

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, N. Potts, S. Winwright, Mrs. D Halfhide, Peterborough City Councillor N Simons, S Allen  
0 members of the public.

Public discussion – none

**2406/23-24 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2024**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Councillor Long be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2023/2024.

**2407/23-24 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman**

Councillor Long signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**2408/23-24 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Councillor Williamson be elected Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2023/2024.

**2409/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

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

**2410/23-24 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.

**2411/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 3 April 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**2412/23-24 Matters arising from minutes and reports.**

None

**2413/23-24 Report from City Councillors.**

Whittlesey Road – meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers Friday 19 May

Planning compliance The Causeway passed to Enforcement Officers

Coronation celebrations well attended.

Bedford Hall gullies need clearing annually to avoid water ingress as happened in recent storm.

Post Office to be contacted concerning outreach.

**2414/23-24 Finance**

The following were received in April/May

Foodbank	£15.00
Cemetery	£1925.00
Precept	£28850.00

To approve the following paid in May

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	£42.54	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Office	Stamps, Stationery	£52.40	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Easter fun	Confectionery	£28.56	Covid fund
G and L Cade	Allotment vermin control	£144.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Coronation Charles !!!	Banners, confectionery	£209.26	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Piece of Bake	Coronation cakes	£210.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Ad lib band	Coronation band	£420.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Gallagher	Thorney Parish Council insurance	£1183.32	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr Williamson	Stationery	£75.59	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Prior to this meeting the finance committee had a meeting with the Clerk and completed the annual account inspection and audit.  
Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement 2022/23 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2022/23 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct.
4. Agreement and signing of 2022/23 Accounts - Section 2 of Annual Return.  
A Risk Assessment Audit had been carried out and Members of Thorney Parish Council acknowledged their responsibility and confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with Section 2 Statement of Annual Governance for the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2023. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council
5. Confirm spend on Coronation – agreed and approved as detailed above.
6. Grass cutting Bedford Hall – it was resolved that Thorney Parish Council grant the BHMC £300 per year as a contributions towards the grass cutting around Bedford Hall

#### **2415/23-24 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

23/00307/CTR Proposal: Fell 1no. Cypress tree on verge outside 82 Wisbech Road - approved.

21/01796/FUL for Construction of 68 dwellings and associated infrastructure at Land Off Sandpit Road Sandpit Road Thorney – permitted.

22/01758/FUL for The conversion and partial rebuild of multiple courtyard style agricultural buildings to form no. 3 dwellings - resubmission at Knarr Cross Farm Thorney Dyke Thorney – permitted.

21/01796/FUL Construction of 68 dwellings and associated infrastructure - Land Off Sandpit Road Sandpit Road Thorney - permitted.

#### **2416/23-24 Planning Applications and other matters.**

23/00295/FUL Stonebridge Bungalow Stonebridge Corner Whittlesey Road - Proposal: Replacement dwelling on site including demolition of existing bungalow – no objection

23/00371/WCPP For Removal of condition C2 to extend time for removal of building pursuant to planning permission reference 20/00469/R3FUL Proposed double mobile classroom at Duke Of Bedford Primary School Wisbech Road – no objection.

23/00500/PRIOR For Single storey rear extension Depth from original wall: 4m Maximum height: 3.63m (to eaves: 2.20m) at 26 Smithfield Thorney – no objection

23/00573/CTR - 3 The Green Proposal: Fell maple tree and replant a magnolia type tree halfway down garden

Thorney Parish Council object to the granting of permission for the removal of this tree as it is integral to the trees which are part of the landscape on the former island of Thorney. The tree is visible from the Park as a part of the gardens which are key to this area of the village. Thorney Parish Council does not think a sufficiently good reason to fell has been provided.

23/00476/WCPP For Variation of condition C12 (approved plans on plot 4 design) of Planning Permission 17/01670/FUL at Land To The Rear Of The Rose And Crown 2 Wisbech Road

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.

#### **2417/23-24 Burial Authority**

Ridge tile in centre shelter to be repaired.

Inspection 10 July at 6pm

#### **2418/23-24 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village. Generally, speeds are within limits.
2. Whittlesey Road – meeting with Peterborough City Council Officers Friday 19 May
3. Old Knarr fen Road – dangerously undulating.

#### **2419/23-24 Allotments**

Barrier at entrance to Forge Field now complete. Additional hardcore laid at entrance. Local resident to plant flowers in tyre barrier

Inspection 10 July after cemetery

Agreed a tenant would cut an area of grass near allotment entrance and have a rented allotment for free.

#### **2420/23-24 Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – following a lengthy discussion it was decided that we should continue to

give people in the area the chance to meet up and have a chat over drinks and biscuits. Particular topics such as external speakers will be advertised, posters placed in village noticeboards with a list of dates to the end of August so people know and can plan.

This means that identification of 2 volunteers in advance (perhaps with a reserve as well) to make sure that the risk assessment is met, and the session can run safely is needed.

Future dates: June 2nd June 16th June 30th July 14th July 28th

Funding – the Parish Council's Covid funding will continue to pay for the room hire (which is now confirmed with the booking agent for the Bedford Hall until the end of August 2023).

Facebook will remain important, so the Parish Council and Good Neighbours will continue to promote sessions using a variety of types of posts.

Word of Mouth will be important – tell anyone who might enjoy a chat about the sessions, which remain free to participants.

2. Good Neighbours – several referrals and transport provided for medical appointments.
3. Update requested concerning warning sign near Cemetery – to be discussed at meeting 19 May.
4. Picnic in Park 13th August – organisation ongoing with contact being made to different organisations and individuals.
5. September Festival September 10th – Thorney Parish Council to have a presence. Application form completed.
6. Flagpole Station Road – to have height extended and left in position.
7. Defibrillators in Village - Provision of Defibrillators. No units at East end of village. Suitable location to be found. Villager training to be arranged.

#### **2421/23-24 Pavilion Update**

Modular arrangement does not seem to be a viable option.

The defects in the recently refurbished pavilion are being dealt with by Peterborough City Council Officers.

It was stated that other areas have better facilities, and a new pavilion would be a better option and Thorney Parish Council should reconsider the whole project. Fund raising should become part of a financial solution.

Peterborough City Councillors will support any initiative Thorney Parish Council takes. Any finance from Peterborough City Council will be difficult to obtain.

A big success is that football is now very active in the village for both adults and children.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to set up a fund-raising committee for a community pavilion to cater for all local sport should become part of the financial solution. Initial members to be N Simons, S Allen, S Winwright (who will contact other organisations concerning the proposal)

#### **2422/23-24 Specific Interests of Thorney Parish Councillors**

Acknowledge 52 years of service by Bill VanDriessche to the Community of Thorney Parish  
Specific interests of Councillors - Item left for next meeting.

#### **2423/23-24 Coronation celebrations**

Generally well received. Thorney Post article to highlight how Thorney Parish Council funded the celebrations

#### **2424/23-24 Future meeting dates**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 12<sup>th</sup> February 11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### **2425/23-24 Facebook Posts**

Bedford Hall clean up after Coronation celebrations to be shared.

**2426/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

Meeting etiquette

**2427/23-24 Parish Council business**

Police response has been poor in recent weeks.

**2428/23-24 Date of next meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to be held in Parish Room.

Meeting ended 9.51 pm.