

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S. Winwright, J Shearman, Mrs K Howard, Mrs A Willans, Mrs. D Halfhide
Peterborough City Councillor N Simons

0 members of the public. Public discussion – None

2477/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies from Thorney Parish Councillor N Potts, S Williamson
Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, R Ray

2478/23-24 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.

2479/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10th July and 21 August 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 10 July and 21 August 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2480/23-24 Matters arising from minutes and reports.

2481/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

Members of the Bedford Hall Committee- met for initial discussion regarding the lease. Advised those who attended the meeting that Thorney Parish Council would need to be involved. No time frame when these comments to be fed back.

Member inquired if there was any feedback to his questions raised to S Allen regarding the minibus that runs from Thorney to Eye- could this service be extended to include Blue Diamond/Aldi.

Pavilion Roof water pooling on roof – contractor has rejected our submission that roof must be repaired at his cost. Cllr Simons would ask Peterborough CC if they would contribute to the cost of the repairs.

2482/23-24 Finance

The following were received in July/August/September

Foodbank	£5
Cemetery	£3115
Wrydecroft Windfarm	£10,000

To approve the following paid in August and September

Salaries		£3355.08	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		£1203.87	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	£65.74	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	£	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
RTC Groundcare	Replacement mower	£999.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
RTC Groundcare	Sundry oil	£28.99	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£504.00	Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)
Microsoft	Office subscription	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr A E Hovell	Postage and travel	£31.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Redshoes Accounting	Payroll services	£126.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
3. Pavilion Roof – contractor has rejected our submission that roof must be repaired at his cost. It was agreed that if Peterborough City Council could not contribute to the repair, then Thorney Parish Council would offer half the repair costs from its CIL budget.
4. Transfer from general account of sect 106 (£35,000) and windfarm contributions (£10,000) to pavilion account. Agreed
5. Completion external audit by PKF Littlejohn. Notices displayed.

2483/23-24 Planning Approvals and Refusals

23/00623/HHFUL for Proposed ground floor extension to form a swimming pool, changing room, pool lounge area; first floor extension to form master bedroom to include balcony; loft conversion; installation of bay window, enlarged entrance porch, conversion of existing garage to store, erection of garage building, alterations to driveway and installation of heat pump and solar panels at Chestnut House North Side Thorney Peterborough Decision: Refused

2484/23-24 Planning Applications and other matters.

23/01015/LBC11 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough - Removal of some internal wall space, unblocking of sealed doorways and installation of doors within existing openings and sealing of an opening. No objections providing conservation officer agrees with proposals

Thorney Parish Council views on the Issues and Options consultation document by Peterborough City Council.

A local plan is a document which explains to everyone where opportunities for growth in jobs and homes should be taken, how parts of the district will be protected or enhanced further and what infrastructure (such as roads and schools) are needed. This provides a degree of certainty for communities, businesses and investors.

A local plan contains policies which are used in making decisions on planning applications and sets out planning policies for the growth and regeneration of Peterborough and the surrounding villages. It also provides a strategic framework for neighbourhood plans, which can be developed by your local parish council if they choose to do so.

The existing Local Plan is less than five years old, therefore, it is not necessary to re-write a new plan from scratch, however, there have been a number of changes to national policy and the planning system which means some changes are required, and also changes at a more local level. All existing Local Plan policies will be reviewed to take into account any changes since 2019 and will consider if any new policies are required.

Member suggested the Thorney Parish Council should respond to elements of the plan. However, previously we have waited until proposals are submitted to the Parish Council. Member to produce a draft response and circulate for submission.

23/01087/HHFUL 14 Church Street Thorney Peterborough - Single storey extension to workshop/outbuilding to rear garden of domestic listed building- recommend approval.

23/01124 58 The Causeway, Thorney – use of caravan as a residential annex in rear garden - Previously Peterborough City Council Planning said on the application for The bed and breakfast rooms decision includes the reasons the Planners gave on that occasion:

R 1 The application site is located outside of any designated village envelopes, and therefore lies within the open countryside. The proposed development, for 3no. bedsit/holiday lets, is not demonstrably essential to the effective operation of local agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation and access to natural greenspace, transport or utility services. does not satisfy the 'exception' test set out within Policy LP8 of the Peterborough Local Plan (2019); does not accord with Policy LP11 of the Local Plan; and is not minerals or waste development. Accordingly, by definition, it is contrary to the vision, objectives, development strategy and policies of the Local Plan, as set out in Policy LP2 of the Peterborough Local Plan (2019).

R 2 The application site lies in close proximity to the A47 Trunk Road which is very busy throughout the day and night-time. Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that future occupiers of the proposed units would be adequately protected from excessive noise disturbance from the passing road traffic such that they would be afforded an acceptable level of amenity. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Policy LP17 of the Peterborough Local Plan (2019).

23/01026/FUL Proposal: Installation of gates to shopfront doorway at - 4 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough

The current conservation officer's guidance will be valuable here. Thorney Parish Council believe that this design mitigates damage to the visual heritage of the village as much as is possible while supporting the future of the shop.

23/01104/TRE Proposal: Various tree works identified on the submitted tree assessment report (52/00002/TPO) at Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney. No objections to work if carried out as noted in the report and if the replanting is carried out soon.

We note that tree NT1 north of the boundary is on what is presumed Peterborough City Council land, and wonder how to ensure that any necessary work to make this safe is carried out?

2485/23-24 Burial Authority

Cremated remains area layout for future use – stone vaults or direct burial. There are 3 cremated remains vaults remaining. There is space reserved in the extension for a cremated remains area and we need to decided if future cremated remains are to be direct burial or in cremated remains vaults.

A discussion took place. It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to proceed to extend the cremated remain area with additional vaults.

2486/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – Speeding vehicles still a problem. It was suggested a 20mph village limit consultation with the village. There have been a number of concerns raised on Facebook concerning speeding.
2. Whittlesey Road – no update
3. Road crossing Station Road near Chestnut Drive – to next meeting

4. Overhanging trees outside school- restricting the visibility of the flashing zebra crossing beacon. To be reported to Peterborough City Council
5. Traffic light damage on Station Road. To be reported to Peterborough City Council
6. Bench on Wisbech Road- needs moving as not used as covered in Pigeon excrement.

2487/23-24 Allotments

A member is writing a Facebook post- improved allotments

2488/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – program to continue to end of December.
2. Defibrillators in Village - Village training could not be carried out in August as no trainers were available. Re-arranged training will be circulated when available.
3. Forge Field – future considerations and tree planting in Autumn. Site meeting held with PECT who will produce a plan of the site. Positive feedback to a trail being created.
4. Seat on The Green – letter of thanks received for our cooperation.
5. Floodlight in the Park- Peterborough City Council will replace the faulty floodlight column.
6. Letter from Parochial Church Council - to have a 'portaloo' on the green during events at The Abbey. It was agreed to give permission, provided this is removed after each event.

2489/23-24 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. Remedial action agreed under finance.

The pavilion committee's presentation was circulated before the meeting and its mission statement is "To provide Thorney with a high quality multi-functional pavilion that will generate income that can be used to maintain and develop facilities and promote the return of a wider range of sporting, lifestyle, art, and educational activities".

Details of the suggested requirements of the building were discussed as well as potential time frame.

Requirements, to include- needs to be aesthetically pleasing, a good size community room. 1st Quotation submitted at £6675 for planning and design - awaiting further quotations.

Potential to have a group such as 'Friends of Thorney' to manage the park and pavilion, as a sub-contract from Peterborough City Council.

2490/23-24 Working Groups of Thorney Parish Councillors

Discussion and agreement on working group's role, responsibilities and reporting process.

At the July meeting it was agreed to combine some of the headings that Councillors have special interest in to form working groups that consider particular aspects of Council work and interest with details of their recommendations circulated prior to any full meeting.

The LGA 1972 is our ruling piece of legislation, and all Parish Council decision must be open to public discussion – they are informed by publication of an agenda. The parameters for committees must therefore be specific.

Suggested committees could be.

1 **Management** Finance Employee relations Health and Safety Bedford Hall Complaints

2 **Facility** Cemetery Allotment Park Forge Field Highways

3 **Business and Planning** External business relations (Including but not limited too); Pote Hole Wind Farm Solar Farm PCC (Parish liaison) Planning

4 **Community** Links Good Neighbours Thorney Post Facebook Police Liaison

The proposals were discussed at length and members raised concerns that they may not be able to commit to a working group if meetings are held during the day. The Clerk advised working groups could discuss via Video, they do not have to meet person.

Further discussion will occur on how to balance the working groups deliberations with Parish Council meetings. It was hoped that the working groups would reduce the time taken for a full Parish Council meeting.

Discussion will continue to take place to determine how these committees will potentially work. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for next meeting.

2491/23-24 Facebook Posts

It was agreed to advertise the vacancies Thorney Parish Council has for Councillors. Clerk to investigate the possibility of using the name of Thorney Community Council in order to give better public understanding of its role.

Facebook page advertising Councillor presence in Cemetery on Halloween evening

2492/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Revision of rules for cemetery

Neighbourhood plan- discussion

New developments and school places

2493/23-24 Parish Council business

Rules on burning in gardens- Clerk to check with environmental agency for rules.

Museum- attendance continues to increase.

Peterborough policing meeting- 29th September 2023.

Final weekend for Thorney festival 16th and 17th September 2023.

2494/23-24 Date of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting 9th October 2023 to be held in Parish Room.

Meeting ended 9:18pm.