

At a meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Tank Yard,  
Thorney on Monday 8 September 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor D. J Buddle

Councillors: J E G. Bartlett, R Bevington, P. Murphy, R.M. Harlock, M. Amps-Woodward,  
Ms M Herdman, Mrs. S Knight, Mrs. C Fuller

PCSO Webber for item on crime only

Mr. Steve Bowyer, Opportunity Peterborough

4 members of the public present.

Before the meeting 10 minutes was allowed for public discussion.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests  
Apologies from E. Gee, W VanDriessche, C Evans
2. Minutes  
The minutes of the previous Meetings held on Monday 14 July, 2008 (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 donation
  - 3.2 Double yellow line – Peterborough City Council has no intention of not putting lines down but they will take into account representations made to them
  - 3.3 The dangerous tree in Tank Yard has now been removed by Peterborough City Council
  - 3.4 Steps to museum – to be placed in Peterborough City Council budget
4. Visit by Mr. Steve Bowyer, Opportunity Peterborough introduced himself and Opportunity Peterborough's criteria.  
The main area of work is Peterborough city centre. Across the whole area they are looking at housing, but then again primarily around Hampton and Paston, also employment and attracting new companies to the city. Marketing of Peterborough also undertaken  
There is some growth being considered with “site specific allocations” document that will be issued in October  
Chairman explained commercial demise of Thorney shops but the village does need some growth. Infrastructure must also be in place. A proportion of affordable housing is required and commuting to Peterborough by bus needs serious overhaul.  
Councillor Bartlett highlighted Station Road development which would mean that no employment areas would be available in Thorney. He also asked why development was in the East of Peterborough rather than in West.  
Mr. Bowyer explained choices available and the difficulties facing public transport. Opportunity Peterborough ties in with other organisations to promote growth. Chairman highlighted differences in catchment areas that have changed again recently for schoolchildren. This tended to highlight that Thorney was not part of Peterborough.

If land is not offered up for housing then organisations like English Heritage may take an active role to try and buy land. There is a need for employment land in Thorney.

Councillor Bevington said there was no report on the infrastructure of Thorney and Mr. Bowyer suggested a community master plan should be prepared for the village.

Councillor Bartlett said that the Duke of Bedford School has spare capacity and some areas could be used for community benefit

Mr. Bowyer explained how higher education would develop in the future within Peterborough

Chairman thanked Mr. Bowyer for attending

5. Visit by Mr. Martin Whelan, Parish Council Liaison Officer  
Mr. Whelan sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications outcome

Planning Applications Passed/Refused/withdrawn/before committee

08/00608 53 Wisbech Road – rebuild of wall – passed

08/00705 Barsby Cooked Meats, Northey Road – retrospective for two  
warehouses – passed

08/00450 West Corner Farm, Dairy Drove – mobile home – passed

08/00758 5 and 6 Toneham Lane – conversion to one dwelling - passed

07/01733 Old Hall Farm, French Drove – conversion of hut to dwelling - appeal  
dismissed by Inspector

08/00658 Lordship End, French Drove – extension to form workshop and  
classroom - passed

08/00048 102 Wisbech Road – dwelling with integral garage – appeal of refusal  
to be heard by Inspector.

6.2 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

08/00982/FUL For Use of land for agricultural, sale of cars and short term storage  
of caravans at Four Acres Bungalow North Side – reject application because 1.  
This would set a precedent, 2. Too much expansion in a rural area 3. Ingress and  
egress of caravans on this busy road considered unsafe 4. Development of land that  
should be used for agriculture.

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 – no objection

6.3 Other matters

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste preferred options 2 –  
Consultation 8 September – 20 October. Exhibition to be held in various locations

7 Crime Report

Police Report. PCSO Webber gave a report of 73 calls to service in a 2 month  
period, 22 crimes and a resume' of the more serious incidents.

At a recent liaison meeting it was agreed that targets be set to reduce anti-social  
behaviour and speeding in the village.

Possible use of speed guns for trained personnel.

Use to be made of village magazine to inform residents/parents of the stress that  
anti-social behaviour can cause and the illegal use of mini-motors.

Group to be formed to try and sort out youth issues.

## 8 Allotments

- 8.1 Smiley Faces allotment - agreement terminated because of their lack of husbandry – re-let to 1<sup>st</sup> person on waiting list. Invoice sent for clear up costs
- 8.2 Barrier now in place across allotment entrance
- 8.3 The 2 turning areas will be levelled off by Councillor Harlock. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed that Councillor Harlock should arrange for hardcore to be supplied and laid in these areas.

## 9 Roads and Footpaths

- 9.1 Street lighting – units already reported that needed attention.
- 9.2 Councillor Harlock gave a report on progress with landscaping and Station Road roundabout – will report again at next meeting. Temporary repairs carried out on various defects on bypass.
- 9.3 Many footpaths have weeds growing through them
- 9.4 Church Street – many pots holes. Is this to be resurfaced? Drop kerbs needed near pharmacy.
- 9.5 Highway Agency to be asked about progress of their investigation concerning road marking at Pote Hole Quarry – no response yet

## 10 Burial Board

The Clerk explained that if he was to be away for a period greater than one week a Councillor would normally take over the role of liaison with Undertakers and peg graves as necessary.

## 11 Standing Orders review

Review of Standing Orders. A copy of the existing Orders was circulated prior to the meeting. These orders were updated last year and the folder now contains standing orders, financial orders and risk assessment procedures. These were accepted.

## 12 Christmas light on tower

Councillor Herdman updated the meeting on progress so far.

## 13 Household Recycling Centre – update

Mr. Pace liaising with Environment Agency concerning licence termination and request from Concrete Company to buy the area. Awaiting Enforcement Agency to test soil

## 14 Correspondence/Any Other Business

14.1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey results available to view at [www.cambsacre.org.uk/news/latest.htm](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/news/latest.htm)

14.2 Letter of thanks from Thorney Running Club for use of Thorney Parish Council room

14.3 NLIBD inspection of works Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 9am at Thorney Office.

14.4 Rural Working Group update can be found at [www.opportunitypeterborough.co.uk](http://www.opportunitypeterborough.co.uk)

14.5 East Midlands Regional Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy) proposed changes published for consultation can be views at [www.gos.gov.uk/goem](http://www.gos.gov.uk/goem) and [www.emra.gov.uk](http://www.emra.gov.uk)

14.6 Head of Library Services to be invited to a future meeting to discuss Thorney Library

14.7 Concern raised about drainage of surface water after heavy rainfall in some parts of the village

14.8 Invitation to flood warden seminar not taken up

14.9 Sign on Western roundabout advertising Classic Cars illegal and Highways Agency to be asked to remove.

14.10 Flytipping in English Drove near entrance to Concrete Company premises.

14.11 Chairman to sent letter of thanks to Mr. Culpin for looking after the Tank Yard clock from 1980 to the present year.

### 13 Finance

The External Auditor, Moore Stephens, has now completed the audit and again Thorney Parish Council has a “clean bill of health”. Notices displayed concerning completion.

The following sums had been received:-

<i>From</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		£1.22 and
Yorkshire Bank	Interest	£0.90
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Inter Mrs. Lilley	£30.00
Mr.Liu Haitoo	Allotment rent no.15	£20.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Lilley	£5.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs. Baxter	£17.00
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Inter. Mrs. Trapnell	£30.00
TRUFC	Loan repayment	£200.00
Anglia Regional Coop Ser	Inter. Mrs. Pratt	£200.00

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

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Smith of Derby	Clock maintenance	001599	£188.00
Grounds Maintenance Service	Cut and Strim Abbey Churchyard	001596	£270.25
Mr. J Downing	Barrier for allotments	001600	£587.50
Grounds Maintenance Service	Cut and Strim Abbey Churchyard	001601	£135.13
Singh (UK) ltd	Skip at Cemetery	001602	£34.38

The following Cheques were drawn and signed out:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mr. A Hovell	Locks for allotment barrier	001603	£79.36
The Columbaria Company	Sanctum Inscription Mrs. Bone	001604	£76.38
Mr. A Hovell	Telephone, postage, travel	001605	£76.59
Moore Stephens	External Audit	001606	£481.75

3.1 Budget Review. Up to date budget circulated to Councillors before the meeting

3.2 Tank Yard Clock – report from Smith of Derby suggests essential maintenance that needs to be carried out on the clock in Tank Yard. A Parish Council has the power to provide for public clocks under Parish Councils Act 1957, section 2 and Thorney Parish Council has maintained the clock for a number of years. It was proposed by Councillor Bevington, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously agreed to have the clock repaired by Smith of Derby at a cost of £628.00

The next full meeting will be held on 13 October.

Community Planning meeting 23rd September.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm