

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, S. Williamson, N Simons, Mrs A Willans, A. Butt, W. VanDriessche, M. Mari, G. Rowberry, N. Potts  
Peterborough City Councillors R Brown, S Allen, N Simons

0 members of the public. Public discussion – none

**2070/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies from Mrs K Howard, J. Shearman,

**2071/21-22 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time

**2072/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2021**

Minutes of the Council meetings and bank reconciliation held on 8 November and 9 December 2021 were confirmed and signed by Chair

**2073/21-22 Matters arising from minutes**

None

**2074/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee –Annual General Meeting for 2021 on 14 December
2. Skills audit – Some Councillors still to respond
3. Tree surgeons report. Circulated. Quotes for work suggested in report requested

**2075/21-22 Report from City Councillors.**

Peterborough City Council are to donate £55,000, to be ringfenced, to go towards a new pavilion in the park. Agreed this should be placed in Cambridge Building Society for future use

A further fatality on New Cut road. Highways involved in investigating cause. Possible remedial action could include signage indicating danger and serious accident risk

Health and Community Infrastructure Requirements Table 2, Appendix 2 from Peterborough City Council indicated that

A Thematic Package For Health and Community Infrastructure for Safer and Stronger Scheme Project stated “Thorney Infrastructure Programme – to ensure adequate community facilities and infrastructure improvements in the area. Prioritisation – Essential Infrastructure – short term (within 1 -5 years). Cost between £100000 and £200000.

A Thematic Package For Health and Community Infrastructure for Cleaner and Greener – to improve the quality of green open spaces by enhancing sports pavilions to meet the current needs of the community – Project code CA00506. Prioritisation – desirable infrastructure - short term (within 1 -5 years). Cost between £25000 and £90000.

A Thematic Package For Health and Community Infrastructure for Cleaner and Greener – to improve the quality of green open spaces by enhancing footpaths throughout the recreation ground - Project code CA00175. Prioritisation – desirable infrastructure - short term (within 1 -5 years). Cost between £25000 and £80000.

**2076/21-22 Finance**

The following were received in November/December

J G Cross

Memorial Mr Baxter

£40.00

	Foodbank	£803.00
	Reserve grave spaces	£550.00
	Allotment rents	£180.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Shreave	£175.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mrs Howden	£125.00

To approve the following paid in December

Salaries		£3082.20	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office, email, ISP payment		£70.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£372.54	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£847.10	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£55.94	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers, travel Sept and Oct	£51.01	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
HP	Printing costs for September	£6.49	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
SLCC	Membership	£188.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Andrew Belson	Tree survey	£1056.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cambs ACRE	Membership	£57.00	LGA 1972 sections 111
Foodbank		£218.44	
Foodbank		£172.99	
Norton	Antivirus	£84.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Redshoes accounting	Payroll services	£89.10	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Wave	Water charges cemetery	£13.40	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970
Wave	Water charges allotments	£133.07	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation circulated – approved.
3. Update given concerning Bedford Hall finances – no update available
4. Tree report quotes for work. Only 1 quotation received so far. 2 others still to be received
5. Precept considerations. An up-to-date account reconciliation and budget forecast was circulated before the meeting. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the budget proposals for 2022/2023 to give a Gross Parish Precept of £55600. This is a minimum budget on which the Parish Council can operate to give the same facilities and any additional spend deemed necessary will come from Auditor recommend reserves.
6. Foodbank – extended licence - renewal. Although not available to sign in meeting NPS Peterborough Senior Estates Surveyor is dealing with the process and the Parish Council could continue the service under the current licence provisions  
It was agreed the Clerk would sign the licence on behalf of Thorney Parish Council.

## 2077/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

## 2078/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters

21/01742/CTR For Acer tree in back garden reduce height by 25% and thinning of centre to improve shape at Duke Of Bedford Stables Abbey Place

21/01570/FUL For Proposed repair and refurbishment of existing property, two storey rear extension and conversion to four flats, including new vehicular access and car park  
At Halfpenny Toll House Northey Road

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01695/FUL Proposal: Proposed building contractors' yard and building. Site Address: Cedar House Sommer Close

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01121/FUL Proposal: Change of use from a riding school and livery yard to Glamping site. Site Address: Portsands Riding School French Drove

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01796/FUL Proposal: Construction of 71 dwellings and associated infrastructure. Site Address: Land Off Sandpit Road Sandpit Road

Councillor Halfhide declared a personal interest and took no part in discussions or voting.

Thorney Parish Council are opposed to this application.

In principal Thorney Parish Council is not opposed to a development of new houses on the land off Sandpit Road in Thorney and we recognise the need to build more homes and this location has already been identified for development.

However, we feel that 71 houses on this site is excessive for this area of land. The "Indicative Number of Dwellings/Remaining Site Capacity" identified on page 96 (LP39.8) of the "Peterborough Local Plan 24 July 2019" state that the number of dwellings should be 50. We find that 71 is substantially more than this recommended number and therefore oppose 71 dwellings. Thorney's biggest concerns regarding this development are its impact on infrastructure, namely school places and impact on the medical centre. We understand that both the Duke of Bedford School and Thorney Medical Practice are at full capacity. This is not an issue the developer can resolve, but it could and should be addressed using the CIL monies this development would generate. We ask that Peterborough City Council give the people of Thorney some assurances and ringfence the CIL monies raised by this application to expand capacity at the Duke of Bedford School and Thorney Medical Practice. This would not only benefit those moving into the new houses but the whole community would benefit.

In summary Thorney Parish Council strongly object this application in its current form. We would be in favour if the number of dwellings was reduced to 50 and a specified amount of CIL monies were guaranteed to be allocated for increasing capacity at Duke of Bedford School and Thorney Medical Practice which would be a great benefit to the whole community.

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01672/HHFUL Proposal: Conversion of barn to annexe accommodation. Site Address: Plum Tree Farm North Bank Thorney – no objection

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01759/HHFUL Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension, replacement of conservatory roof and proposed conversion of detached garage to habitable use. Site Address: Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney – no objection

PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01723/FUL Proposal: A replacement timber framed arena education building. Site Address: Flag Fen Bronze Age Centre The Drove Peterborough – no objection

New planning co-ordinator to be agreed at next meeting

### **2079/21-22 Burial Authority**

In the tree survey recently completed it was noted that all the horse chestnut trees in the cemetery were diseased and would have to be felled. Replacement trees were planted in the Spring. It was agreed that the cemetery caretaker should gradually reduce these trees and dispose of the removed material.

### **2080/21-22 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation

2. Whittlesey Road – awaiting Peterborough City Council proposals
3. Stonebridge corner accidents – meeting 16 December with one resident, 2 City Councillors and 2 Peterborough City Council Highways Engineers to discuss speeding, road surface, safety precautions and any preventative measures that could be put in place to safeguard the two properties.
4. Footpath Wisbech Road near 67 – 71 Wisbech Road. Report that footpath slopes towards open ditch and that pushchair had recently fallen into the ditch. To be passed to Highway Inspector.

#### **2081/21-22 Allotments**

Only 2 outstanding payments

#### **2082/20-21 Village Matters**

1. Access ramp Parish Room – deferred to next meeting
2. Skate ramp update – no further progress
3. Adoption Red Phone box – consultation period extended– article in Thorney Post to gain ideas for future use
4. Field end Gas Lane lease – Chairman contacted NPS to obtain formal agreement to enter field between Gas Lane and allotments. Awaiting written consent
5. Wooden Village signs – ongoing. Cost of repairs to be assessed with possible application to windfarm fund.
6. Peterborough City Council has completed tree planting in Thorney Park

#### **2083/20-21 Website update**

1. Update - To comply with The Public Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) Regulations 2018 – link to draft site being sent out once updating has been completed

#### **2084/20-21 Facebook Posts**

It was agreed that positive items concerning Thorney Parish Council achievements should be posted

#### **2085/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

#### **2086/20-21 Parish Council business**

A letter of complaint was read to the meeting concerning processes at the 9 December meeting. Members' recollections did not exactly match the letter's contents although it was agreed that on one occasion the Chair intervened too quickly – the reasons for this were also accepted.

A further discussion followed, and it was agreed that:

1. Any Councillor inviting members of the public to our meetings must inform the Chair and the Clerk, and their reason for doing so
2. Where members of the public are present at a meeting a formal seating arrangement will be taken with all Councillors positioned such that they face members of the public

#### **2087/20-21 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Meeting ended 8.35 pm