

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs K Howard, N. Potts, W VanDriessche, B. Parker, Mrs D Halfhide, S Williamson

Peterborough City Councillors Allen,
PC Stephen Main, Cambs Police

0 members of the public.

Public discussion with PC Main who explained his role and the large geographic area he covers.

Travellers in the Park were discussed and the way in which the Police deal with incursions was explained.

101 reporting system and the criterion for action were also discussed. The telephone hold system was frustrating, and residents become disillusioned/ hang up. The website for reporting was not user friendly

Speedwatch – statistics go to the co-ordinator but speeding in Whittlesey Road, Station Road and Wisbech Road are particular problem areas

2191/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, R Rylan
J Shearman, N Simons,

2192/22-23 To receive Disclosable 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

2193/22-23 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Handed to Clerk who signed them

2194/22-23 Co-option

Electoral Officer confirmed that co-option could take place as it was close to the advertisement for Councillor elections 5 May

However, no one has applied or attended the meeting

2195/22-23 To Appoint the Vice Chairman until next Annual meeting

Complaint that Chair acted inappropriately in delaying appointment of vice-chair – this issue was addressed and accepted by all Councillors present that the Chair acted correctly and gave the present Chair their full support

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agree that Cllr Williamson be vice-chair

2196/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 9 May 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2197/22-23 Matters arising from minutes

Field end Gas Lane – Chairman contacted Peterborough City Council Solicitor to clarify some further details – awaiting response

Bollards outside local shop installed. Debate concerning placement however if they need to be repositioned this will be at Peterborough City Council cost.

2198/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports

None

2199/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

First payment of section 106 money received for Pavilion refurbishment. Second payment being urged

Park to be protected by rising barriers

2200/22-23 Finance

The following were received in June

Foodbank		£20.00
	Inter Mrs Simpson	£950.00
Peterborough CC	CIL	£1301.00
Funeral Services Ltd	Inter Mrs Simpson	£150.00

To approve the following paid in May/June

Salaries		£2955.96	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		£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment		£34.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£419.76	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		£1358.67	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	£58.18	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs for September	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
NFU Mutual	Tradesman Insurance	£517.63	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Gallagher	Parish Council Insurance	£1159.27	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Foodbank	Grocery top up	£202.20	Charity donation
Redshoes Accounting	Payroll services	£94.50	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Virtue Property and Renovations	Pavilion refurbishment	£17359.82	CIL and Section 106
Virtue Property and Renovations	Installation bollards The Park entrance	£118.00	CIL
Milestone Infrastructure	Installation bollards Village store	£3000.00	Cil

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Foodbank – extended licence - renewal. No progress by Peterborough City
4. Thorney Pavilion – following discussion it was agreed the committee would decide the amount to be paid against the submitted invoices. Most materials now on site and work progressing in accordance with an agreed programme. It is understood by all Councillors, and it is their intension, that the pavilion will be for community use and for all sports, not just football. Peterborough City Councillors also share that view.
Because of the value of the contract, it was essential that a member of Council supervises the work, liaises with the builder and agrees spend rates.
It was agreed that Thorney Parish Council invests in Cllr Williamson the role of Clerk of Works to the ongoing refurbishment and later extension to the Pavilion in Thorney Park.

This gives Cllr Williamson the authority to agree, direct and supervise the work on behalf of Thorney Parish Council. Invoices for work should be agreed by him, in liaison with the Committee, before payment is authorised by full Council.

It was also agreed to delay the payment of the latest Virtue Properties invoice until the Committee responsible for this project decides the progress and attitude is suitable.

5. Good Neighbour Scheme – at the onset of Covid19 the parish was not well supported by other organisations and were given few feedback links. The Good Neighbour Scheme seeks to overcome those shortcomings and has a centralised Parish Co-ordinator.

The foodbank could also benefit by possibly co-ordinating food deliveries and referrals. It was agreed to join the scheme at a cost of £1000 for a one-year trial

6. Consideration purchasing a TPC branded canopy tent for events. Thorney Parish Council is now attending different functions and need a central point of communication that is visible to all that attend the functions. It was agreed in principle to purchase a canopy with costings being circulated for approval.

7. Vermin control allotments – consideration of quote. Following site visit it was seen there was rat activity. The quote from Mr Cave “I would recommend 8 visits per year. After each visit we would email a report sheet which would detail what work had been carried out and specify any vermin activity at the site. We would provide a copy of our Public Liability cover note and NPTA certificate.

I would recommend that we install 8 lockable rat bait stations at a cost of £8.00 + VAT each.

The cost for each visit would be £60.00 + VAT which would be invoiced quarterly at the end of March, June, September and December”.

This was accepted and unanimously agreed

2201/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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. Withdrawn by applicant

22/00610/CTR for T.1 Ash - Re-pollard to old pollard points retaining all 'risers' - existing, small branch growth below (lower) than the old pollard points. at 8 Abbey Place Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QA

Decision: Permitted

0/01458/H Plum Tree Farm, North Bank, Thorney- appeal is dismissed

21/01695/FUL for Proposed building contractors' yard and building at Cedar House Sommer Close Thorney

Decision: Refused

22201/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters

21/01796/FUL Construction of 71 dwellings and associated infrastructure - Land Off Sandpit Road Sandpit Road Thorney -

22/00577/HHFUL - 39 Black Drove - Proposed single-storey extension, proposed veranda, proposed replacement windows and doors.

22/00587/HHFUL - 5 St Marys Close - Proposed front porch, new cladding to the front and garage conversion

22/00429/FUL Lodge Farm Crowland Road - Change of use of land from agricultural field to dog training and exercise field involving erection of boundary fence, entrance gates and associated landscaping –

22/00729/CTR - 1 Belgravia Court - T1-T5 (Conifer Cultivar)- 50% reduction in height which brings the trees down to (Approx) height of the top floor windows. reducing the risk of snow loading and storm damage.

22/00688/CTR - Duke Of Bedford Primary School - Cherry crown life over FP (T92488), Birch strip Ivy (T92500), Birch end weight reduction by 15% (T92516) and Birch crown clean and branch removal (T92520)
Application Reference: 22/00600/MMFUL - Eastern Extension to Eye Landfill – Thorney Parish

Council to ask for a delay in reply so the application can have full consideration

2203/22- 23 Burial Authority

Agreed to meet at cemetery 6pm before next meeting for annual inspection

2204/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation. Also discussed with Police Officer in public discussion
2. Barriers village shop – installed. Some dispute with Conservation Officer concerning placement – any alteration will be at Peterborough City Council cost.
3. Stone Bridge corner update. Some remedial works outstanding but will soon be complete
4. Bollards on the Causeway cleaned. Partition from local residents received. Agenda item for future

2205/22-23 Allotments

1. New Water standpipe East side – agreed that standpipe should be provided. Allotment holders contacted where pipe to be laid. Awaiting response.
2. Various allotments in poor husbandry. Tenants contacted - No response from some and it was agreed to terminate those tenancies with immediate effect.
3. Agreed to employ pest control company to control rats on allotments. See finance section
4. An allotment holder has scraped the side of his vehicle negotiating the concrete blocks at the entrance to the access road. These were placed 7 feet apart which is standard garage door entrance width.
Long term solution will be to install a removable barrier
5. Field at present overgrown with nettle and thistle – local farmer to cut

2206/22-23 Village matters

1. Pavilion – discussed under finance
2. Telephone box, Wisbech Road – quote obtained from Power Networks for an electricity supply. Quoted cost £3120.
Community Heartbeat have a system that does not need power to the kiosk. This is using the Zoll 3 defibrillator (probably the most advanced community defibrillator available) in a Sentry cabinet. This solution does not need any power to the kiosk and is the only viable and proven solution for this type of installation. Based upon this solution (over 250 have already been installed so far), the solution would cost:
Zoll AED 3 with thermal carry case, see through CPR, CPR coaching, RescueWrist, visualised display, single set of adult/child 5-year electrodes. ShockBox Sentry insulated cabinet (locked). Telephone and community signage
Agreed to make application to Wrydecroft Windfarm fund
3. Use of The Green for August Flower Festival. Parochial Church Council has requested permission to use the Green for August Flower Festival - agreed
4. Meeting date with Local MP – awaiting MP response
5. Thorney Post – advertising cost to be increased but possible financial help may be needed from Thorney Parish Council in future

2207/22-23 Pavilion Update

Discussed earlier

2208/22-23 Youth Council

Youth hub meeting discussed skate park, recent vandalism and views gained for the future. Useful interchange of views. Rugby Club keen to help.

Youth work for engaging the youngsters with one off events hopefully leading to a Youth Council in the future.

Skate park, complete with graffiti wall, discussed with enthusiasm

2209/22-23 Picnic in Park

To be held Sunday 7th August from 12 o'clock onwards. Invite on Facebook.

2210/22-23 Thorney Festival September

Various events and activities being organised and arranged

2211/22-23 Responsibilities of Thorney Parish Councillors

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

2212/22-23 Website update

Site being populated with upto date information. Will go live shortly

2213/22-23 Facebook Posts

To focus on things happening

2214/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Policy on Co-option

Future management of Pavilion

Name for Gas Lane Field

2215/22-23 Parish Council business

Grass at side of Bedford Hall needs to be cut. Reasons discussed as to why at present it has been left uncut. Agreed Bedford Hall would organise with possible funding from Thorney Parish Council

2216/22-23 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 11th July 2022. Meeting ended 10.04 pm