

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 9 October 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S. Winwright, Mrs A Willans, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs K Howard
Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, R Ray

Ms Emma Riding, Service Director- Deputy Financial Director, Peterborough City Council
0 Members of the public. Public discussion – None

Peterborough City Council have set up a budget simulator on their website. Encouraging residents to use tool to gauge residents' views on how Peterborough City Council could balance their budget.

Ms Riding gave an overview of the increase in costs that Peterborough City Council has (in particular the education sector).

Help the council decide what services are more important by taking part in its Budget

Challenge: <https://peterborough-city-council.budgetsimulator.com/>

2495/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies from Thorney Parish Councillor J Shearman and Peterborough City Councillors N Simons

Cllrs N Potts and S Williamson submitted their resignations.

2496/23-24 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.

2497/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 11 September 2023 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2498/23-24 Matters arising from minutes and reports.

Overhanging trees outside school- restricting the visibility of the flashing zebra crossing beacon and Traffic light damage on Station Road reported to Peterborough City Council

Thorney Parish Council vacancies advertised and two people have expressed an interest.

2499/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

Pavilion Roof water pooling on roof – Peterborough CC cannot contribute to the cost of the repairs.

Christmas lights – no contact from resident who suggested the idea. Cllr Howard suggested posting on social media anyone would be interested in pursuing this idea.

Allison Homes - emergency egress/exit to estate- still liaising to reach a resolution. Cllr Halfhide suggested the Thorney Parish Council should raise their concerns to planning enforcement. Site manager and managing director in contact with Peterborough City Councillors. Cllr Rylan suggested this could be posted on social media.

2500/23-24 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Foodbank	£5.00
Cemetery	£150.00
Allotment rent	£245.00
Precept	£28850.00

To approve the following paid in September/October

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	£66.74	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.
Route to web	Annual hosting fee, email service	£831.47	LGA 1972 s142, s111
	Postage, travel	£48.00	LGA 1972 s142, s111

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 and has quoted a net price of £1000 for Thorney Parish Council to pay but no guarantee. A discussion took place regarding the roof. Building belongs to Peterborough City Council and they receive income from the rent. The Clerk asked whether the ‘ponding’ was causing interior mould? The ponding is making the outside wet but not leaking indoors. Cllrs were concerned the Parish Council continue to spend Parish money on a building they do not own. City Councillor Allen to arrange Aragon Services surveyor to assess the pavilion with regard to Ponding of water on roof, water running off roof downside of building, reports of black mould inside the building, poor ventilation in shower areas.
Cllr Allen questioned if Peterborough CC has a duty of care as they are charging rent.
4. Present email system not working satisfactorily – agreed to set up a.gov.uk email account.
5. Forge Field barrier entrance damaged – repair costs £285. It was agreed to proceed with the repairs.

2501/23-24 Planning Approvals and Refusals

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 Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

23/01015/LBC for Removal of some internal wall space, unblocking of sealed doorways and installation of doors within existing openings and sealing of an opening. at 11 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SA Decision: Permitted

2502/23-24 Planning Applications and other matters.

23/01091/FUL Thorney Rugby Club Crowland Road Thorney - Erection of building to store tractors and grass cutting equipment - no objections

23/01244/CTR Land At High Street Eye And Thorney Park Thorney Peterborough As detailed in notice dated 16.09.2023 - High Street, Eye (Bastard Service Tree - 244616) and Thorney Park, Thorney (Rowan - 379192) - no objections

23/01175/WCPP Variation of condition C2 (approved plans) , C3 (external materials) and C9 (wheel cleaning equipment), pursuant to planning permission reference 21/00846/FUL at Rowlett’s Farm Thorney Dyke Thorney – no objections

23/01296/HHFUL Proposed alterations and pitched roof to garage at 39 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough – no objections

23/01228/LBC Residential conversion, internal and external alterations, including new garage, to existing two storey brick barn at Priors Farm Willow Hall Lane Thorney – no objections

23/00213/OUT Erection of 4 Nos residential dwelling units and garages with all matters reserved at Land Adjoining Knarr Farm Wisbech Road Thorney - more detail required on the flood mitigation measures as in a flood plain area, Foul drainage not mentioned and no detail, SUD's and Storm drainage mentioned with a brief statement but no detail.

2503/23-24 Burial Authority

It was agreed that a further row of sanctum/stone vault units can be installed in front of the existing units. This is for 19 additional units. Will be added to next year's budget.

2504/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – Speeding vehicles still a problem. 4 checks in 2 weeks. Several vehicles recorded over 40mph.
2. Road crossing Station Road near Chestnut Drive – spoken to bus driver and this now stops on the Causeway off road.

2505/23-24 Allotments

Recently installed barrier across Forge Field entrance damaged – repair costs £285 agreed under finance.

2506/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – article concerning Village Agents circulated. No longer a summer/winter rate of hire for Bedford Hall – now set fee of £10 per hour.
2. 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.
3. Nuts Grove Farm solar consultation Bedford Hall 12 October
4. Swimming pool at Duke of Bedford is currently unusable and not in use. Clerk to contact the school.
5. Christmas Dinner for those in need - agenda item for next meeting.
6. Cemetery Vigil on Halloween- Facebook post has circulated. Members of the council will be in attendance from 7pm.
7. Food Bank- concerns about clothes, toys, baby items discussed – further correspondence needed.

2507/23-24 Pavilion

Studio 11 will be design partner. Next stage in concept design. This process will start around the 26th October.

Cannot continue fund/grant/donation raising until design is completed.

Chair raised her concerns about the new pavilion and its cost whereas the money we have, and that pledged, would go a long way towards the extension cost that has planning permission.

Pavilion committee to look at extension plans.

2508/23-24 Working Groups of Thorney Parish Councillors

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

Deferred.

2509/23-24 Facebook Posts

Facebook page advertising Councillor presence in Cemetery on Halloween evening

2510/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Revision of rules for cemetery
Neighbourhood plan- discussion
New developments and school places

2511/23-24 Parish Council business

Suggested WhatsApp Group for Parish Councillors

2512/23-24 Date of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2023 to be held in Parish Room.
Meeting ended 9:34pm.