

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney
on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, Mrs. D Halfhide, S. Winwright, Mrs K Howard,
N. Potts, J Shearman, W VanDriessche
Peterborough City Councillors R Ray
1 members of the public.
Public discussion - none

**2279/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence. To note Resignation of
Cllr Simons and declare a vacancy**

Mr Simons has resigned as a Thorney Parish Councillor because of his commitments as a
Peterborough City Councillor. It was agreed to declare a vacancy
Apologies from City Councillors N Simons, S Allen

2280/22-23 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

2281/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 10 October 2022 were
confirmed and signed by Chairman

2282/22-23 Co-option to Thorney Parish Council – Mrs A Willans

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Willans to Thorney Parish Council. The
declaration of office and interests were then signed

2283/22-23 Matters arising from minutes

Field end Gas Lane – lease signed and returned to Peterborough City Council who confirmed that
any trespassers on the field would have to be removed by Thorney Parish Council.

2284/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports

1. Request play area Chestnut Drive be converted into community garden – liaison
between Councillor and Peterborough City Council ongoing
2. Further correspondence concerning Causeway bollards – circulated

2285/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

Update to meetings with Thorney Doctor's surgery. Reception and nurse only at present. Concern
that surgery staff receiving unfavourable comments.

Will attend warm hub on Friday 18 November in Bedford Hall

Agreed to follow-up our request for the safety sign to be paid for from City councillors Leadership
Fund at the sharp bends near cemetery Whittlesey Road.

2286/22-23 Finance

The following were received in October/November

Foodbank	£164.60
Allotments	£450.00
Cemetery memorials	£390.00

To approve the following paid in November

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 costs	£75.58	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Bedford Hall Management Comm	Grass cutting	£240.00	
Microsoft	Office software	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Route to web	Hosting and maintenance	£1388.57	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Training	£24.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£20.00	LGA 1972 sect 137
	Foodbank shelving	£224.40	Foodbank Community Acctnt
G and L Cade	Rodent control foodbank	£42.00	Foodbank Community Acctnt

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Foodbank license – no further progress
4. Set Precept for 2023/2024 – An up-to-date account reconciliation and budget forecast was circulated before the meeting.
It was proposed that there should be no increase in Parish Precept for 2023-24 – no seconder
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to set Gross Parish Precept 2% higher than the present year for the forthcoming year 2023-24. Because of inflation this will mean that our spend ability will be in the region of 8% lower than the current year (assuming inflation at 10%)
Any additional spend deemed necessary will come from reserves that are reducing on a year-to-year basis
5. Access barrier to Forge Field. In the event of a traveller incursion on Council-land, there is cover provided by the insurance policy with Hiscox to assist with the legal process required to remove the trespassers. A limit of £100,000 applies to any one claim. There is no cover provided or available for the cost of clearing debris/litter left behind.
To negate the possibility of incursion, and limit access to the allotments, a removable barrier is being investigated by Chairman.
6. Agree section 137 spend on Remembrance day poppy wreath – unanimously agreed to pay for the wreath and a £30 donation
7. Warm Hub – use of Covid19 grant – agreed to finance training and facilities. Information circulated prior to the meeting
8. Thorney Parish Council email system through website – agreed not to go through our website but to extend the email system we have at present. Councillor with IT expertise to hold surgery to assist members setting up email account
9. Agreed in principle to consider community group grants

2287/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

22/01148/LBC for Replacement of two windows and garage door at 4 The Green Thorney.

Decision: Permitted

22/01039/R3FUL for Single storey side extension at Thorney Pavilion Thorney Peterborough PE6

OSP Decision: Permitted

2288/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters

22/01476/FUL at Land To West Of The Causeway. Proposal: Erection of two storey dwelling, with single storey storage, display and office outbuildings. Thorney Parish Council try and support local business. As stated in the application, this proposed house is outside the village envelope, but would be well hidden behind the hedges and trees. There is often the suggestion that a development is trying to sidestep Planning policy, but it is noted the developer has acknowledged that Planning will probably give conditional approval, presumably linking occupation of the house to the business. The application states that no development would take place with regards to vehicle and pedestrian access to the property. the access and egress from the location is not at all easy, and improving this should be part of the planning conditions

22/01438/LBC 3 Abbey Place Thorney. Proposal: Replace existing timber window at roof level to rear of building with hardwood windows and replace existing timber doors to hardwood doors at 1st floor level – no objections

22/01400/FUL Proposal: The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes and the erection of a dayroom and laying of hardstanding ancillary to that use Site address: Land Southwest Of Northey Road Adjacent To Barsby Meats Northey Road. It is noted that much of the supporting information has been redacted from the application and gives rise to some concerns that the whole picture is not visible. Also, it is stated not to be near a water course or river, very questionable.

22/01260/PRIOR For Single storey rear extension Distance from original rear wall 4.50m Height 2.70m (2.90m to eaves) at 28 Woburn Drive Thorney – no objection

22/01563/HHFUL - The White House 87 Station Road Thorney Alterations from detached garage with storage to first floor to residential annex – no objections

2289/22- 23 Burial Authority

Halloween Community watch at cemetery as last year. Police notified. No incidents

2290/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village
2. Whittlesey Road – discussion ongoing concerning number of lorries through village. Councillors would like a time scale when the amount of lorry traffic will be reduced.
3. Bends near cemetery – warning signs needed

2291/22-23 Allotments

Vermin control becoming effective

2292/22-23 Village matters

1. Meeting date with Local MP. Friday 18 November @4.30pm. MP to be invited to join warm hub
2. Name for Gas Lane Field – agreed as Forge Field

3. Representative on PPG. Agreed a Councillor who normally attends would also represent Thorney Parish Council
4. Next years Thorney Festival will be between 2nd and 17th September
5. Police surgery – poorly advertised by Police and therefore poorly attended. Three members of Thorney Parish Council did attend and made suggestions going forwards. Ward Councillors have quarterly meetings with Police and will invite Parish Councillors and Police to a village walkabout.

2293/22-23 Pavilion Update

General update – some remedial work carried out. Future use of pavilion and problems at present discussed at length.

Planning application for extension – approved by Peterborough City Council

2294/22-23 Policy on Co-option

A draft policy was circulated before the meeting. Additional information required for next meeting some of which can be taken from Councillor skill audit completed earlier in year

2295/22-23 Facebook Posts

Link to be sent for display on social media for agendas and minutes

2296/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Request from Abbey to fund clock repair mechanism

Code of Conduct for Thorney Parish Council - update

Coronation celebrations

It was resolved in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Administration to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the meeting was closed to the public to discuss the following item

2297/22-23 Complaint against two members of Thorney Parish Council

All members of Thorney Parish Council were circulated with the internal document concerning complaints before the meeting

Agreed to set up a committee with 4 members including the Councillor responsible for complaints

Reaction as to whether complaint should have been circulated to all Councillors

The meeting open to the public

2298/22-23 Parish Council business

Swimming Pool at school – reply from school head concerning community use read to meeting. Councillor Howard declared an interest in this

It was noted that at the November 2021 meeting the following minute was recorded from the discussion with those attending the meeting

Ms. Pinguenet, Headmistress of the Duke of Bedford School, and Mr. Mark Cowdell, Chair Governors' Duke of Bedford School – replacement swimming pool

Ms. Kelly Pinguenet outlined the curriculum for swimming and life skills. The existing swimming pool was condemned, and quotes received for a replacement, covered in, pool were £70,000.

So far this year £9550 has been raised and further fund-raising functions are already planned. There is a £10000 grant requested from Wryde Croft Wind Farm fund that is expected to be approved. Initial estimates are that fund raising will achieve between £25000 and £30000. Local donations would also be explored from individuals and Companies

Various options have been considered including busing students to other facilities such as Whittlesey Swimming Pool. This has a major drawback in as much as there is only availability to take 2 classes because of Whittlesey commitments and that children would have to be taken out of school for a much

longer period and this would negatively impact on the curriculum. Learning has already been severely restricted for the past 18 months by Covid 19. The curriculum target is for all children to be able to swim 25m by year 6.

Consideration is being given, and it is expected, that the pool would be part of the community facilities and open to the public at certain times

A suggestion was to enquire about a loan function possibly from the pool installation firm. This would have to be approved by the Local Authority

2299/22-23 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 12th December 2022 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.51 pm