

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, S. Williamson, N Simons, Mrs A Willans, A. Butt, N. Potts, Mrs K Howard

Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, R Brown, S Allen

10 members of the public.

Public discussion –

1. To discuss ram-raid on the Village Shop. The Chair congratulated the shop owner for opening immediately after the ram raid and expressed the gratitude of the local community has for the services the shop provides. Cllr Shearman explained Thorney Parish Council wishes to take pre-emptive action to keep the shop staff and shop safe as it is the lifeline of the village.

Cllr Simons has had site meetings with the shop owner, Conservation Officer and Peterborough City Council Contractors and assessed what action can be taken to prevent a similar raid. As Manchester type bollards are in use in other parts of the village it was agreed that 4 additional bollards, strategically placed could provide a solution.

The Chair thanked the shop owner for attending the meeting and expressed the full support of Thorney Parish Council.

2. Bedford Hall Management Committee. Invitation to Chair and Treasurer to discuss future. Management committee meeting last week. Suggested that redecoration would help to make the venue more attractive, and a possibility would be a community organised event to do this.

Bar – possibly take over by local resident. Web site to be revamped. More committee members needed although new members have recently joined.

Gas supply being renegotiated. Grant from Government via Peterborough City Council for Omicron and leisure facilities

It was suggested that the bar was the main source of income. This was accepted and for the next 6 months the existing arrangements would continue. Renegotiation would take place following that

More regular hirers are needed.

Will co-operate with museum.

3. Sport pavilion refurbishment proposals. Presentation from Thorney FC.

This project has been extremely well received by the local FA who have provided not only financial support, but they have given invaluable advice every step of the way. The same can be said for the Parish council who have also been very forthcoming with their support and advice. Following the presentation of this report it is hoped the Parish Council will release funds for the refurbishment and extension of the Pavilion. Furthermore, I have also been in discussions with the Cambridgeshire FA working our way forward looking for solutions to the optimum way of improving the quality of the playing surfaces at the park. In addition, I am in discussions with local business with a view to sponsorships for football kits and equipment for the teams.

We believe that the funding of a new pavilion will help us reach our full potential as a football club, both as a junior team and men's team. Not only will it attract more people to the park, but it will help us to host and incorporate many different sporting activities all year round. This could include, cricket, rounders, football tournaments. We believe that with the kitchen/cafe it will help attract more people to the park and participate or spectate on the relevant sport on show at the time. Children of this generation have lost so much during the recent pandemic, we believe self-confidence, is the biggest loss. There is no better time to get this project under way and give them something to attract them back outdoors.

There is a wish to involve local school for out of school activities

Thorney Parish Council said the building must be suitable for all sports users use not just football.

It was later confirmed that Peterborough City Council would still maintain the building after the works are completed. They would also take the fee for the pitch, which goes towards maintenance.

2108/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from G. Rowberry

2109/21-22 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

2110/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2022

Minutes of the Council meetings and bank reconciliation held on 10 January 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2111/21-22 Matters arising from minutes

Adoption Red Phone box – agreement signed for takeover and notice attached to box stating “now in the ownership of Thorney Parish Council”

Field end Gas Lane – NPS again asked for lease/licence/agreement to enter field. Trees and hedging received and will be protected until planting

2112/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee –Chair and Treasurer attended meeting and discussion held
2. Skills audit – Complete
3. Planning co-ordinator. Existing system to remain

2113/21-22 Report from City Councillors.

Library review underway – possible relocation to Bedford Hall

Stone Bridge Corner – detailed report from Peterborough City Council highways

Speedwatch training instruction easy and straight forward to access and understand

Fire exit from Museum a problem

2114/21-22 Finance

The following were received in January/February

	Foodbank	£5.00
Mrs Wagg	Inter Mr Wagg	£450.00
Cambridge BS	Interest	£69.85
Mrs Nobbs	Inter Mr Nobbs	£150.00
Mrs Burton	Inter Mrs Bowen	£250.00
C Copestake	Memorial Mrs Hall	£125.00

To approve the following paid in February

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	£83.92	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers, travel Dec and Jan	£49.21	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
HP	Printing costs for September	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Columbaria Co	Memorial Mrs. Bowen	£99.60	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
Foodbank		£41.15	
RTC Groundcare	Strimmer maintenance	£123.65	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
RTC Groundcare	Stiga motor mower maintenance	£674.83	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
Go Daddy	Domain renewal	£41.96	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking Direct	Stationer, etc.	£160.07	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Smith of Derby	Bedford Hall clock maintenance	£283.20	Parish Councils Act 1957 s. 2
Duke of Bedford School	Swimming pool match funding	£25000.00	CIL

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
4. Repair Abbey Clock - awaiting information. To next meeting
5. Foodbank – extended licence - renewal. Peterborough Senior Estates Surveyor is dealing with the process and the Parish Council could continue the service under the current licence provisions.
6. Wooden village signs – Cost of repairs assessed at £250 per sign. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the repair
7. Financial considerations to stop ram raids. Bollards in footpath. Peterborough City Council contractors have quoted £750 per Manchester bollard to install. Conservation Officer met on site and agreed Manchester bollards as installed in other places in the village would be suitable. It was unanimously agreed to finance the installation of 4 Manchester type bollards from CIL to protect this valuable village asset.
8. Financial and long-term considerations for new pavilion in Park. Following the presentation and discussion in the public forum it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with refurbishment and extension to the Pavilion in the Park to be used for all sporting groups in the village. Peterborough City Council will contribute £55,000 to the project, Thorney Parish Council £35,000 from CIL contributions and £10,000 from Thorney Parish Council reserves. Thorney Parish Council will have Financial control and Councillors from the sub-group feedback spend as it occurs. Negotiations and supplementary decisions with Peterborough City Council, local groups, and contractors carried out by a sub-group made up of the Chair, Cllrs Simons, Potts, Williamson, Mr Scott (Thorney Football Club/Thorney Rangers) with input from Clerk if necessary.

Two more quotations were being sought for the pavilion renovation and this was proving difficult to achieve. A similar situation occurred when quotations were being sought for tree maintenance

9. Financial considerations for field end Gas Lane. It was unanimously agreed to have the field flailed ready for tree planting
10. Cllr Howard declared an interest and took no part in the following discussion or vote. It was unanimously agreed to issue a cheque for £25000 to match fund the Duke of Bedford replacement swimming pool. A further £10,000 had also been agreed at a previous meeting if

the school can match fund that additional amount. These donations will come from CIL account.

2115/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

21/01633/HHFUL - Proposal: Conversion of detached garage to habitable use involving single storey rear extension and alterations to front and side elevations at 11 Kingsline Close – Permitted

21/00769/WCPP (REVISED) - Variation of condition C11 (drawings) to alter layout and design pursuant to planning permission 17/01353/FUL Erection of a single self-build dwelling and garage - Plot 2 Land Rear Of Rose And Crown Station Road - permitted

2116/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters

21/00769/WCPP (REVISED) - Variation of condition C11 (drawings) to alter layout and design pursuant to planning permission 17/01353/FUL Erection of a single self-build dwelling and garage - Plot 2 Land Rear Of Rose And Crown Station Road - The majority of Thorney Parish Councillors have no objection to this development, providing it meets approval of the Conservation Officer. Whilst the South face is very much in keeping with the historic Duke of Bedford Cottages, Thorney Meadows and new houses at Crown Close, there are some concerns regarding the North Elevation which some councillors feel is not in keeping with the surrounding area, in particular the large modern vertical windows. We also support the concerns of the Fire Service regarding access for fire appliances.

21/01995/FUL Units 1, 6 And 7 The Causeway Thorney: Replacement cladding to units 1,6 & 7 and permanent placement of 6 storage containers – retrospective – no objections

22/00048/LBC - 74 Wisbech Road, Bluebell Cottage, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SD

Remove aluminium garage door from outbuildings and reinstate brickwork with wooden personnel door - Thorney Parish Council have no objections to this application.

2117/21-22 Burial Authority

1. Tree removal diseased Horse Chestnuts – the Cemetery caretaker is removing branches from the smaller trees and disposing of the waste material
2. Works from tree survey – N J Pacey will complete the first part of works by next week. Second contract to follow later in year

2118/21-22 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation. Collating data. Letters being sent to speeding motorists. Although lorries, by the large size, appear to be breaking the speed limits this has not generally be found to be the case
2. Whittlesey Road – awaiting Peterborough City Council proposals
3. Stone Bridge corner update – Work Peterborough City Council Highways are to carry out following the Whittlesey Road Safety audit as a) Resurface road to provide a smooth consistent road surface b) Resurface some parts with a skid resistant road surface c) Provide “Slow” or transverse bar markings before the bend d) Install additional Chevrons black and yellow with some removal of overgrown Vegetation e) Renew road markings f) Renew all centre road studs.

2119/21-22 Allotments

There is a waiting list of tenants asking for allotments

2120/20-21 Village Matters

1. Procedures for Death of a Monarch – Draft policy discussed with Parochial Church Council - ongoing
2. Access ramp Parish Room – Conservation Officer’s views circulated. Area not suitable for a permanent ramp
3. Skate ramp update – ongoing
4. Field end Gas Lane lease – still awaiting information from NPS. Discussed under

City Councillors report. Urgent need to progress this as tree packs delivered. Agreed to have the field flailed.

2121/20-21 Website update

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

2122/20-21 Facebook Posts

12 vehicle break-ins w/e 12/13 February
Suggested extension to Neighbourhood watch

2123/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Jubilee celebrations for 2-5 June 2022

2124/20-21 Parish Council business

Jubilee celebrations – beacon to be lit at Park Farm. There will also be similar festivities to the Golden Jubilee celebrations with a barn dance, hog roast, take your own drinks (although there will be a pay bar), children free if accompanied by adult. Proceeds to Charity
Duke of Bedford celebrations will be held last Friday before half term

Election's 5th May

2125/20-21 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 14th March 2022. Meeting ended 9.35 pm