

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard, Thorney on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J.E.G. Bartlett, R Bevington, Ms. M Herdman, P.A. Rowe, M. Amps-Woodward, G. A. Kilham, E. Gee, W VanDriessche and C Evans  
Sgnt Bradshaw

3 members of the public present.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor VanDriessche on 35 years service on Thorney Parish Council and to the residents of the Parish  
Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies  
Apologies from P. Murphy, R.M. Harlock,

There were declarations of interest from Councillor VanDriessche on planning item 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 (prejudicial)  
Councillor Bartlett did not take part in the discussion on Cheriton House tree pruning.

2. Minutes  
The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 9 July and 13 August (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters arising from minutes.  
Gas House planning permission led to a debate on the way in which Thorney parish Council should process other planning applications that involved older properties.

4. Planning
  - 4.1 Planning Applications

07/01257/FUL For Replacement dwelling at Poplar Farm Cottage Thorney Dyke Thorney – new footprint considerably larger than original dwelling

07/01213/FUL For Conversion of former farm buildings into four residential units at Glasshouse Farm Dairy Drove Thorney – no provision for wheely bins – parking arrangement not shown

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 – no objection

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 – no objection

07/01352/FUL For Two storey side extension at 21 Chestnut Drive Thorney – no work/access to be made from 23 Chestnut Drive – no objection to extension

07/01296/FUL For Construction of monument to commemorate war dead at The Green – support application

New plans for Cheriton House showing additional parking arrangements – no objections

#### 4.2 Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn

- 07/01113 TRUFC Crowland Road – extension and changing rooms – passed
- 07/01059 Gores Farm, Whittlesey Road – agricultural building – passed
- 07/01037 Bassimoor Cottages, Thorney Dyke – erection 2 new farm cottages – passed
- 07/00761 Rarebreeds farm and children’s activities Pigeons Farm Wisbech Road – passed
- 07/00705 23 Wisbech Road teashop - passed

#### 4.3 Thorney Parish Council process of determining planning application.

Carrie Denness, Peterborough City Council, has had the opportunity to consider our paper and in principle this is acceptable. It was pointed out that there has been a change in the law with regards to the implementation of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in particular with regards to SPG’s (supplementary planning guidance) parish plans and village design statements would have been adopted as SPG’s and would be taken into account when making planning decisions. SPG’s can no longer be adopted and have been replaced by SPD’s (supplementary planning documents) thus less weighting is now given to SPG’s when making planning decisions.

With regards to other observations Carrie Denness agrees that the parish have the right to put forward comments as to risk of flooding etc however the local planning authority would seek expert opinion from statutory consultants on these matters accordingly

#### 5 Household Recycling Centre

Councillor VanDriessche expressed the view that the Household Waste Recycling Centre should not be closed. It is a village asset and has been for the last 25 years. He went on to explain the costings and suggested that the expense on the precept would be about £7 per household. He believed that the expense would be acceptable to parishioners.

Councillor Bevington explained the onus for the licence rested with Thorney Parish Council and the risks associated with it were unjustifiable and unacceptable.

Councillor Herdman explained that Peterborough City Council said that the costs of redeveloping the site in line with Health and Safety requirements would fall on Thorney parish council and were unacceptable.

Councillor VanDriessche was surprised that the parish residents were not asked about its future.

The Chairman said that Thorney Parish Council represents the Parish.

Councillor Bevington said spot surveys resulted in not many residents being interested in the Household Recycling Centre.

Councillor VanDriessche read the minute earlier in the year concerning his meeting with Mr. Dufeu.

The future of a bring site was discussed and the future access arrangements.

At this point Councillor VanDriessche left the meeting.

#### 6 Crime Report

PCSO Brader still unwell. Sgnt Bradshaw gave a report on the last 3 months of crime figures and explained these in detail.

A night of crime prevention demonstration will take place in the near future.

Councillor Herdman said the figures and location of vehicle related crime should be investigated to see if an action plan could be instigated.

Sgnt Bradshaw said that a web site [www.immobilise.co.uk](http://www.immobilise.co.uk) was a crime prevention site where electronic equipment could be registered for future reference.

Sgnt Bradshaw said that if PCSO Brader could not attend a meeting in future he would make sure someone else did so.

Web site now has details of “SmartWater”

## 7 Allotments

Smiley Faces Day Nursery has asked to tenant an allotment - agreed that this could go ahead.

## 8 Roads and Footpaths

8.2 Street lighting – Pode Hole Quarry – light in central reservation still out.

8.3 Other roads and footpaths

Footpath outside Cheriton House, The Green, reported in dangerous condition which has been logged for immediate investigation and action by Peterborough City Council.

Outside coffee shop footpath is narrowed by chairs and parked vehicles. Sgnt Bradshaw explained when parked cars become an obstruction.

## 9 Burial Board

9.1 New footpath from gate to cremated remains area – now complete.

9.2 Cremated remains area with memorial stones at ground level – now complete. Several people have expressed how good the area now looks.

## 10 Christmas Lights 2007

Councillor Herdman progressing. Access to tower can be given by Councillor VanDriessche or Amps-Woodward

## 11 Village street scene – plans prepared.

Work already completed near school, Doctors surgery and Station Road. Mr. Mounfield would prefer to attend the meeting on 8 October with a view to arranging a public exhibition towards the end of October (to allow for any changes to be made to drawings etc). Ideas on dates, venue and formats for the public exhibition were: Community centre Church Street on a Wednesday or Thursday, 2pm to 7.30 pm. Flyers to be sent out in newspapers – Studio 183 for printing.

## 12 Thorney Park – considerations from Mr. Shuster

Mr. Shuster still to meet Peterborough City Council (Miss L Wilcox) representative on site to discuss proposal

## 13 Correspondence/Any Other Business

13.1 Acre circulars, CALC information- circulated

13.2 Various Countryside Agency publications – circulated

- 13.3 New register of interest to be filled in by each councillor
- 13.4 Letter of thanks from Thorney Football Club for Thorney Parish Council donation.
- 13.5 Letter from Peterborough City Council concerning Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation of the Statement of Licensing Policy
- 13.6 Letter from Peterborough City Council concerning retendering of bus services and a Parish Council can lobby for change
- 13.7 Letter from Peterborough City Council concerning Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan – changes to the timetable for Plan Preparation
- 13.8 Councillor Bevington to contact ACRE for a representative to talk on rural housing.
- 13.9 Village advertising on roundabouts was discussed
- 13.10 Councillor Amps-Woodward concerned about fly-tipping.
- 13.11 Councillor Kilham explained this will be his last Parish Council meeting as he has moved away from Thorney and is therefore resigning.

14. Finance

Request from Thorney Colts for donation to Club – left to next meeting

14.1 The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Inland Revenue 05/06	Income tax/National Insurance repayment	£547.30
Inland Revenue 06/07	Income tax/National Insurance repayment	£301.94
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Goode	£17.00
HM Custom and Excise	VAT Refund	£1,141.48
J G Cross	Memorial inscription M Smith	£5.00
Thorney R U F C	Loan repayment	£125.00

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	001492	£63.97
Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery skip	001493	£88.80
NLIBD	Drainage rates allotments	001494	£19.54
Mr. J M Dufeu	Household Waste Site Management	001495	£466.66
Peterborough Grass Machinery	Mower repairs	001496	£163.49
Thorney Village Post	Magazine entry	001497	£35.00

The next meeting will be held on 8 October 2007. The meeting closed at 8.49pm