

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 14th March 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, W VanDriessche, J Shearman, G Rowberry
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, R Brown,

2 members of the public.

Public discussion – extra quotations were being obtained with additional drawings of proposals for the Park pavilion refurbishment. Thorney Parish Council needs 3 quotes before it can issue a contract and an assessment will be based on value for money and best practice. The decision should not be rushed and must be right first time for the facilities to be suitable for all sports and to last for the foreseeable future.

Quotations will be compared, and an architect will advise concerning building regulations and planning consent.

The football club has verbal backing from Cambs FA for providing goal posts, pitch maintenance, etc.

It was noted that it was 50 years ago to the day that Councillor VanDriessche joined Thorney Parish Council.

2126/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from Peterborough City Councillor S Allen

2127/21-22 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

2128/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 February 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 14 February 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2129/21-22 Matters arising from minutes

Field end Gas Lane – NPS again asked for lease/licence/agreement to enter field. Trees and hedging received and will be planted. Site meeting with PECT and Farmer who gave his consent for tree planting. PECT designed a suitable tree layout

Bollards outside local shop – being dealt with by Peterborough City Council Highways and Conservation Officer. Contract signed for purchase of bollards

2130/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports

2131/21-22 Report from City Councillors.

Pavilion discussed under public discussion. As the contract is large other quotes are being sought for comparison and to determine value for money and best practice

2132/21-22 Finance

The following were received in January/February

Mrs Dow	Inter Mrs Popely	£150.00
H E Bull and Son	Inter Mr Moore, reserve Mrs Moore	£1,100.00
	Foodbank	£20.00

To approve the following paid in March

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		£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment		£34.18	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	£21.50	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
HP	Printing costs for September	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Route to Web	New Website design	£1114.20	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
CAPALC	Councillor training	£30.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
CAPALC	Membership fee	£681.23	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
CAPALC	Clerk training	£120.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
N J Pacey	Tree works as quotation	£1356.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Wave	Water charges cemetery	£14.77	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Redshoes Accounting	Payroll services	£89.10	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
Microsoft	Office software	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Repair Abbey Clock - awaiting information. To next meeting
4. 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.
5. Annual pay award. In previous years the policy was agreed to increase salaries by the percentage as per the Government's increase in the living wage. From gov.uk "The National Living Wage" inflation figures circulated. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept the Government figures of 5% and increase salaries by that amount
6. Financial and long-term considerations for new pavilion in Park – update.

It was agreed at the February meeting "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

7. Financial considerations for field end Gas Lane – The Clerk believes any expense can be attributed to the Covid19 grant issued by the Government as it will improve outdoor facilities and people’s mental health. The field has been flailed by a local farmer at no cost to Thorney Parish Council. Trees will be planted 15 March. PECT has provided a suggested layout that was circulated
8. Accept quotation from Pacey’s to remove diseased Horse Chestnut Tree at £450 + vat. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept the quotation and carry out the work as a matter of urgency.
9. Accept second part of Pacey’s quote to carry out tree works in accordance with tree survey carried out in 2021. Following the high winds earlier in the month where damage was sustained on trees that were commented on by the Tree Surveyor it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to go ahead with the work quoted for by Pacey. Despite further quotation requests non were forthcoming.
10. Agree to pay Cemetery Caretaker for extra work carried out over winter period in removing diseased horse chestnut trees. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed for extra hours payment. The work carried out was to a high standard, logs were given to people in the village, and by doing the work-in house saved Thorney Parish Council several thousand pounds.
11. Recovery of VAT – document circulated.

2133/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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 – permitted

21/00769/WCPP - Plot 2 Land Rear Of Rose And Crown Station Road, Thorney -

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 - PERMITTED 16/02/2022

2134/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters

22/00151/HHFUL Erection of boundary fence, pergola and summerhouse and relocation of shed to original position – retrospective at 7 Toneham Lane, Thorney,

22/00145/PRIOR Steel framed grain store with fan house at Bleak Farm Dairy Drove – no objection

21/01907/FUL - Falls Farm, French Drove, Thorney, Peterborough

Demolition of existing house and construction of a 4-bedroom dwelling with associated external works – no objection

Dog training field the Causeway – car parking area now being constructed

2135/21-22 Burial Authority

1 Tree removal – diseased horse chestnut – discussed under finance

2. Second part of tree works from tree survey. Despite going out for further tree works quotes Thorney Parish Council has only received that from Pacey’s. – discussed under finance

2136/21-22 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation.

2. Barriers village shop – contract signed by Clerk for Peterborough City Council contractors to order the bollards agreed with the Conservation Officer

3. Whittlesey Road – Peterborough City Council state they have no finance to implement restrictions along the 30mph area of Whittlesey Road. They also state there has been no audit and no supporting Police statistics.

4. Stone Bridge corner update – no date set concerning work that is to be carried out

2137/21-22 Allotments

Nothing to report

2138/20-21 Village Matters

1. Pavilion update - discussed in public forum
2. Skate ramp update – ongoing. Funding sources/providers being investigated
3. Field end Gas Lane lease – still awaiting lease from NPS. Trees to be planted 15 March

2139/20-21 Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee celebrations for 2-5 June 2022. School sending out their celebration proposals and inviting some members of Thorney Parish Council to participate

WI organising Yarn Bombing focusing on R.W.B. (30th May – 8th June)

Thorney Festival Association – organising painting competition and scarecrows dressed 1950's style

2140/21-22 Website update

Update - To comply with The Public Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) Regulations 2018 – content now being updated. Link to draft site being sent out once updating has been completed. To go live after May elections

2141/20-21 Facebook Posts

To focus on things happening

2142/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Picnic in Park

Thorney Festival September

2143/20-21 Parish Council business

Elections 5th May

2144/20-21 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2022. Meeting ended 8.40pm