

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney
on Monday 8 January 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, S Williams, D Winch

Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, N Simons, R Ray

2 Members of the public.

Public discussion – Discussion under foodbank

2546/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Mrs. D Halfhide Mrs K Howard, Mrs A Willans, J Shearman, S. Winwright

2547/23-24 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.

List of member interest being prepared.

2548/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2023 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2549/23-24 Matters arising from minutes.

Goodwill hampers distributed.

Mr Tebb contacted to request permission for a sign on Whittlesey Road near cemetery to warn of hazard.

Streetlights in the park now working correctly.

2550/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

1. Pavilion – Following Surveyors report Cllr Allen is to obtain a quote to get a cost for the repairs. Still waiting for the quotation from Peterborough Ltd
2. Mr Simons standing down at next election.
3. Disappointed that security measures at village shop refused planning permission by Peterborough City Council.
4. Covert cameras approved and will be used to discourage flytipping.
5. General discussion as to what may happen if Church Street premises sold by Peterborough City Council.

2551/23-24 Building Church Street used as foodbank.

The licence Thorney Parish Council hold for this premises was circulated before the meeting. Chairman and Clerk visited the TBBT session at Church Street on Friday afternoon, and talked to Nate McDowell, the Area Manager for the East Midlands. TBBT is a registered Charity, set up initially by Mark Game, who would like to see it spread nationwide in time.

The Bread-and-Butter Thing mission statement is:

Our mobile food clubs give access to nutritious and affordable food taken into the heart of communities starved of money, food and resources. This low-cost weekly shop provides essential produce for family eating – fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.

The operation is basically mobile, with a large van (similar in size to those used by supermarkets for home deliveries) arriving at Church Street around 12.00 on a Friday afternoon. First of all, the hall is cleaned and all the surfaces are disinfected, before the trays/boxes of produce are off

loaded. Bags are then filled with either fruit and veg., or ambient ingredients such as eggs, crisps, tins, etc and placed on the tables. All chilled food is left in the van. At 2.00 pm the first customer is allowed inside but, because of the steps to the door, only 5 customers are allowed in initially. They are given a token as they enter, walk round the table to pick up their own bags, and return to the pavement outside. They hand their token to the volunteer in the van and are given a bag of chilled ingredients. As one customer leaves the room one customer is admitted (this is all in line with Health and Safety). After all bags are distributed, the hall is cleaned and all surfaces are re-sterilised, all cardboard/packaging is loaded on to the van to be taken for re-cycling, together with all the food trays.

The local volunteers are away by about 4.00 pm.

The total number that can be safely accommodated on any one day is 80, and it is being operated to serve the Thorney area. A single, mixed bag of ingredients (for a single person) is charged at £5.00, three bags for a family is £8.50, and a large pick for a big family is £17.00. They aim to provide a retail value of £40.00 for the basic three bags, and the standard of food offered is excellent. It is incredible to think that all this food, contributed by supermarkets and farmers, is due to go into land fill.

We were told a risk assessment for the premises had been undertaken.

2552/23-24 Finance

The following were received in December/January

Foodbank	£10.00
Allotment rent	£35.00

To approve the following paid in January

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	£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
Foodbank		£65.00	
John Lewis	Computer	£1099.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Go Daddy	Thorneypc domain	£10.60	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Zoho	Email system	£216.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Warm welcome		£9.05	Covid fund
Affordable Facias	Pavilion cladding	£590.00	CIL
CAPALC	Councillor training	£75.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
G and L Cade	Pest control Church Street premises	£60.00	Foodbank
G and L Cade	Pest control allotments	£72.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Pavilion Roof – awaiting details from Peterborough Ltd
3. Request to buy burial plots by monthly payment. Thorney Parish Council has never entered such an agreement but undertakers/Funeral arrangers often do and applicant to be referred to them.

2553/23-24 Reports

1. New Pavilion – concept design started and Studio 11 with first drawings early Feb.
2. Burial – no report
3. Bedford Hall – no report
4. Allotments – Langdyke Countryside Trust still working at providing water harvesting tanks
Investigation of water usage as 2 previous quarters have higher charges than normal.
5. Forge Field – future management. Details awaited from PECT.

2554/23-24 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

22/01710/FUL for Proposed Storage Units (B8) with enlarged Hardstanding, revised Entrance gate and provision of Security fencing at Dalmark Grain Knarr Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Decision: Withdrawn by Applicant

23/01086/FUL for Change of Use of permanent agricultural grassland to use as a dog exercise paddock, with associated car parking and boundary fencing at Grassland To The West Of Causeway Lodge Close, West Of Thorney Decision: Refused

23/01324/MMFUL for Installation and use of a washing plant for the recycling of inert materials - retrospective at Pasture House Farm The Causeway Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

23/01390/FUL for Installation of PV panels at 2 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SB Decision: Permitted

23/01443/PRIOR for Conversion of existing farm building to dwelling at Crow Tree Farm North Side Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted - Prior Approval

23/01557/CTR for T.1 Oak - Raise crown over highway to 5m above ground level (agl) by reducing back to secondary growth point (smaller wounds rather than removing large lateral limbs); and raise crown over path side and garden side to 3m agl and reduction/crown shape from dwellings by no more than 2m, by reducing back to suitable secondary growth points in each case. at 8 Orchard Court Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QW Decision: Permitted

23/01026/FUL for Installation of metal security gates to shopfront doorway at 4 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SB Decision: Refused

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

23/01710/CTR - 39 Wisbech Road Thorney - Proposal: 1x Yew (red) - Remove tree. 1x Laburnum (blue) - Remove tree. Thorney Parish Council object to this application as insufficient information is given as to why the trees should be removed

2555/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in Village– Speedwatch continue to provide regular speed checks. 3 speedwatches in December, 2 mornings on Whittlesey Road and one mid-afternoon on Station Road. The situation is greatly changed at times when the Whittlesey Wash closes the B1040 and the North Bank, so one very quiet session. During one Whittlesey Road session, 31 vehicles (almost 27% of the traffic) were going over 30mph despite Speedwatch being there, and 7 vehicles (8 %) were doing over 34mph.

As the days get longer it is easier to timetable Speedwatch sessions. Volunteers are still needed. Realistically you need to be available during the day in the autumn to spring months to have adequate daylight but help in the evening would be welcome in the summer.

2556/23-24 Village matters.

Warm Welcome – The room is booked every fortnight until the end of June 2024 with a quiz for this Friday. Posters for dates to the end of March are now printed and being distributed. Individual sessions will have separate posters and Facebook posts.

2557/23-24 Facebook Posts

2558/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Revision of rules for cemetery

Neighbourhood plan- discussion

Christmas Tree for 24/25

Social Media Policy

Consider renaming to Community Council rather than Parish Council

2559/23-24 Parish Council business

Recent football tournament in the Thorney park resulted in anti-social vehicle parking and much damage to the grass. There appeared to be no stewardship concerning the parking and some members of the public that commented on this were verbally abused by the users.

Thorney Parish Council understand Peterborough City Council limited involvement with this but will ask if they could make the hirers of the facilities aware of their responsibilities not only towards the ground but also to other users of the Park

2560/23-24 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 12th February 2024

Meeting Closed 8.25 pm