

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, Mrs A Willans, N. Potts, Mrs K Howard, W VanDriessche, S. Winwright
Peterborough City Councillors N Simons, S Allen, R Ray

0 members of the public.

Public discussion – none

2347/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies from Thorney Parish Councillors Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman

2348/22-23 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.

2349/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 9 January 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2350/22-23 Matters arising from minutes and reports.

Invitation sent to Jenner Health Centre for meeting

Application made to Wrydecroft Windfarm fund for pavilion extension.

Park play area – one gate opening outwards – confirmed by Peterborough City Council as being correct

2351/22-23 Report from City Councillors.

Community leadership provided microphones for Thorney Choir

Meeting, combined with Thorney Parish Council members, with Peterborough City Council Officers concerning Whittlesey Road.

Meeting with mineral Officer concerning quarries.

Police liaison discussed.

2352/22-23 Finance

The following were received in January/February

Foodbank £265.00

Allotments £10.00

Cemetery £275.00

To approve the following paid in February

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	£88.24	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	£21.51	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
G Quince	Village sign renovation	£750.00	LGA 1972 sections 111,
RTC Groundcare	Annual Maintenance machinery	£499.16	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Stationery	Stamps	£36.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Foodbank		126.96	
Keys	Parish Room	30.48	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Forge Field barrier quotes – 5 quotes obtained and merits of each discussed. Two shortlisted for further discussion with the Companies supplying the quotes – Proposed, seconded and agreed that preference would be Custom Fencing at £1400
4. Additional quotes for Pavilion extension – 2 further quotations received and discussed. Agreed to arrange a meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers and City Councillors to discuss further. There are Complex requirements in the 2015 Regulations for high-value contracts - The 2015 Regulations incorporated the Public Contracts Directive 2014/24/EU (“the Public Contracts Directive”). In its simplest terms, the Public Contracts Directive facilitates the award of certain contracts to any business entity in the EU. Regulations to be circulated.
5. Burial fees - Fees reviewed and discussed. Cllr Howard declared an interest and left the room. Discretion will be exercised for long term ex-residents’ access to discounted fees. Cllr Howard return to room
6. Foodbank. Thorney Parish Council has agreed:
 - a. The furniture, electrical and cloths in the Church Street building will be cleared out by the end March
 - b. A Santander account as Thorney Food Bank has been setup.
 - c. Tesco top up delivery for this week from the foodbank money we hold will be paid
 - d. A £5 transfer to the account will be made to confirm authenticity
 - e. All money Thorney Parish Council hold on behalf of the Foodbank will be transferred to the foodbank account for the proprietors to control and account for.

2353/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals

22/01749/CTR Fell sequoia tree at Cheriton House The Green Thorney – approved.
22/01617/FUL For Continued use of garden building to provide two small classrooms.
at Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney – approved.

2354/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters.

23/00006/LBC For Replacement of all four rotting window casings with hardwood surrounds on the top floor flat at Flat 3 21 Church Street, Thorney – no objections
23/00069/PRIOR For Erection of a side extension to an existing agricultural building for the purpose of storing additional grain at Corner Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough – no objection

Development on The Causeway causing resident’s concern. Planning Enforcement know of concerns.

2355/22- 23 Burial Authority

Fees discussed under finance.

2356/22-23 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village.
2. Whittlesey Road – discussion ongoing concerning number of lorries through village – recent Police report sent to Peterborough City Council Officers. Meeting at Peterborough City Council offices 17th February to explore possible future ways forward

2357/22-23 Allotments

Formal letter sent to previous allotment tenant concerning tyre removal.

2358/22-23 Village matters.

1. Warm hub – latest session had 24 residents and 6 helpers.
2. Update requested concerning warning sign near Cemetery – City Councillor asked for update.
3. Meeting with Police to discuss presence in Thorney. A meeting at Thorpe Wood Police station was held on 1st Feb and following that we have secured extra Police Patrol both by car and on foot. Police proactive concerning anti-social behaviour. Three Police surgeries booked for 12th March, 18th June and 9th September, more details to follow.

2359/22-23 Pavilion Update

Aggregates Levy – dealing with our request for funding, Wrydecroft Windfarm fund- application made for £10000. Sport England gain their financing through National Lottery to redistribute – applications favour those areas with known deprivation.

Chairman expressed disillusion with the feedback on the facilities that Thorney Parish Council had funded. No response from the football club.

All income from Park facilities go to Peterborough City Council who manage the bookings.

Request for a meeting to be made to sporting facilities in the Parish to determine best way forward (football, running, tennis)

2360/22-23 Thorney Parish Council goals for 2023/2024

Suggestions are:

1. Park pavilion
2. Forge Field
3. Visible police presence in Thorney
4. Picnic an Park – August. Choir, ice cream van already booked. Suggested there is a display area.
5. Good neighbours – now has 7 volunteers.
6. Neighbourhood Plan
7. Other items

2361/22-23 Policy on Co-option - adoption

Agreed with modification. To be circulated

2362/22-23 Policy on Social Media - adoption

To next meeting

2363/22-23 Coronation celebrations

Liaison with Bedford Hall Committee – on going.

2364/22-23 Facebook Posts

2365/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2366/22-23 Parish Council business

May meeting date – 15 May.

2366/22-23 Date of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting 13th March 2023 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.02 pm.