

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney  
on Monday 12 February 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, S Williams, D Winch, Mrs K Howard, S. Winwright  
Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, R Ray

3 Members of the public.

Public discussion –

Park House School gave an overview of their school and the service they provide, as well as an overview of their planning application that will extend the school facilities for learning.

**2564/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Thorney Parish Councillor Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors N Simons

Mrs A Willans has resigned from Thorney Parish Council for personal reasons.

**2565/23-24 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.

**2566/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 and 30 January 2024**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th and 30th January 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**2567/23-24 Matters arising from minutes.**

None

**2568/23-24 Report from City Councillors.**

1. Pavilion – Following Surveyors report Cllr Allen obtained a quotation from Peterborough Ltd. Roof- New roof would be needed at a cost of approx. £25,000.

The Cllrs asked whether the Peterborough City Council would cover the costs of repairs to the roof as the building belongs to Peterborough City Council or would they contribute to a new pavilion?

Cllr Parker asked if PCC would cover the cost of a new roof.

Cllr Winwright- advised the current roof does not leak and does not require emergency repairs- we should wait before progressing.

2. Traffic speed indicators

Cllr Long asked if Peterborough City Council would contribute to a traffic speed indicator. Discussion if Thorney Parish Council would defer to next financial year to get a bigger CLF contribution – Thorney Parish Council would need to contribute for installation and maintenance. Cllr Ray and Cllr Winwright to investigate movable indicator.

CIS Fibre coming to Thorney- work will start within the next few weeks and hope to use current infrastructure.

Thorney to Eye bus service- feedback is that if bus would be more helpful if the bus went to PE1 Retail Park, rather than just Thorney to Eye Village which is less helpful.

Concerns the Mayor will be adding an additional precept charge for buses.

**2569/23-24 Finance**

The following were received in January/February

Foodbank £10.00

2056

## To approve the following paid in February

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
CAPALC	Councillor training	£75.00	LGA 2000 s100, Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 - part 5
CAPALC	Clerk training	£35.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
RTC Groundcare	Machinery servicing	£468.52	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Smith of Derby	Bedford Hall Clock maintenance	£297.60	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
GoDaddy	thorneyparishcouncil.org renewal	£47.98	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Microsoft	Office software renewal	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr A E Hovell	Key cutting	£29.85	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking Direct	Stationery	£41.59	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
BHMC	Parish room cleaning	£240.00	

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Pavilion Roof – details discussed under 2568/23-24
3. Traffic speed indicators- there is some CIL money available. Need to know how many signs are required. discussed under 2568/23-24
4. Replacement ride-on mower – details and prices from 3 different companies obtained for a HUSQVARNA R 214T Ride-on Mower and circulated before the meeting in Clerks report. RTC are local and given good competitive servicing for a number of years. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Winwright, seconded Cllr Williams and agreed to purchase the mower from RTC as well as High- Visibility jackets with Thorney Parish Council embossing.

**2570/23-24 Reports**

1. New Pavilion – concept design started by Studio 11. Cllr Winwright gave an overview. Looking to go for planning permission in May 2024.
2. Burial – water leak repaired by Wave.
3. Bedford Hall – Chairman Bedford Hall Management Committee writes “I am aware that the current links between the 2 organisations is strained and at our last meeting it was agreed that I should make contact with you to see if can arrange a meeting at some point to discuss how to improve things and to ensure that good links between the 2 organisations.”

It was agreed that Mr Hovell, Mrs Tajer, Cllrs Parker and Howard would meet with BHMC.

4. Allotments – Investigation of water usage as 2 previous quarters have higher charges than normal – ongoing. All tenants written to concerning this. Discussion as to fitting meters to each tap point.
5. Forge Field – future management. Details awaited from PECT. Clerk will chase these details.

## **2571/23-24 Planning**

### **1. Approvals and Refusals**

23/01147/FUL for Proposed new detached dwelling and detached annexe at Stonebridge Bungalow Stonebridge Corner Whittlesey Road Thorney Decision: Withdrawn by Applicant

Appeal Ref: APP/J0540/W/23/3328478 Land southwest of Northey Road, adjacent to Barsby Meats, Northey Road, Peterborough PE6 7YX • The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission. • The application Ref 22/01400/FUL, dated 5 October 2022, was refused by notice dated 27 February 2023. • The development proposed is the use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes and the erection of a dayroom and laying of hardstanding ancillary to that use.

Decision - The appeal is allowed, and planning permission is granted for the use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes and the erection of a dayroom and laying of hardstanding ancillary.

### **2. Planning Applications and other matters.**

20/00600/MMFUL, which in summary is for a physical eastern extension to the Eye Landfill in the area currently quarried by PJ Thory known as 'Willow Hall Quarry'. The proposal includes the use of the existing access at Eyebury Road and includes the importation of 3.23 million cubic metres of non-hazardous landfill over some 15 years. Although still at draft stage, the Principal Minerals and Waste Officer of Peterborough City Council confirms that the report will include recommendations for refusal on highways grounds, and the highways concerns you (Cllrs Allen and Simons) have raised will be reflected within the report.

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.

24/00102/HHFUL For Demolition of pre-fabricated concrete double garage and construction of larger masonry garage and garden machinery store. At Glasshouse Farm Dairy Drove Thorney – is there a restriction to the size of development.

24/00165/CTR Bridge House Abbey Place Thorney - Proposal: 4no. Prunus cerasifera 1-1.5m reduction in height with 0.5m of radical spread, Yew tree crown balance approx 2.5-3m with shape and weeping ash reduce left side by 2.5m to elevate weight and rebalance crown- no objections

24/00142/PRIOR The Park Pond House Wisbech Road Thorney For Proposed use of existing house to be used as a space to teach students with special needs (class use F1(a))- no objections.

23/01746/FUL Proposal: Installation of a solar array (up to 49.9MW) and Battery Energy Storage System - Land To The East And West Nuts Grove Farm Scolding Drove Cllr Winright highlighted the outstanding points and a visit to an existing farm to look at the battery storage and the potential community benefits.

Concerns over vehicle access to the site via New Cut.

The visual impact of the battery storage area and associated substation gave cause for concern as the proposed screening would not provide shelter for a number of years.

In general Thorney Parish Council is in favour of renewal energy.

**2572/23-24 Roads and Footpaths**

January - 2 afternoon Speedwatch on Station Road. Whittlesey Road closed at the Wash for one of these. 128 vehicles monitored (many lorries) 3 reportable vehicles at 35+, 10 others 31-34 mph.

As we come to spring and summer, there are more options for sessions with better weather and longer days. More volunteers would be welcome.

**2573/23-24 Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – Continues on alternate Fridays with various activities taking place.
2. Foodbank future – thoughts if Church Street premises is sold by Peterborough City Council. [www.breadandbutterthing.org/](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org/) will operate out of Bedford Hall from w/b 12<sup>th</sup> February. The timing/ date clashes with the warm welcome
3. Youth activities in village- Cllr Mills outlined the lack of provisions from 11-18 years. Maybe a youth club. Contact details from Eye Youth Group
4. Will library be open over half term? Clerk to enquire and advice Cllr Howard
5. Anti-social behaviour on Wisbech Road- on going issues from a particular residential address. Cross Keys aware. Cllr Winwright believes that Thorney Parish Council should correspond with Cross Keys raising the concerns from the residents and how/ what steps they are taking to support the other residents. They have a duty of care to all residents in the area.
6. Donated benches- work has begun on their restoration. Black for the metal work. To be located in the cemetery once completed.

**2574/23-24 Facebook Posts**

No feedback

**2575/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

Revision of rules for cemetery  
Neighbourhood plan- discussion  
Christmas Tree for 24/25

**2576/23-24 Parish Council business**

Gas Lane sign- needs repairs

**2577/23-24 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Meeting Closed at 21:06pm