

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: N. Potts, Mrs K Howard, Mrs A Willans, S Williamson, W VanDriessche, J Shearman, A. Butt, N Simons, M. Mari, G Rowberry  
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons  
1 member of the public.

Public discussion – discussion concerning a scarecrow competition that could link in villagers, school and farms especially if it occurs around harvest time

**1984/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies from Mrs. D Halfhide and Peterborough City Councillor S Allen, R Brown

**1985/21-22 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

**1986/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 June 2021**

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 14 June 2021 were confirmed and signed by Chair

**1987/21-22 Matters arising from minutes**

Covered later in agenda items

**1988/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – grant being paid into account. No forward bookings
2. Thorney Futures working group – A meeting was held to bring everyone up to date – ongoing
3. Foodbank – has vacated the Parish Room and all members are invited by the co-ordinator to view the new premises in Church Street. Access gained to foodbank room by unauthorised persons who obviously have a key (unbeknown to Peterborough City Council and Thorney Parish Council)  
Parish Room sanitized and cleaned, ceiling and some wall painted by Bedford Hall Caretakers who have done an excellent job
4. Post Office – Chairman to liaise

**1989/21-22 Report from City Councillors.**

Road closure applied for to carry out repairs on Whittlesey Road  
Field on access to allotments – lease being prepared  
Pavilion in Park – ongoing slowly

**1990/21-22 Finance**

The following were received in June

H Brett	Memorial Mr Hills	£125.00
GC Mobility and Healthcare	Foodbank	£100.00
Central Coop	Memorial Mrs Sutton	£250.00
	Community contribution road signs	£951.80
	Foodbank	£5.00

To approve the following paid in July

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	£	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
HP	Printing costs for May	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Parish Room cleaning and redecoration		£512.00	Covid19 grant from Peterborough City Council
Nuneaton Signs	Gypsy Corner sign	£226.56	Highways Act 1980, s.96
Nuneaton Signs	Bukehorn area signs	£915.60	Highways Act 1980, s.96

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation circulated – approved.
3. Update given by Bedford Hall Treasurer. Grant recently received
4. Carved village sign – local craftsman considers sign beyond repair. Being looked at again by Thorney Parish Council councillor.
5. Review fees for allotments and cemetery. Burials still taking place in original cemetery area and the charges we have at present are sufficient for the investment – agreed to leave charges as at present.  
Allotments – agreed to leave charges as at present. New agreement to be looked at to try and overcome those allotments not tended with good husbandry

## 1991/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

21/00075/FUL - Land West Of Thorney, The Causeway, Thorney, Peterborough

Change of use of redundant agricultural grassland to use as a dog exercise paddock, the erection of secure mesh fencing and the reconfiguration of the existing access together with associated car parking  
PERMITTED 14/05/2021

21/00150/HHFUL - Pond House, The Park Wisbech Road, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SA

Ground and first floor extension to front, sides and rear of the property  
REFUSED 18/06/2021

21/00631/HHFUL - 2 Beech Close, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0QP

Reposition external air conditioning unit mounted on south wall to east wall  
PERMITTED 24/06/2021

21/00672/PRIOR - Land Off Sommer Close, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0FF

Agricultural storage building  
PERMITTED 06/07/2021

21/00326/FUL - Causeway Lodge, The Causeway, Thorney

Proposed siting of three static caravans for temporary accommodation on site for 3 years  
PERMITTED 09/07/2021

21/00809/PRIOR - 29 St Marys Close, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SJ  
Single storey rear extension, Measurement from original rear wall: 5m, Maximum height: 3.61m (to eaves: 2.72m)  
PERMITTED 28/06/2021

### **1992/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters**

21/00238/HHFUL - 23 Chestnut Drive, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0QR

Proposed car port (retrospective)

*TPC Response on 09/07/2021 - Although Thorney Parish Council does not object to garage extension in principle we cannot support this application.*

*The application does not provide any detail on how the garage will be made to be an independent structure. The existing unapproved structure is currently attached to the neighbouring fence of 21, in addition the guttering also overhanging the fence, both of which we find wholly unacceptable. The proposed garage attached to the fence will cause an issue if and when in the future the fence needs to be maintained/replaced. This has also been expressed by the affect neighbour who would be left disadvantaged if this application were to be approved and therefore **we strongly oppose** this application.*

*If the applicant were to resubmit the application demonstrating that the structure be made self-sufficient of the fence the parish council would look on this favourably*

21/00717/HHFUL - Sommer Barns, Sommer Close, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0FF

Conversion of existing stable building to annex including permitted development of existing carport building to gym and home office

*TPC Response on 09/07/2021 - Thorney Parish Council have no objections to this application.*

21/00879/HHFUL - 76 Wisbech Road, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SD

First floor rear extension, insertion of french doors and replacement of nonoriginal rear windows

*TPC Response on 09/07/2021 - Thorney Parish Council have not objections this application.*

21/00914/LBC - 76 Wisbech Road, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SD

First floor rear extension, insertion of french doors and replacement of nonoriginal rear windows

*TPC Response on 09/07/2021 - Thorney Parish Council have not objections this application.*

### **1993/20-21 Councillors Responsibilities**

1. Burial and Allotments- Councillors Mari, Williamson, Rowberry
2. Planning - Councillors Potts (Chair, co-ordinator) with all members
3. Countryside - Councillors Simons and Long
4. Pote Hole Liaison - Councillor Long, Simons
5. Finance – Councillors Butt, Halfhide
6. Thorney Park – Councillors Potts, Shearman, Simons, Howard
7. Police Liaison – Councillors Simons, Willans
8. Complaints – Councillors Chairman, Cllr Howard
9. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Councillors Mari, Willans
10. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Councillors Long, Simons, Willans
11. Bedford Hall working group – Chair, vice chair, Cllr VanDriessche
12. Employment – Chairman, Councillor VanDriessche
13. Social Media - Councillors Halfhide, Potts, Howard
14. Youth Council co-ordinator Cllr Howard, Rowberry
15. Thorney Post co-ordinator Cllrs Long, Shearman
16. Good Neighbour liaison
17. Phone box liaison - Cllr Butt
18. Highways – Cllrs Shearman, Rowberry, Williamson

### **1994/21-22 Burial Authority**

None

### **1995/21-22 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Concerns about the damage and noise the lorries are making/causing especially with the extra traffic in Whittlesey Road. Peterborough City Council aware of residents' concerns although have not responded to Thorney Parish Council requests for further information to a long-term scheme to rectify this problem. Two local Councillors to liaise. Road surface breakup already reported to Peterborough City Council who are in the process of obtaining a road closure notice for repairs to be carried out
2. Speeding in village – no further feedback from Peterborough City Council Highways suggesting a major scheme was needed despite repeated requests. Highway Committee members looking to find a way forward
- 3, Bollards The Causeway – liaison with residents concerning removal of bollards has taken place. Concerns expressed by residents included:
  - Thought grass verge would be abused by vehicle owners
  - Wished for bollards to remain
  - Dog walkers saw bollards as a form of protection from traffic

To comply with Standing Orders “A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except by a special motion, which requires notice by at least 3 councillors to be given” it was unanimously agreed that a special resolution will be put to September meeting for further discussion

### **1996/21-22 Allotments**

Looking to change tenancy agreement to encourage better husbandry

### **1997/20-21 Discuss possible Youth Council**

Idea is to have a Youth Council that mirrors Thorney Parish Council. Possibly hosting a Presentation at Picnic in Park

### **1998/20-21 Village Matters**

1. Picnic in Park – Organisation ongoing. Date decided as Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon
2. Re-establishment of outreach Post Office in Parish Room. Testing of new equipment taking place. Should be open after Covid19 restrictions lifted 19 July
3. Skate ramp update – ongoing
4. Adoption Red Phone box – ongoing. Article in next Thorney Post
5. Field Gas Lane Lease – ongoing
6. War memorial Bedford Hall – re- inscription arranged with stone mason.
7. Make Community allotment, wildflower area or community orchard (or combination of all) on present grassed area side fire station. As this area is owned by Peterborough City Council their permission to be sought. However, the outline given was a Councillor who recently met with PECT (Peterborough Environmental City Trust) and Peterborough City Council Wildlife officer on site of old allotments at side Bedford Hall. Options were discussed for the use of the grassed area at the rear of the hall and were based on the suggestion that the area become an orchard. PECT is willing to make a substantial contribution towards the development of the area, although we would be required to fund the purchase of (say 12) fruit trees. If the Council proceeds with this development it could link with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee which is being celebrated in the UK from Thursday June 2nd - Sunday 5th, 2022. In

order to be able to fully appreciate the 'Orchard' next June the planting. will need to be undertaken this coming October. Trees possibly heritage fruit trees.  
Boundary to nearby houses to have a 10m space left.  
Nearby buddleia to be removed. During the discussion of the Orchard a suggestion was put forward that the land surrounding the track to the allotment could be an alternative (and possibly a better) location if permission were not granted for the Bedford Hall site

8. Finger Post – to be discussed again in 6 months
9. Discuss joining Rural/ Market Towns Group – agreed not to join

**1999/20-21 Website update**

Update - To comply with The Public Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) Regulations 2018  
Ongoing

**2000/20-21 Facebook Posts**

**2001/20-21 Correspondence**

**2002/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

Presentation Good Neighbour Liaison  
Scarecrow competition

**2003/20-21 Any other business**

Neighbour Watch coordination meeting 19 July

**2004/20-21 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021