

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 12 June 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, N. Potts, S. Winwright, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman, Mrs K Howard
Peterborough City Councillor N Simons,
2 members of the public.

Public discussion – Station Road speeding concerns – Speedwatch has recorded a speed of 54mph and reports are regularly sent to Peterborough City Council Highways for them to log for future decision making.

Consultation taking place with Peterborough City Council Highways concerning a 20mph limit on certain village roads although these discussions are at an early stage

Report that children are being picked up by school bus on West side of Station Road where there is no footpath

Youths in Park causing a problem – police walk Sunday 18th June.

2429/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies from Thorney Parish Councillor Mrs A Willans
Peterborough City Councillors S Allen R Ray

2430/23-24 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.

2431/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 15th May 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 15 May 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2432/23-24 Matters arising from minutes and reports.

Wrydecroft windfarm - our application for £10,000.00 was granted towards the pavilion extension

Grass cutting Bedford Hall. BHMC will be using Thorney Parish Council employee to do the cutting moving forward and that they will pay a donation to Sue Ryder on an annual basis of £150. They will also arrange for some signage about picking up dog poo and CCTV covering grassed areas.

2433/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

Whittlesey Road speeding and traffic issues – meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers - ongoing

Bedford Hall roof gullies need clearing annually to avoid water ingress as happened in recent storm – liaison with Peterborough City Council Officers concerning clearing of valleys, gullies and hoppers. Thorney museum has a problem that when water is pumped from the basement and the drains are full the water floods from the manhole cover. Dyno-rod has investigated and there may be a blocked drain towards the river.

Fenland Council now operating a policy of infill homes in rural areas between existing properties Old Knarr Fen Road in very bad state of repair.

Pavilion Roof water pooling – quote and offer to repair defects rejected. Roof is not fit for purpose and must be repaired by contractor at his cost. Legal action to be considered

Some missed bin collections

2434/23-24 Finance

The following were received in May/June

Foodbank £700.00 (£500 Peterborough City Council Mayor)

To approve the following paid in June

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	£98.60	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	£132.97	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
NFU	Tradesman Insurance	£534.13	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Canalbs ltd	Internal audit	£95.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr D Wagg	Repairs cemetery shelter	£180.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Redshoes Accounting	Payroll Services	£94.50	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
BHMC	Room hire warm hub	£60.00	Covid fund
Mrs Long	Chairmans Allowance	£300.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Internal Audit report – discussed. No outstanding items. To be forwarded to external auditors with other returns. Future recommendations to archive/shred all old documents from storage, consider impact on Thorney Parish Council should Clerk suddenly become incapacitated. Discussed and agreed that workload be shared with assistant Clerk for future continuity.
4. Chairmans allowance - Chairman's civic allowance which is for Flowers/cards/food/anything which does not come under any other budget heading. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Chairmans allowance for this financial year should be £300
5. Confirm spend on Coronation – Charles 111 Banners, confectionery £209.26, Piece of Bake Coronation cakes £210.00, Ad lib band Coronation band £420.00. Discussion of cost and implication on organisers who felt aggrieved by questions of cost after the event and that there was prior approval of full Council. Agreed in future that a budget would be set.
Event enjoyed by many people.

2435/23-24 Planning Approvals and Refusals

23/00295/FUL for Replacement dwelling on site including demolition of existing bungalow at Stonebridge Bungalow Stonebridge Corner Whittlesey Road Thorney Decision: Permitted

23/00500/PRIOR for Single storey rear extension Depth from original wall: 4m Maximum height: 3.6m (to eaves: 2.4m) at 26 Smithfield Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SX Decision: Not Required

2436/23-24 Planning Applications and other matters.

Reserved Matters Approval relating to scale, layout, design, appearance and landscaping pursuant to 22/00275/FUL Proposed hybrid planning application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell Pipeline Scheme with full planning consent sought for a proposed 95k pipeline and 4 kilometer spur, and outline consent for associated above ground infrastructure at Elton and Welby Heath – no objections

23/00319/FUL Proposal: Proposed 4 bed bungalow and associated works Site address: Land South Of 3 Ernest Lane Thorney – Councillor Howard declared an interest and took no part in the discussion - no objections

22/01710/FUL Proposed Storage Units (B8) with enlarged Hardstanding, revised Entrance gate and provision of Security fencing Site address: Dalmark Grain Knarr Farm Wisbech Road – Thorney Parish Council object to this industrial development in open countryside – Thorney Parish Council's view is the same as the original application and oppose this development. This appears to be an application for a scrap metal yard on a considerable scale. An extra two large buildings are proposed on the boundary with the A47, which will be clearly visible, and open storage of scrap metal between the buildings and Knarr Farm. No mention is made of the group of smaller buildings, also on the boundary with the A47, which lie between the proposed scrap yard and Knarr Farm.

Grade II listed Canary Cottage is described as vacant and deteriorating, which seems to imply it should not be used to prevent this application. Thorney Parish Council think that it is incorrect that the landowners think the wording given in the Heritage Statement is appropriate for a Listed Building and conditions should be applied to protect this monument

2437/23-24 Burial Authority

Ridge tile in centre shelter repaired.

1. Complaint concerning cemetery activities – refer to Complaints Committee using the Thorney Parish Council Complaints Procedure for determination, resolution and recommendations
2. Other matters – Annual Inspection at 6pm July 10th

2438/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village. Generally, speeds are within limits.
2. Whittlesey Road – meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers who gave estimates for some modifications including 2 speed warning signs at £11,000 and Peterborough City Council would expect a 50% contribution from Thorney Parish Council
3. Road crossing Station Road near Chestnut Drive
At this point Councillor Winwright left the meeting
4. Road names new development off Sandpit Road, Abbey Park stage 2 – suggestion were Plough, Shepherd's, Culpin (Claude Culpin O.B.E. (1910-1995) wrote a classic book on Farm Machinery, 1st edition in 1938 which was published in 12 editions until 1992), Lambert (Dr James Lambert, buried in Thorney in 1830, bore witness against a fellow surgeon in Westminster Hall, beginning the accountability of the surgical profession in courts of law. He is the first British doctor to have an obituary in The Lancet), Morris (Rear Admiral George Morris (1775-1857) joined the navy at the age of 14 and lost a leg in action at the age of 19. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in 1846. He retired to Gores Farm, Thorney and is buried in Thorney Abbey churchyard).
5. Wisbech Road north and Sandpit Road suffering from overgrown vegetation into footpath – Peterborough City Council to be asked to investigate.

6. Area corner traffic lights adjoining river – private hedge needs cutting and vegetation trimmed.

2439/23-24 Allotments

Inspection 10 July after cemetery

Some tenancies terminated because of bad husbandry.

Deep ruts in access road on allotments filled.

2440/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – booked to end July.
2. Good Neighbours – several referrals and transport provided for medical appointments – co-ordinator contact at present is Chairman Cllr Boyce
3. Update requested concerning warning sign near Cemetery – passed by Peterborough City Councillors to Highways Department.
4. Picnic in Park 13th August – ready to go.
5. September Festival September 10th – Thorney Parish Council to have a presence. Application form completed and returned.
6. Dog waste bins Woburn Drive play area – co-ordination between management committee and developer
7. Defibrillators in Village - Provision of Defibrillators. No units at East end of village. Suitable location to be found. Villager training to be arranged.
8. Coronation Commemorative bench – position in village to be determined – cast iron version preferred.
9. Two benches in need of refurbishment donated. To be picked up and stored ready for evaluation.
10. Forge Field – area to be flailed. Replacement tree pack ordered for delivery in Autumn.
11. Bus service in village – Peterborough City Council and Stagecoach to be contacted concerning rumours that one service will be discontinued.
12. Letter of thanks from Thorney Abbey PCC concerning the strimming of the Churchyard
13. Grass cutting in The Park – agreed to finance two extra cuts this year at a cost of £200 per cut. One cut before the picnic on 13th August

2441/23-24 Pavilion

Email from Virtue Property concerning the modifications that need to be made to the roof on the Pavilion in Thorney Park to stop the ponding that has occurred since the new roof was installed. Ponding should not occur in a new installation and because it has, the new roof installed as part of the contract is not fit for purpose, therefore, Thorney Parish Council insist Virtue Properties correct the defective work at their cost. This work should be carried out immediately, so no further damage occurs, and Thorney Parish Council need to know when this work is to be undertaken so that users of the Pavilion can be informed that it is out of use.

At this point Chairman closed the meeting because of late time and the items on the agenda going forward will be added to next month's agenda.

2442/23-24 Date of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting 10th July 2023 to be held in Parish Room. Meet at Cemetery for inspection 6pm

Meeting ended 10.10 pm.