

A socially distanced Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge area, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.15 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, S. Williamson, N Simons, A. Butt, N. Potts, W VanDriessche, J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, R Brown, S Allen

3 members of the public.

Public discussion – some discussion concerning recent vandalism in village.

Pavilion discussion recorded under finance

2144/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Mr G Rowberry has resigned for health reasons

Apologies from Mrs A Willans, Mrs K Howard

2145/22-23 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

2146/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2022

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

2147/22-23 Matters arising from minutes

Field end Gas Lane – NPS has sent through draft lease and other documents. Discussed and more investigation to be carried out

Trees and hedging planted on 15 March with help from PECT

Bollards outside local shop. Contract signed for purchase of bollards that are on order

2148/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports

2149/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

Pavilion discussed under public discussion.

The Causeway – car sales obstructing cess pit emptying – reported to Peterborough City Council Environmental Health as inability to empty is causing local overflow.

Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and City Councillors carried out a Ward walk and visited Bedford Hall, the Museum and NLIDB offices

Cllr Brown retiring – wished well for the future

2150/22-23 Finance

The following were received in April

Foodbank £10.00

Foodbank raffle £30.00

To approve the following paid in April

Salaries		£3154.80	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		£399.77	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	£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
N J Pacey	Tree works as quotation	£540.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
National Farmers Union	Stiga mower insurance	£289.09	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Prior to this meeting the finance committee had a meeting with the Clerk and completed the annual account inspection and audit.
Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement 2021/22 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2021/22 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct
4. Agreement and signing of 2021/22 Accounts - Section 2 of Annual Return.
A Risk Assessment Audit had been carried out and Members of Thorney Parish Council acknowledged their responsibility and confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with Section 2 Statement of Annual Governance for the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2022. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council
5. Repair Abbey Clock - information received. Will be assessed and circulated. To next meeting
6. Foodbank – extended licence - renewal. No progress by Peterborough City
7. Thorney Parish Council Financial and long-term considerations for new pavilion in Park – update and financial consideration of Peterborough City Council offer of finance of £55,000. The circulated email from Peterborough City Council gives rise to some apprehension concerning financial support particularly when coupled with VAT refund restrictions.
Thorney Parish Council finances and procedures were discussed at length. City Councillors Simons and Allen have had assurances from the Peterborough City Council Service Director: Communities and Partnerships and Deputy Director: People and Communities (Peterborough) that £55000 of funding for the pavilion would be forthcoming and they urged Thorney Parish Council to go ahead with the project.
Cllr VanDriessche asked for a document of guarantee from Peterborough City Council for the finance they had promised bearing in mind the promise made that the finance from the sale of Church Street premises would be spent within the Parish but that is not now the case. City Councillors said this was unlikely to be given
Another Councillor expressed dismay that having been promised the money in January this year Peterborough City Council now find a problem with finding the finance
Cllr Allen said money was being found by Peterborough City Council and suggested the refurbishment of the pavilion should go ahead immediately.
Refurbishment costs are £28622 with extension and building modifications a further £70554
In answer to a question from another Councillor the refurbishment would comply with FA rules and allow the football club to access FA funding
The builder/refurbisher agreed costs would be spread on a 30 day payment period and phased.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to go ahead with the first phase of refurbishment to the present building at a cost of £28622.

2151/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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

21/01860/HHFUL - 10 Toneham Lane, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0RE
Erection of a timber Pergola- Retrospective - permitted 21/03/2022

21/01907/FUL - Falls Farm, French Drove, Thorney, Peterborough
Demolition of existing house and construction of a 4 bedroom dwelling with associated external works - permitted 29/03/2022

22/00420/NONMAT - 11 Kingsline Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0DR
Non-material amendment to alter pitched roof to flat roof and alteration from one window to two windows on the side elevation of extension, pursuant to planning permission reference 21/01633/HHFUL - consultation not applicable - permitted 08/04/2022

21/01956/HHFUL - 16 Tavistock Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SP
Conversion of attached garage to habitable use including front of garage extension and first floor rear dormer extension - permitted 30/03/2022

21/01881/NONMAT - Land West Of Sandpit Road Sandpit Road Thorney Peterborough
Non material amendment (change in location of pedestrian footpath at road frontage of site, Wisbech Road) pursuant to planning permission 16/00160/OUT
consultation not applicable - permitted 21/03/2022

2152/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters

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

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

22/00275/FUL - Land Along The Proposed 95 Kilometer Grantham To Bexwell Pipeline Route
Proposed hybrid planning application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell Pipeline Scheme and outline consent for associated above ground infrastructure at Elton and Welby Heath with all matters reserved except for access

22/00376/DISCHG - Land To The West Of Willow Hall Farm Willow Hall Lane Thorney Peterborough
Discharge of condition No. C4 (Soil movement scheme) of planning permission 12/01008/MMFUL

22/00309/DISCHG - Aggregate Industries Uk Ltd Podge Hole Quarry The Causeway Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QH - Discharge of condition Nos. C24 (Waste Management Scheme), C26 (Dust Management Scheme) and C27 (Soil Handling Scheme) of planning permission Ref: 16/02447/MMFUL - consultation not applicable

2153/22- 23 Burial Authority

- 1 Tree removal – diseased horse chestnut – removed
2. Second part of tree works from tree survey. Pacey's have started on second part of accepted quotation. Trees removed by Caretaker to have stumps ground out.

3. Concern that a memorial seat had been damaged by tree works – considered not to be the case with wear and tear considered most likely cause

2154/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – Speedwatch in operation. Whittlesey Road and Station Road are the main issue areas. Woburn Drive and Wisbech Road will also be targeted
2. Barriers village shop – contract signed by Clerk for Peterborough City Council contractors to order the bollards.
3. Whittlesey Road – Peterborough City Council regularly fed back speeding information from Speedwatch
4. Stone Bridge corner update – no date set concerning work that is to be carried out although work is out for tender
5. Date to be set to power wash bollards on the Causeway

2155/22-23 Allotments

Nothing to report

2156/22-23 Village matters

1. Pavilion update - discussed in public forum and under finance
2. Skate ramp update – ongoing. Funding sources/providers being investigated. Prices received for different types of park – minimum £68,000
3. Field end Gas Lane lease – Peterborough City Council has offered a 5 year non-renewing lease. Thorney Parish Council asked for a 20 year renewable lease. Chairman to liaise with Peterborough City Council Solicitor
4. Museum reopening on Sunday. Emergency exit unusable so risk assessment to be made
5. Museum to arrange a Village tour
6. Telephone box, Wisbech Road – book exchange not thought to be a good idea because of anti-social behaviour. Problems of community table during lockdown explained. Possible good use would be for a defibrillator. However, there is not an electrical supply available within the kiosk. Clerk to arrange quote to connect with mains electricity unmetered supply.

2157/22-23 Pavilion Update

Discussed under finance

2158/22-23 Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Potts to organise light of beacon at Bedford Hall. Most organised activities are at Park Farm

2159/22-23 Website update

Update - To comply with The Public Bodies (websites and Mobile Applications) Regulations 2018 – content now being updated. To go live after May elections

2160/22-23 Facebook Posts

To focus on things happening

2161/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Picnic in Park, Thorney Festival September, Youth Council, Good Neighbours scheme

2162/22-23 Parish Council business

Uncontested Election

Disappointment expressed concerning Peterborough City Council decision to close St Georges Hydro-therapy Pool. This has 132 users in this ward alone and was good for their mental health and physical wellbeing. Clerk to write to Leader of Council requesting decision to be reconsidered.

2163/22-23 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 9th May 2022. Meeting ended 8.57pm