

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, N. Potts, W VanDriessche, S. Winwright, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillor N Simons, S Allen. 1 member of the public.

Public discussion – The Chairman of Thorney Football Club explained there would be a football tournament again this year with up to 32 teams each day on 15th and 16th July.

Tavistock Close is a pinch point with access to and from the Park so a traffic management system is being considered and discussed as it is expected 300 vehicles could be expected to attend.

An alternative Park access and egress system is being suggested.

Pavilion has been found to be left in a unclean condition – long discussion as users are expected to clean. It is not known who left the dirty conditions. The discussion developed to suggest that as all bookings are made through Peterborough City Council and they did not have a record of use for the period when dirty conditions were found, that there may be unauthorised key holders.

Peterborough City Councillors investigating bin collection and types of bin availability. They are also looking at the charging structure for the facilities.

Football Club now has a committee structure to progress the club onwards.

All present congratulated the Football Club Chairman for the untiring work and effort that he has made to its present state of multi-aged and inclusive teams.

2387/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies from Thorney Parish Councillors Mrs A Willans, Mrs K Howard, Sgt S Rose, Cambs Police. Peterborough City Councillor R Ray

2388/23-24 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.

2389/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 13 March 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2390/23-24 Matters arising from minutes and reports.

Application made to Viridor fund for grant towards pavilion extension. Will go to next board meeting on 23 May.

2391/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

Meeting with Peterborough City Council highways concerning Whittlesey Road being arranged.

Earlier suggestion of Christmas lights needs progressing.

Griffin Archers at Rugby Club grounds day after Coronation Day (7th May)

2392/23-24 Finance

The following were received in April.

Foodbank	£285.00
Cemetery	£1850.00

To approve the following paid in April

Salaries		£3252.90	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		£460.47	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		£1497.60	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	£68.59	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	£39.92	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
NFU	Stiga mower insurance	£308.18	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
CAPALC	Membership	£712.15	LGA 1972 sections 111
CAPALC	Planning training	£100.00	LGA 1972 sections 111
N J Pacey	Topsoil cemetery	£194.40	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6)
Microsoft	Annual Office software licence	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Youth Hub	£94.96	Covid fund
	Locks barrier Forge Field	£49.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Stationery	Stamps	£5.50	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Custom Fencing	Barrier Forge Field	£1530.00	CIL

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Following discussion, it was agreed to spend upto £200 on Coronation display material.

2393/23-24 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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 Decision: Not Required

23/00219/CTR for T.1 Eucalyptus - Fell & T.2 Ash - Reduce height by 50% to previous pruning points. at 102 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SD Decision: Permitted

2394/23-24 Planning Applications and other matters.

23/00307/CTR Proposal: Fell 1no. Cypress tree on verge outside 82 Wisbech Road – no objections. Suggestion that Thorney Parish Council should comment on such application to request a replacement tree planted somewhere in Parish.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against Peterborough City Council's decision to refuse to grant Planning Permission in respect of the following proposal. 21/01695/FUL
Description: Proposed building contractors' yard and building Site Location: Cedar House Sommer Close Thorney. Thorney Parish Council to re-submit its original decision.

23/00285/WCMM Proposal: Variation of condition C2, C3, C4, C5, C24 and C28 and remove conditions C27 and C31 to regularise extant planning permission 17/00279/WCMM Site address: Land To The West Of Willow Hall Farm Willow Hall Lane Thorney

2395/23-24 Burial Authority

None

2396/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village. 2 surveys in the last month – Whittlesey and Station Roads record the most speeding vehicles.
2. Whittlesey Road – discussion ongoing concerning number of lorries through village with frequent surveys noting number of HGV's. Effectiveness of flashing indicating signs being investigated.
3. An email from Orton Longueville Parish council states "They are seeking a 20mph traffic order to cover the village area of the parish and have been told that Thorney are also seeking a similar traffic order. We have also been told that the cost is in the order of £2000 but that the cost could be shared if the two restrictions were to be contained in a single order. I have been asked to find out if sharing the cost would be of interest to Thorney pc and if so, what timescale have your parish council in mind for having the restrictions in place".
4. Footpath rear 137 Wisbech Road, on Park Crescent, severely restricted by brambles – Peterborough City Council to have the area cut back.
5. Gully at Park entrance, Wisbech Road being installed.

2397/23-24 Allotments

Barrier at entrance to Forge Field now complete.

As part of the contract for the barrier the tyres on a vacant allotment have been removed and positioned field side of barrier. These will then be used as planters. Tyres very heavy and lifting equipment for placement used by local farmer.

Allotment holders to be informed the Clerk holds a key to barrier, should access be required greater than the existing 2.4 m.

2398/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – after a long discussion it was agreed that £15 per hour during the winter months was appropriate and we would take up the offer of £10 per hour for the summer/ autumn period. To request a detailed invoice of dates and times of the hire charges for transparency.
2. Good Neighbours – accumulating more requests for help. Will ask co-ordinator if attendance at "picnic in park" could be made.
3. Update requested concerning warning sign near Cemetery – City Councillor asked for update.
4. Visible Police presence every week – regular Joint village walkabout dates agreed.
5. Picnic in Park – organisation ongoing with contact being made to different organisations and individuals.
6. Notice board Wisbech Road maintained.
7. Fun Day at Bedford Hall Thursday 6th April 2 – 4 pm. Volunteers needed.
8. Drainage Board – defibrillator needs a visible sign.
9. Residents to hold Coronation celebrations on The Green
10. Bedford Hall tower tours being arranged.
11. Thorney Festival at Bedford Hall September 10th
12. Easter egg hunts in the Park organised.

2399/23-24 Pavilion Update

Another meeting held with Peterborough City Council to determine the way forward. Concluded no immediate urgency to start extension this summer as no other sporting clubs have come forward

for facilities and the football club is catered for in the refurbished building, the outcome of funding applications will not be known until May/June, modular arrangement to be investigated to see if one could be used that may offer better value for money.

2400/23-24 Policy on Social Media - adoption

The draft policy was circulated before the meeting and adopted.

2401/23-24 Coronation celebrations

Date 8th May afternoon and evening. A Parish Council member, or a person specifically named and communicated to the Clerk, will be needed to comply with insurance conditions. Organisation ongoing. Bedford Hall committee promoting

2402/23-24 Facebook Posts

2403/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Meeting etiquette

September Festival – Thorney Parish Council presence

2404/23-24 Parish Council business

Cllr VanDriessche explained it was recently his 89th birthday and as he had 51 years of active service on behalf of Thorney Parish Council, he believed it was time to retire and, therefore, resigned from Thorney Parish Council. It was his intention to do likewise with Bedford Hall Committee. He was thanked verbally and with a round of applause for his long service.

Thorney river needs flow to clear it of debris and smell.

Talk about Dr Lambert in Bedford Hall Saturday 15th April.

Foodbank room on schedule for clearance of items other than food

2405/23-24 Date of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2023 to be held in Parish Room.

Meeting ended 9.14pm.