

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs K Howard, N. Potts, B. Parker, S Williamson, J Shearman, N Simons
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, R Ray
Superintendent Billany Cambs Constabulary

0 members of the public.

Public discussion with Superintendent Billany, Cambs Constabulary 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. Communication with local representatives gave differences in actions to be taken and the intimidation to those adjoining the Park was not acceptable nor was the action taken to stop it.

Briefings will shortly take place concerning new legislation that govern traveller's encampments and serious crime. A new database collects information from Constabularies to map similar activities – a crime in this area could be matched to a similar crime in a neighbouring area to give information based Policing.

101 reporting system and the criterion for action, (the email from a Councillor fully documented the difficulties), were also discussed. The telephone hold system was frustrating, and residents become disillusioned/ hang up. The website for reporting was not user friendly. 999 calls have increased significantly so operators answering these cannot deal with 101 calls at the same time.

Not all calls can be attended to because of lack of Officers. Hence a crime number is issued for claimant's insurance purposes.

Vandalism by local youngsters, and those coming into the village, thought the area was "safe" – that is free from regular Police patrols and makes the village vulnerable to this kind of anti-social behaviour. Anti-social and criminal damage is investigated by different departments.

Superintendent Billany was fully supportive of Community Policing, and it was his intention to reorganise his department so that Thorney Parish Council would have a direct contact (in a similar way to that carried out very successfully by PCSO Webber many years ago). He is recruiting PCSO's and to fill vacancies of Police Officers. Rural areas should have more Police representation. Community Policing should be engaging with groups of youngsters to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Many calls the Police attend concern mental health issues and medical emergencies when the health service is fully committed elsewhere.

2217/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Councillors Halfhide and VanDriessche
Peterborough City Councillors S Allen

2218/22-23 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

2219/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 13 June 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chair

2220/22-23 Matters arising from minutes

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

CIL agreement signed and returned to Peterborough City Council for second instalment of contribution for pavilion refurbishment

Discussion amongst members concerning the procedure adopted over the appointment of vice-chair. Some members became uncomfortable with the language used and wished to move on with the meeting

2221/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports

None

2222/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

Both payments from Peterborough City Council towards Pavilion refurbishment now authorised.

Awaiting second payment

Refurbished village sign erected

Stone Bridge corner - road modifications complete

Quarterly meeting with Police Superintendent concerning Community Policing

Meeting with local Doctor's surgery and assurances given that the Thorney Surgery will not permanently close.

2223/22-23 Finance

The following were received in June/July

Foodbank £140

To approve the following paid in June/July

Salaries		£2975.57	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		£1329.26	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
Cemetery	Petrol, Travel May and June	£125.83	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
G & L Cade	Vermin control allotments	£148.80	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Meetings	Travel costs, car parking	£60.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Design Print Banner	Thorney Parish Council gazebo	£1164.00	Covid Grant for community engagement
Northerwood Systems Ltd	Website and email hosting	£125.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking Signs	No dogs sign	£64.00	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31

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 – financial. VAT implications. A Parish Council can only claim a maximum of £7500 for VAT expenditure in any one year. We will exceed that value.
5. Purchasing a Thorney Parish Council branded canopy tent for events – agreed to purchase at £1164 from Covid grant

2224/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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 – permitted

21/01121 Postlands Riding School, French Drove – change of use from riding school and livery yard to glamping site – refused

22/00577 39 Black Drove – single storey extension, veranda and replacement windows and doors – permitted

21/01759 – Ankering, Gas Lane – side extension, conversion of garage to habitable use – permitted

22/00587 – 5 St Marys Close – new cladding and garage conversion - permitted

22/00688 Duke of Bedford School – various tree works – permitted

22/00729 – 1 Belgravia Court – tree works - permitted

22/00151 – 7 Toneham Lane – boundary fence, pergola, summerhouse, shed relocation - permitted

2225/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters

22/00858/FUL Proposal: Conversion of a redundant agricultural grain store to form no. 2 dwellings. Site Address: Knarr Cross Farm, Thorney Dyke, Thorney

22/00874/FUL Proposal: Proposed conversion of multiple courtyard style agricultural buildings to form no. 3 dwellings. Site Address: Knarr Cross Farm, Thorney Dyke,

22/00757/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of no. 1 replacement dwelling and ancillary triple-bay garage building. Site Address: Bolker Cottage, Thorney Dyke

22/00907/PRIOR Proposal: Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to form one dwelling. Site Address: Knarr Cross Farm, Thorney Dyke

2226/22- 23 Burial Authority

Annual inspection carried out before the meeting. Everything in order

Request to be made to Peterborough City Council to erect sign warning of cemetery

2227/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation. Last 3 sessions has seen an increase in speeding vehicles. Data collated so that an offender in one area can also be recognised in another area
2. Bollards, The Causeway. Petition from residents received. Letter also from Thorney Society concerning the bollard's replacement. Agenda item for future

2228/22-23 Allotments

1. New Water standpipe East side – agreed that standpipe should be provided. Allotment holders contacted where pipe to be laid. Contractor £250 quote to lay pipe accepted
2. Field at present overgrown with nettle and thistle – local farmer cut
3. Concrete blocks removed. No parking sign erected

2229/22-23 Village matters

1. Telephone box, Wisbech Road –application made to wind farm fund for community defibrillator
2. Meeting date with Local MP. Chair to liaise
3. Name for Gas Lane Field – left to future meeting
4. Children's Play area in the Park – this is a dog prohibited area. However, reports that a child was bitten by a dog in this prohibited area. Additional signs to be displayed "No Dogs"

2230/22-23 Pavilion Update

1. General update – about 2 weeks away from refurbishment completion. Has not been without many problems. Peterborough City Council involved with discussions and onsite meetings
2. Future management of Pavilion – to a future meeting

2231/22-23 Youth Council

Progressing. To be removed from agenda

2232/22-23 Picnic in Park

To be held Sunday 7th August from 12 o'clock onwards. Invite on Facebook. Delivery of leaflets discussed and agreed

2233/22-23 Thorney Festival September

Various events and activities being organised and arranged

2234/22-23 Website update

Site being populated with upto date information and bugs eliminated

2235/22-23 Facebook Posts

To focus on things happening

2236/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Policy on Co-option

Bollards The Causeway

Request from Abbey to fund clock repair mechanism

2237/22-23 Parish Council business

Items on Facebook should be approved by Chair/Clerk

Chair explained the recent zoom meeting she attended concerning affordable housing

2238/22-23 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 12th September 2022 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.57pm