

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: N. Potts, Mrs A Willans, J Shearman, A. Butt, G Rowberry, Mrs. D Halfhide, S Williamson, Mrs K Howard
9 members of the public.

Public discussion –

1. Larkfleet Homes – Stage 2 development is within Peterborough City Council local plan for housing (published 2019). Phase 2 will be a natural extension to phase 1 in appearance and mix of properties with affordable housing (71 homes with 30% affordable)

Sewers – new pumping station in phase 1 will also accommodate phase 2.

No new vehicular access to site from Woburn Drive

Residents from Thorney Meadows would object to any footpath link from the new development to the park/play area

Play area on stage 1 would be upgraded with additional equipment

Complaints concerning existing management company structure set up by Larkfleet

Residents requested more help from Larkfleet for increased school and Doctor's facilities as both were over subscribed

Some felt there would be major objections from villagers to any new development

CIL payments were discussed and how these were allocated by Peterborough City Council.

Larkfleet preferred the old section 106 structure that allowed them to influence were the contributions they make could be channelled. It was suggested that Thorney Parish Council should insist to Peterborough City Council that all CIL payments should go towards improving local village facilities.

2. Whittlesey Road

General discussion concerning vast increase in HGV use of Whittlesey Road and the excessive speed of all vehicles that use that road, most ignoring the 30mph limit.

Resident from Stonebridge corner has had many cars overshoot the bend and land in her garden (7 cars in 6 years) mostly due to excessive speed. Requested average speed camera system be put in place to regulate speed. More notices are needed to indicate the dangerous bend

Residents reported that buildings in the 30mph limit are being damaged by excessive speed and vibration. They are intimidated by the large vehicles close to the very narrow pavement on which they walk.

Chairman said that the site meeting held on Friday 8th October suggested additional signage and rumble strips (these not close to homes)

HGV use would be deterred if some traffic calming measures, such as chicanes, were constructed but the costs associated with these quoted by Highways were astronomical.

3. Footpath between shop and traffic lights – gradient makes use of wheelchairs, scooters and mobility aids dangerous

2025/21-22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from W VanDriessche, M Mari, N Simons
and Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, R Brown, N Simons

2026/21-22 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

2027/21-22 To approve minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 6 September 2021 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2028/21-22 Matters arising from minutes

Replying to Thorney Parish Council email concerning Whittlesey Road, Peterborough City Council Transport & Environment Manager explained:

The challenge for us (Peterborough City Council) is that we get a lot of concerns raised about speeding on roads in Peterborough. So our main approach is to investigate where accidents are occurring to see if speeding and / or the physical features of the road are a factor. Where this is a problem, we will take action and a recent example of this is Park Crescent where a number of accidents happened in a particular location so we have installed a series of raised tables. Currently, we haven't got any plans to put in any measures on Whittlesey Road, but we are looking into a policy whereby we could assist Parish Councils, through a match funding mechanism, to provide highway infrastructure where it has been identified as a priority for the Parish. It's still being discussed at the moment but I should be able to provide a further update on this in a few weeks' time.

2029/21-22 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Bedford Hall Management Committee – a recent function was very successful with bar takings and staff requested a card reader to take payments rather than using a totally cash system. BHMC to implement as this would be much safer for all concerned
2. Thorney Futures working group –no meeting
3. Foodbank - to review length of licence. Following the discussion in a zoom meeting with the co-ordinator it was highlighted that 83 households in Thorney have (or are) using the service. Many are families, who are still struggling with the aftereffects of covid.
47 households in Eye use the service. All but 7 of these are also families. Again, they are struggling with the aftereffects of covid
It was expected that this number could increase over the winter period because of the continued Covid19 virus (Thorney and Eye have one of the highest rates in the Country) affecting employment (especially those on zero hours contracts), possible pension poverty and the ongoing rise in the price of food.
Tesco (March branch) provide £200 worth of food each month, villagers and local farmers also contribute food items and monetary contributions from Eye are used to purchase in demand items.
There have been referrals from NHS for those in need
It was previously agreed to host a school clothing exchange within the Church Street building.
It was agreed to ask Peterborough City Council for an extension to the licence for another 12 months
4. Skills audit – proforma circulated. Councillors to respond
5. Presentation Good Neighbour Liaison – meeting 28 October at 7.30 pm in the Lounge, Bedford Hall
6. Thorney Post – deadline for articles 29 October

2030/21-22 Report from City Councillors.

No report

2031/21-22 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Peterborough City Council	Parish Precept	£16,010.00
Peterborough City Council	Burial Grounds Precept	£9,375.00
	Recreation Grounds	
Peterborough City Council	precept	£1,500.00
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Sanders	£40.00
	Foodbank	£5.00
Peterborough City Council	CLF sleeper bench	£150.00
	Allotment rents	£390.00

To approve the following paid in October

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 September	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
RTC Maintenance	Strimmer repair	£32.40	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Wave	Cemetery Water charges	£16.53	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Wave	Allotment water charges	£159.76	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
RTC Groundcare	Replacement blower	£354.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
City Locks	Key cutting	£30.40	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Speedwatch	Collection	£18.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

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. Approve purchase of replacement air blower for Cemetery – the existing machine is uneconomic to repair, and it was agreed to replace with a new unit at a cost of £295
5. Agreed Wave to be paid by Direct Debit

2032/21-22 Planning Approvals and Refusals

21/01267/CTR for T.1 Beech (Tag No.2015) in front garden – Fell at 51 Wisbech Road Thorney: Permitted
 21/00879/HHFUL - 76 Wisbech Road - First floor rear extension, insertion of French doors and replacement of nonoriginal rear windows: permitted

2033/21-22 Planning Applications and other matters

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 at Plot 2 Land Rear Of Rose And Crown Station Road, Thorney,
 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.

2034/21-22 Burial Authority

Bi-annual tree survey and safety inspection to take place 29 October

It was proposed and agreed that members of Thorney Parish Council along with Local residents be present/patrol the cemetery on Halloween from dusk until late to deter vandalism as has occurred in the past

2035/21-22 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in village – new speed watch equipment ready for use

2036/21-22 Allotments

2037/20-21 Discuss Youth Council formation

To next meeting

2038/20-21 Village Matters

1. Skate ramp update – plan being prepared to move forward
2. Adoption Red Phone box – consultation period extended (only 5 calls made from this box in last 12 months) – in next issue of Thorney Post
3. Field end Gas Lane lease – meeting held on site 11 October. Draft agreement being drawn up with sympathetic conditions being applied to nearby farmers
Requested a sign at entrance to field at Gas Lane to indicate No Parking as an agricultural access need at all times.
4. Inscription War memorial Bedford Hall - complete
5. Wooden Village signs – ongoing

2039/20-21 Website update

1. Update - To comply with The Public Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) Regulations 2018 – link to draft site being sent out
2. Cookie policy – suggestion circulated before meeting - agreed

2040/20-21 Facebook Posts

None brought to meeting

2041/20-21 Correspondence

Circulated

2042/20-21 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Data Protection Policy review

2043/20-21 Any other business

None

2044/20-21 Date of next meeting

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Meeting ended 9.10 pm