

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 10th January 2022 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, Mrs K Howard
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons

0 members of the public.

Public discussion – none

2090/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors R Brown, S Allen

2091/21-22 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

2092/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 December 2021

Minutes of the Council meetings and bank reconciliation held on 13 December 2021 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2093/21-22 Matters arising from minutes

Covered elsewhere in minutes

2094/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – AGM held. New cleaners and bar staff needed. Booking clerk appointed. Chair to be invited to next meeting to discuss way forward, intentions for future and how the Parish Council to interact with the committee.
2. Skills audit – Some Councillors still to respond
3. Planning co-ordinator. Liaison for handover taking place

2095/21-22 Report from City Councillors.

Pavilion building meeting on 19 January to look at existing structure and possible renovation.

Interest in setting up a football team for juniors

Field end Gas Lane – legal paperwork being drafted. Urgent need to progress this as tree packs will be delivered by end March and we have to have legal access to the field for flail mowing before we can plant the trees.

2096/21-22 Finance

The following were received in January

Foodbank £5.00

To approve the following paid in January

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	£60.00	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	£	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
RTC Groundcare	Mower maintenance	£75.17	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
RTC Groundcare	Mower maintenance	£90.17	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1

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. 4 others requested in November/December, two of which have not replied and the other 2 replied stating they were too busy to take on extra work.
Since some of the work is urgent, and other work should be completed before the birds start nesting, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the one quote we have received for a value of £1130.
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 to be assessed with possible application to windfarm fund. Following discussion, it was agreed that the signs should be removed and stored to allow them to dry out. Local tradesmen will then be asked if they can be restored.

2097/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

21/01723/FUL Proposal: A replacement timber framed arena education building. Site

Address: Flag Fen Bronze Age Centre The Droeway Peterborough - approved

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 - permitted

2098/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters

2099/21-22 Burial Authority

None

2100/21-22 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation. Woburn Drive will be assessed for inclusion in future checks
New Cut is now reduced to 50mph from 60mph and the new signage is now up.
2. Whittlesey Road – awaiting Peterborough City Council proposals
3. Stone Bridge corner update - awaiting Peterborough City Council proposals
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 - passed to Highway Inspector, who replied " I visited this location this morning and the camber doesn't appear to be too steep apart from where the vehicle access is to the properties and there is very little I can do about that area, it may be worth approaching North Level Drainage regarding the land drain as they piped the one near the school after some similar incidents.
I will continue to monitor this area during routine inspections and with this incident in mind take action when necessary.

NLIDB has no plans to pipe this section of ditch

2101/21-22 Allotments

All allotments have tenants and all payments received

2102/20-21 Village Matters

1. Procedures for Death of a Monarch – provision of flag, condolence book, announcement. Draft policy to be produced for discussion with Parochial Church Council and Royal British Legion.
2. Access ramp Parish Room – views of Conservation Officer to be obtained
3. Skate ramp update – further estimates of cost to be sought
4. Adoption Red Phone box – signing agreement for takeover. No feedback from article in Thorney Post. Unanimously agreed to go ahead and adopt the box by signing the contract with BT. Possible use could be book exchange
5. Field end Gas Lane lease – still awaiting information from NPS. Discussed under City Councillors report. Urgent need to progress this as tree packs will be delivered by end March and we have to have legal access to the field for flail mowing before we can plant the trees.
5. Peterborough City Council has completed tree planting in Thorney Park
6. Bell on Church clock has stopped ringing as mechanism worn. Parish Councils cannot finance work in/on a church premises from our precept. Senior Planning Officer to be asked if clock repair on the church could be something that would be suitable for CIL spend.

2103/20-21 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
Agreed that 2 years of past minutes would be uploaded to new site. Developer to be asked if an automatic link could be made to social media on upload of minutes and agendas

2104/20-21 Facebook Posts

2105/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Jubilee celebrations for 2-5 June 2022

2106/20-21 Parish Council business

None

2107/20-21 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 14th February 2022. Meeting ended 8.26 pm