on making and enforcing bylaws

12.6 Letter to be sent to Mr. Stimson thanking him for his work in keeping the village clean

12.7 Medicine Pond Fence – agenda item next meeting

12.8 Use of Parish room. It was proposed by Councillor Harlock, seconded by Councillor Evans and unanimously agreed that when village organisations wish to use the Parish room they can do so by contacting either Councillor Bartlett or Buddle. Thorney Parish Council would accept any contribution they wished to make and organisations would be expected to cover the cost of any damage that occurred in their occupation.

12.9 An update was given on the household waste site, English Drove

12.10 Maps and Quality Parish Council plaque to be displayed in room

12.11 NLIDB open day – Chairman said it was a very good day. Chairman to write a letter of thanks

12.12 Aggregates fund for Community Benefit – Councillor Murphy liaising with Youth Service, PCSO and youth of village to gain funding for facilities.

13 Finance

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Thorney R U F C	Loan repayment	£200.00
Miss M Pratt	Reserve burial space	£100.00
Mr. A Sismey	Allotment rent no 41	£20.00

Mr. L Eldridge	Allotment rent no 38	£20.00
Ms. M Conboy	Allotment rent 25	£20.00
Mr. W Allen	Allotment rent 5 & 6	£40.00
Mr. S Tawn	Allotment rent 40	£20.00
Mr. B Ewing	Allotment rent 19	£20.00
Mr. N Osbourne	Allotment rent 39	£20.00
Mr. C Harlock	Allotment rent 1 & 2	£40.00
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£1.95
Mr. A Daynes	Allotment rent 23	£20.00
Anglia Regional Coop	Memorial Mrs. Trapnell	£5.00
Mr. D Clark	Allotment rent 21&22	£40.00
Mr. J Richardson	Allotment rent 8	£20.00
John Lucas	Inter Mrs. Hurn	£30.00
Mr. J Richardson	Allotment rent 9	£20.00
Mr. M Molesworth	Allotment rent 26	£20.00
Mr. G Goodchild	Allotment rent 28	£20.00
Mr. E M Paul	Allotment rent 17, 18	£40.00

The following Cheques were drawn and signed:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell Grounds Maintenance Services	Telephone, postage, travel	001608	£61.41
	Cut Abbey Lawn/Strim graveyard	001607	£299.63
Anglian Water	Water charges Cemetery and Allotments	001609	£101.64
Thorney Colts	Donation to Sporting Activity	001610	£600.00

13.2 Request from Thorney Colts for donation. Following the request for assistance from the Thorney Colts it was proposed by Councillor Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Harlock 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).

13.3 Request from Thorney Colts for alteration to pavilion in the Park – it was agreed that Councillor Amps-Woodward should liaise with Mr. Shuster on this item.

13.4 Budget for 2009/2010. Councillor Harlock made some proposals. To be an item for the next agenda.

The next full meeting will be held on 10 November.

Community Planning meeting 19 November. The meeting closed at 9.10pm