

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney  
on Monday 11 March 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,  
Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors S Allen

3 Members of the public.

Public discussion – None

**2578/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Peterborough City Councillors N Simons and R Ray

**2579/23-24 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.

K Howard- on planning application 24/00154/HHFUL

**2580/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2024**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**2581/23-24 Appointment of Vice Chair to Thorney Parish Council**

It was proposed by J Shearman that S Winwright become vice chair.

It was proposed by B Parker, seconded D Halfhide that Mrs Howard become vice chair. At this point S Winwright withdrew from the vote.

Following a vote, it was agreed that K Howard be elected vice-chair until the AGM in May this year.

**2582/23-24 Matters arising from minutes.**

Meeting held with Chair Bedford Hall Management Committee and minutes circulated.

Christmas Tree for 24/25 – location delayed until tenant of Rose and Crown is known.

**2583/23-24 Report from City Councillors.**

1. Traffic speed indicators - Network and Traffic Manager Peterborough City Council will order a unit at £3,025, with a 6-year warranty, and £379 for data logging. (The signs display the speed with either a smiling or frowning face) In addition there would be the costs of installation (to include traffic management) which is estimated to be in the region of £500-600 per sign depending on the location and space being available within the column for electrical cut outs. Item under finance covers cost implication of installation and data logging.

Roadworks on French Drove- 25<sup>th</sup> March start date, road will be closed.

Damage to Thorney Park- received complaints over damage to the grass as insufficient parking. Cllr Allen advised officers would be willing to extend the parking area.

D Halfhide highlighted the current parking is in poor condition, as there are holes that restrict usage, hence why people park on the grass.

S Winwright agreed the parking is poor and an extension would be needed.

The Parish Council agreed the principle of an extension and repairs be carried out by Peterborough City Council to the existing car park.

Overflowing bin on the play area Deer Park Way - not Peterborough CC issue as management belongs to Prim.

J Shearman advised Thorney Parish Council have emailed PCC on numerous occasions to request a sign to highlight cars exiting from cemetery car park, as it's a safety concern. The Clerk to email details to Cllr Allen.

K Howard highlighted ongoing concerns over hanging bushes on a Cross Keys house- Cllr Allen to chase.

## 2584/23-24 Finance

The following were received in February/March

Foodbank	£10.00
Cemetery	£3200.00
Interest	£1334.00

To approve the following paid in March

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	£82.63	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
RTC Groundcare	Husqvarna ride-on mower	£3959.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
BHMC	Parish room cleaning	£40.00	
Arnold Laver	Oak for bench refurbishment	£632.91	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Red Shoes Accounting	Payroll services	£126.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Newton Flag Makers	80-year D Day flags	£69.60	
Wave	Water charges ceme	£20.88	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Traffic speed indicators- agreed to cover installation costs of the unit being provided by Peterborough City Council with a 6-year warranty estimated to be in the region of £500-600 per sign depending on the location and a data logging facility at £379.00.
3. Annual salary review - Core CPI (excluding energy, food, alcohol and tobacco) rose by 5.1% in the 12 months to January 2024, figures from office for national statistics Consumer price inflation, UK - Office for National Statistics. It was proposed S Williams, seconded B Parker and agreed to accept the review and increase salaries by 5.1%.
4. Agreed to purchase D Day Flag of Peace to commemorate 80 years.

## 2585/23-24 Reports

1. New Pavilion – Cllr Winwright gave an overview. Looking to go for planning permission in May 2024. Cambs ACRE giving support and suggest a Charity Incorporated Organisation agreement for the running of the facility when operational.

Like a limited company, a charitable incorporated organisation can buy, sell, lease, mortgage or charge, or otherwise dispose of, property in its own name. Its members may have either no liability at all or only limited liability for its debts.

Cannot give a definitive cost at the moment, however this should be ready as the same time as the planning application.

2. Burial - there are 3 areas in the new part of the cemetery that have water pooling on the surface. Remedy is to install French drain spurs in these areas to connect with main French drain that runs the length of the new area.
3. Bedford Hall – minutes of recent meeting with Chairman Bedford Hall Management Committee circulated.  
K Howard highlighted that both TPC and BHMC want to work together.
4. Allotments – due to the very wet weather during the winter period the access road across Forge Field and on the allotments has deteriorated and remedial action is needed to stop further deterioration.
5. Forge Field – future management. Details awaited from PECT. Cllr Long suggested a working group to trim and tidy, she will also arrange for selective herbicide to be applied.

## **2586/23-24 Planning**

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

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 – refused.

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))- withdrawn

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

24/00130/FUL Proposal: Demolition of mobile home and erection of bungalow at Greenacres Northey Road Peterborough – previous applications for building in this area have been rejected because of Flag Fen Scheduled Ancient Monument. Does this application fall under the same objections?

24/00154/HHFUL For Extend existing property to the rear to provide two additional bedrooms, a carport to side elevation, and relocation of summer house. at 7 Toneham Lane Thorney – no objections

24/00226/PRIOR For Change of use of agricultural barn for domestic conversion of 4 small and 1 large residential unit at Butchers Farm Wisbech Road Thorney – in flood plain and statements on application could be challenged for accuracy.

24/00213/HHFUL Proposed side extension to existing bungalow at 42 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough – no objections

24/00205/CLP For Proposal for the stationing of a mobile home within a residential garden to provide ancillary accommodation at 22 Russell Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SW – planning officer should give consideration to Loss of light or overshadowing, Overlooking/loss of privacy, Visual amenity

## **2587/23-24 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speeding in village - Peterborough City Council CLF can provide £3000 for one unit to be installed along Whittlesey Road and Thorney Parish Council will pay for installation.
2. Rubbish bins on new estate – discussed under PCC Cllr report.

**2588/23-24 Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – interface with The Bread-and-Butter Thing  
Suggested additional signage for the winter warmer.  
Cllr Winwright suggested the truck moved to a different area to try and alleviate the problem at the front of the hall.  
Cllr Winch suggested a better system of queuing could be implemented.  
Cllr Shearman suggested that the warm welcome could use the bar area for tea/coffee making.  
A long discussion as to how Bedford Hall management, Warm Welcome (Thorney Parish Council) Food Bank and Bread and Butter Thing could work together, and Cllr Halfhide suggested meeting with the new regional manager of The Bread and Butter Thing to discuss the issues.
2. Youth activities in village- Cllr Mills outlined the lack of provisions from 11-18 years. Has met with Mark Cowdell to investigate youth provision/activity.  
Ex- servicemen club would hire the function room on a Saturday morning but would need to be finished by 11:30am. Awaiting details to see if this is viable and a costing. With enough volunteers could form a committee and then apply for funding.
3. Post Office outreach – Left till end of meeting.
4. Donated benches- work has begun on their restoration with oak for seating ordered and delivered. Cllr Parker to meet Clerk to determine location in the cemetery.
5. Food bank- crowdfunding has been set up. It is not clear why, as there is a plan to move the foodbank by Peterborough CC, who would cover the costs.

**2589/23-24 Facebook Posts**

**2590/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

Neighbourhood plan- discussion

Christmas Tree for 24/25- agenda item for next meeting. Although Mr Sly cannot make a decision until tenants are in Rose & Crown.

It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted namely Post Office outreach it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting, and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

Post Office outreach. A discussion took place regarding the future of the Post Office in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall

The Clerk explained the history of how the outreach was located in the Parish Room and under present legislation, because the outreach is a private business, no Parish Council can contribute too or give any financially help. Thorney Parish Council cannot, therefore, pay the room hire charges that the Bedford Hall Management Committee are now suggesting.

A lively debate followed.

Cllr Winwright became frustrated with proceedings and announced his resignation from Thorney Parish Council.

For many years Thorney Parish Council has supported Bedford Hall Management Committee by covering the cost of maintenance work around the building. In the past financial year Thorney Parish Council has granted BHMC £297.60 for clock maintenance (often this is greater than £500), £240 for room cleaning, £300 for grass cutting, and indirectly £100 for litter picking and £50 for use of Thorney Parish Council equipment used on Bedford Hall grounds. All of that finance was voluntary and should be considered by BHMC before levying charges for the room hire for Post Office outreach.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that BHMC be asked to reconsider the proposed outreach room charges in view of the finance Thorney Parish Council has already granted to them.

#### **2591/23-24 Parish Council business**

**2592/23-24 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Meeting**  
Closed at 21:35pm