

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 10th October 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

0 members of the public.

Public discussion -

2259/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence. To welcome Mr Winwright

The Chairman welcomed Mr Winwright to Thorney Parish Council
Apologies from Councillor J Shearman, N Simons, W VanDriessche, Peterborough City Councillors R Ray, N Simons

2260/22-23 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

2261/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 12 September 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chairman

2262/22-23 Matters arising from minutes

Field end Gas Lane – lease sent to all Councillors and ready to sign.

Chairman contacted Peterborough City Council Solicitor to clarify some further details – awaiting response

Foodbank – door lock changed. Parochial Church Council informed that Peterborough City Council hold a spare key should they wish for contact

2263/22-23 Matters for Information and Reports

2264/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

Whittlesey Road – report on number of HGV's using the road through the village sent to Peterborough City Council Highways. Suggesting negotiation by Peterborough City Council to local quarries to get a route that exits at Willow Hall/junction A47

2265/22-23 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Foodbank £102.60

Allotments £210.00

To approve the following paid in October

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	£37.02	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
G and L Cade	Vermin control allotments	£292.80	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
	Stamps and key cutting	£34.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£480.00	Accounts & Audit Regs 1996 (reg5)
Columbaria Co	Memorial Mrs Dawson	£99.60	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Virtue Property and Renovations	Plans and building reg approval for extension	£1626.00	CIL
	Petrol for mowers	£37.02	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Thorney Pavilion –extension financial. Invoice for £1626 received for building regs approval and plans for planning application. Building regs number: BC 22/00434/DEXFP
4. 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. Their contract price for replacement bollards is £42000. The Highways Officer writes “have now had a price to remove all the red and black posts and replace with Oak bollards complete with reflectors as required as they will be adjacent to the carriageway and restore verges with soil and seed is approx. £42,000.

I appreciate this appears to be a lot of money but the costs for Milestone to install a new oak bollard is currently £335 each and with wood prices increasing this cost could continue to rise.

Reducing the number of replacement bollards would also reduce costs however this may allow some of the feared behaviour of parking on the area to happen.

I have spoken to PCC, and they confirm that any new type of bollards installed at this location would remain the responsibility of the parish council because PCC have insufficient budget to maintain such a large value asset. currently a reflector post like what is there now costs around £40 compared to over £300 for a wooden one so the PC will need to factor in future maintenance if this project was to go ahead.

If a new oak bollard was to become damaged PCC would only clear the site and reinstate the verge.”

Proposed, seconded and agreed Thorney Parish Council will not pay for replacement bollards.

Cllr Halfhide declared a personal interest and took no part in discussion or vote

5. Website – Organise hosting payment. £175.89 p/a + VAT. Agreed to accept this
6. Website - maintenance packages: Level 1 £517.00 p/a. After discussion it was agreed to accept the level 1 package
7. Precept consideration 2023/2024 – a. consideration of budget provision for community groups. b. Pavilion extension. Discussed with decision to be made at next meeting

2266/22-23 Planning Co-ordinator

Clerk will co-ordinate until Christmas

2267/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

2268/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters

22/01330/LBC Proposal: Conversion of modern existing garage to granny annexe Site address: 87 Station Road Thorney – no objection

21/01796/FUL Proposal: Construction of 68 dwellings and associated infrastructure Site address: Land Off Sandpit Road Sandpit Road

Councillor Halfhide declared a personal interest and took no part in discussions or voting.

Thorney Parish Council has no reason to change the views expressed previously and are opposed to this application.

In principle Thorney Parish Council is not opposed to a development of new houses on the land off Sandpit Road in Thorney. We recognise the need to build more homes and this location has already been identified for development.

However, we feel that 68 houses on this site is excessive for this area of land. The "Indicative Number of Dwellings/Remaining Site Capacity" identified on page 96 (LP39.8) of the "Peterborough Local Plan 24 July 2019" state that the number of dwellings should be 50. We find that 68 is substantially more than this recommended number and therefore oppose 68 dwellings. Thorney's biggest concerns regarding this development are its impact on infrastructure, namely school places and impact on the medical centre. We understand that both the Duke of Bedford School and Thorney Medical Practice are at full capacity.

22/01048/OUT Proposal: Outline application for the change of use of offices/carparking into 10 dwellings with access secured and all other matters reserved Site address: Peacock House Station Road

This development was not included in the Peterborough Local Plan 24 July 2019 and is in the flood plain area. There is a large bank of earth to the west of the site that an adjacent householder blames for water run off flooding his garden – this problem should be addressed.

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22/01372/HHFUL Proposed replacement pitched roof over existing garage and double oak framed carport extension at 53 Wisbech Road Thorney – no objections

2269/22- 23 Burial Authority

Halloween Community watch at cemetery as last year. Police to be notified.

2270/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – monitored 152 cars, of which 23% were going over 30 mph, and 8% were going at speeds between 35 and 45 mph.

Further volunteers would be welcomed to allow Speedwatch to "pop up" more often.

Since February 2022, there have been 25 speedwatches and they both slowed drivers at the time and produced data to feed back to the Highways Dept.

2. Survey Whittlesey Road

4 surveys on the HGV on Whittlesey Road these with the following figures.

First 8.30am to 9.30am in the 1hr 23 HGV's in and out the village mainly coming in from Whittlesey.

Second 11am to 12midday in the 1hr 22 HGV's in and out the village mainly coming in from Whittlesey.

Third 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the 1hr 20 HGV's in and out the village about 50/50.

Fourth 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the 1.5hrs 32 HGV's in and out the village about 60/40 first in from Whittlesey and second out towards Whittlesey.

3. Footpath from east end Wisbech Road toward Pigeons Farm badly cracked

4. White lines Whittlesey Road out of the village badly faded

2271/22-23 Allotments

Vermin control becoming effective

2272/22-23 Village matters

1. Meeting date with Local MP. Chair to liaise
2. Name for Gas Lane Field – agreed Forge Field
3. Bollards The Causeway - letters from Thorney Society and residents. Cost estimate from Peterborough City Council £42000.
4. Letter of thanks from Parochial Church Council for use of The Green for flower festival
5. Good Neighbours Team now has 4 members
6. Request play area Chestnut Drive be converted into community garden

2273/22-23 Pavilion Update

General update – refurbishment complete. Planning consent application made for extension

2274/22-23 Website update

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

2275/22-23 Facebook Posts

Permission given to display health questionnaire

2276/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Policy on Co-option

Policy on Grant Funding

Request from Abbey to fund clock repair mechanism

Code of Conduct for Thorney Parish Council - update

2277/22-23 Parish Council business

none

2258/22-23 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 14th November 2022 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.15 pm