

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs K Howard, B. Parker, S Williamson, J Shearman, N Simons, Mrs. D Halfhide and W. VanDriessche  
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons

0 members of the public.

Before the meeting started members remembered their contact with Queen Elizabeth II and a minute's silence was observed in her memory.

Public discussion – no public present

**2239/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Councillor N. Potts,  
Peterborough City Councillors R Ray, S Allen

**2240/22-23 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

**2241/22-23 Co-option to Thorney Parish Council – Mr S Winwright**

Mr Winwright unable to attend (reason accepted). After discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Winwright to Thorney Parish Council.

**2242/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2022**

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 11 July 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chairman

**2243/22-23 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

**2244/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports**

None

**2245/22-23 Report from City Councillors.**

Whittlesey Road – another accident – to ask Peterborough City Council Highways for a weight limit on vehicles using this road. Also, to request a new sign warning of the cemetery and to reduce speed – possibly CLF funded

**2246/22-23 Finance**

The following were received in August/September

Foodbank	£85
Memorial Mrs Dawson	£100
Reserve grave space Mrs Nobbs	£550

To approve the following paid in August/September

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	£	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Duke of Bedford School	Match Fund donation Swimming pool	£10000.00	CIL
Nigel Simons Plumbing	Water tap connection allotments	£240.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Thorney Children's Community Choir	Donation	£100.00	LGA 1972 Sect 137
Upwell Computer Services	Repair TPC laptop	£50.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Peterborough City Council	Planning application fee Pavilion	£231.00	LGA (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s19, LGA 1972 s145, 133, Local Government Act 1972, s.133 Local Government Act 1972, s133 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 Parish Councils Act 1957 s2
Thorney Society	Christmas pantomime	£500.00	Covid19 grant
Anglian Water	Water charges allotments	£290.99	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Anglian water	Water charges cemetery	£15.42	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Foodbank – door lock change. Access to the toilets in the Church Street foodbank premises by members of the public was discussed at length and dismay expressed concerning lack of cooperation. Peterborough City Council Estates have no objection to a lock change, and it was unanimously agreed that the door locks be changed.
4. Thorney Pavilion – financial. All invoices have now been paid for the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion with a total cost of £39680.92
5. Match donation of £10,000 Swimming Pool at D of B School –Councillors Howard and Simons declared an interest and took no part in the voting.  
At the November 2021 meeting it was agreed that if the Duke of Bedford School raised more than our initial donation of £25000, Thorney Parish Council would match fund for upto another £10000 as the facility would also be for Community use (as agreed at November meeting by headteacher and Chairman Board Governors). The school has now reached that second match fund target and it agreed that Thorney Parish Council would match fund the £10000. Letter to be sent to School confirming their commitment to community use. Cllr Shearman to liaise with school to confirm this and offer assistance for members to participate in risk assessment for Community use.
6. Donation to Thorney Children's Community Choir. The Choir entertained residents at the picnic in the park held in August. It was agreed to donate £100 to the choir to allow them to develop further
7. Bollards The Causeway – financial. Request made to Peterborough City council to provide a contract price for the installation of barriers similar to those on the drain side, Station Road. Awaiting estimates
8. Request for donation towards Theatre for Thorney. Councillor Halfhide declared an interest and took no part in the vote. Last Year, The Thorney Society brought professional Theatre

to Thorney, in the form of Peterborough based Lamphouse Theatres Christmas show Robin Hood. They wish to bring Alice in Wonderland to Thorney this year and request a donation of £500 towards the cost. It was agreed to donate this from the Covid19 recovery fund.

9. Planning application fee for Pavilion – unanimously agreed that Thorney Parish Council pay this fee.
10. Agreed to renew Parish Room cleaning at £240 per year

### **2247/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

21/01672/HHFUL for Conversion of barn to annexe accommodation at Plum Tree Farm North Bank Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted  
22/00881/FUL for Proposed erection of 3 light Industrial Commercial Units (Use Class E(g)(iii)) at Lordship End French Drove Thorney Peterborough Decision: Refused  
22/00907/PRIOR Proposal: Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to form one dwelling. Site Address: Knarr Cross Farm, Thorney Dyke: prior approval  
22/00774/HHFUL for Erection of garden store at Walnut Lodge Willow Hall Lane Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted  
22/01011/LBC for Replace 1950's timber casement windows to front elevation with flush fitting timber casements to match the rear windows that were replaced in through listed building consent in 2011. at 14 Church Street Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

### **2248/22-23 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 – No objections. this development links to previous one which covered Bat's and Owl's  
22/00874/FUL Proposal: Proposed conversion of multiple courtyard style agricultural buildings to form no. 3 dwellings. Site Address: Knarr Cross Farm, Thorney Dyke – No objections. This will sustain the existing buildings and making good use of the area. Bats and Owls are present, so the recommendations need to be met A) bat roost in existing unit 8 and B) ensure 2 number Owl boxes are installed.  
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 – No objections  
22/01048/OUT For Outline application for the change of use of offices/carparking into 10 dwellings with access secured and all other matters reserved at Peacock House Station Road Thorney – I'm not against developments but with Allison's 68 pending surely we must raise our concerns on Infrastructure (all), School (no places now), Doctors what can we say on this we still do not have the facility re-opened and will they be able to cope I think not, all these are repeated from what we said about the Allison (68) development.  
22/01148/LBC Proposal: Replacement of two windows and garage door Site address: 4 The Green Thorney – No Objections  
22/01039/R3FUL Proposal: Single storey side extension: Site address: Thorney Pavilion Thorney – No objections- support  
22/01068/FUL For Change of use from living accommodation, above ground swimming pool, siting of log cabin, container for gym, siting of caravan in car park, various decking and shelter for use of public house, and outside kitchen with pergola at entrance - retrospective at Dog In A Doublet North Bank Thorney – Many items were changed to suit Covid 19 so are already in situ and with the conversion of the Pub to a Hotel then the request for the log cabin, caravan, gym, stable block, outside seating, swimming pool and a container, seems site is getting very congested. The application is very difficult to comment on. This is one for Peterborough City Council to scrutinise  
22/00975/FUL Proposal: Renovation and extension works to the building including demolition and replacement of existing toilet block, canopy to the side elevation, first floor rear extension, new front entrance, external seating area and repositioning of existing carpark - Site address: 2 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough – no objections  
22/01011/LBC For Replace 1950's timber casement windows to front elevation with flush fitting timber casements to match the rear windows that were replaced in through listed building consent in 2011. at 14

Church Street Thorney – Same again no objections from me as long as windows are made and installed to the drawings submitted with the application.

22/01045/HHFUL For Demolition of outbuildings and construction of annexe, guest accommodation and workshop at Bank Farmhouse North Bank Thorney – No objections

### **2249/22- 23 Burial Authority**

Halloween Community watch at cemetery as last year

### **2250/22-23 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speeding in village – continued with Speedwatch – presence of Speedwatch volunteers has the effect to reduce speeding vehicles. Data collected and is fed to Peterborough City Council Highways for collation.
2. Road issues being collated and actioned by one Councillor

### **2251/22-23 Allotments**

1. New Water standpipe East side – complete
2. Flytipping opposite allotment 18 – our allotment land adjoins the new homes at Goodman's Close. Various debris appears to have been thrown over the fences onto our property. It was agreed to write to all occupiers in Goodman's Close asking them to remove any rubbish they have thrown onto our land.
3. Access gate to be repaired and locked

### **2252/22-23 Village matters**

1. Meeting date with Local MP. Chair to liaise
2. Name for Gas Lane Field – parish to be asked for suggestions
3. Children's Play area in the Park – this is a dog prohibited area. Additional signs displayed "No Dogs except Assistance Dogs".
4. Bollards The Causeway - letters from Thorney Society and residents. Awaiting cost estimate from Peterborough City Council
5. Container to be placed in Park to house football equipment
6. Shopfront – to be discussed with owner

### **2253/22-23 Pavilion Update**

1. General update – refurbishment complete. Peterborough City Council will be involved with future discussions and onsite meetings. The Planning Application submitted by Virtue Properties for the extension still cannot be validated by the Planning Officer as it is incomplete. Agreed that Thorney Parish Council should submit the application in its own name – Clerk to progress. The extension will need at least 3 quotations to comply with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and these will be sought once planning consent has been obtained. This will mean that the extension may not be started before the Spring of next year but will miss the bad winter weather.  
Concern was raised that the Football Club has made no financial contribution towards the renovation  
Several junior teams are in football training.
2. Future management of Pavilion – all booking will be made through Peterborough City Council.
3. Heavy duty bollards installed at Park entrance

### **2254/22-23 Website update**

Site populated with upto date information and bugs eliminated. Ready to go live

### **2255/22-23 Facebook Posts**

Commemorative flowers to Queen Elizabeth II to be laid on The Green

**2256/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

Parish Precept 2023/24

Policy on Co-option

Policy on Grant Funding

Request from Abbey to fund clock repair mechanism

The Model Code of Conduct for Thorney Parish Council - update

**2257/22-23 Parish Council business**

No flagpole on Bedford Hall tower

Bedford Hall finances discussed

**2258/22-23 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.27 pm