

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

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, S Williams, D Winch, Mrs K Howard, Mrs. D Halfhide,
J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, N Simons.

3 Members of the public.

Public discussion –

Park Crescent- brambles over hanging footpath near 37.

Fencing- Wisbech road fencing blown over. Potentially Cross Keys.

Park Close- concerns over parking however the properties concerned belong to Cross Keys. It was agreed to write to Cross Keys to raise the concerns.

Abbey Place Whittlesey Road- concrete/gravel spillage today on the road which was reported but has not been cleaned up.

Suggestions the wheel wash not being used by aggregate lorries, that lorries over loaded, increase in number of lorries and the poor state of the roads in Abbey Place. Used by other lorries as well which are causing housing to shake.

Highways advised they had no power/authority to stop the quarry lorries using Whittlesey Road.

City Cllr Allen suggest the Parish Council should work with the City Cllrs to try and address the problem and City Cllr Simons suggested inviting James Collingridge to the Parish Council meeting to discuss the ongoing issues.

Mr Shearman asked if there was any damage to the Abbey?

2593/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence and declare vacancy

Peterborough City Councillors R Ray

2594/23-24 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.

2595/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2596/23-24 Matters arising from minutes.

2597/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

Mrs Tajer raised her concerns over the resurfacing of Chestnut Drive, Berberis Close and Laurel Drive. Lack of communication about the work and work not completed between properties 9-17 Laurel Drive.

Ms Howard- thanked Cllr Allen for having the bush cut. Raised her concerns over the lack of street lighting of the service road behind the properties on Wisbech Road.

2598/23-24 Finance

The following were received in April.

Foodbank £10.00

To approve the following paid in April

Salaries		£3536.89	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		£740.29	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		£1270.58	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	£68.59	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs for September	£11.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Clerk	Postage, travel	£21.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
NFU	Motor mower insurance	£299.45	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
PACALC	Membership	£701.15	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Microsoft	Office subscription	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Community Heatbeat	Defibrillator annual service	£165.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Warm welcome	Laminating pouches	£8.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
G and L Cage	Rodent management allotments	£72.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Mr D Wagg	Allotment track repair	£600.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Prior to this meeting the finance committee had a meeting with the Clerk and completed the annual account inspection and audit.
Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement 2023/24 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2023/24 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct.
3. Agreement and signing of 2023/24 Accounts - Section 2 of Annual Return.
A Risk Assessment Audit had been carried out and Members of Thorney Parish Council acknowledged their responsibility and confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with Section 2 Statement of Annual Governance for the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2024. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council
4. Viridor grant for Pavilion – our request for funding cannot be drawn down before the 12-month deadline so a new application will have to be made at a later date.
5. Members of Thorney Parish Council have been receiving scam emails from published email addresses on Thorney Parish Council official website. Private telephone numbers are also published on the website, and it is feared these could also be targeted by scammers. It was agreed to delete private telephone numbers and purchase a mobile for Thorney Parish Council business.

2599/23-24 Reports

1. New Pavilion – No onsite activity has affected our ability to make claims within the funding window at Viridor. A new application will have to be made when time appropriate.
Concerns that this is a Parish Council project and should be managed by the Parish Council. Mr S Williams has offered to help. Ms. K Howard suggested we contact Mr Winwright to enquire where we are currently at with the project, agree no further progress should be taken that has a financial implication and we would like to appoint a Parish Councillor to support Mr Winwright. This was agreed.

2. Burial – new cremated remains stone vaults to be ordered (previously agreed).
3. Bedford Hall – Cllr Parker raised a new security needs to be installed to shed to rear of village hall.
4. Allotments – due to the very wet weather during the winter period the access road across Forge Field and on the allotments has deteriorated. Following a site meeting it was agreed that urgent remedial action was needed to stop further deterioration. A local contractor has supplied and laid hardcore on the access across Forge Field. The access track in the allotment field will have the central mound removed making the road more suitable for vehicles.
5. Forge Field – future management. Selective herbicide Spraying should be completed within the next 14 days.
6. Donated benches- Cllr Parker has restored these benches. Looking to have these installed on the new cemetery footpath w/b 15th April 2024.

2600/23-24 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

24/00102/HHFUL for Demolition of prefabricated concrete double garage and construction of larger masonry garage and garden machinery store. at Glasshouse Farm Dairy Drove Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

24/00226/PRIOR for Change of use of agricultural barn for domestic conversion of 4 small and 1 large residential units at Butchers Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Refused

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 Peterborough PE6 0RE Decision: Permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/00384/HHFUL For Proposed single storey front and rear extension at Harrimans Barn Old Knarr Fen Drove Thorney – no objections

24/00281/FUL For Installation of solar panels & necessary mounting gear to office roof at North Level Internal Drainage Board Station Road Thorney Peterborough – no objections

Mrs Long wanted to understand from planning why they granted planning permission for the development in The Causeway on the old car sales site, when many of the consultees objected to application. She requested planning is contacted to make enquires as to why this was an acceptable planning application.

Moving forward, City Cllr Simons suggested that Thorney Parish Council should contact the City Cllrs when they object to a planning application particularly if they wish this to go before Peterborough City Council planning committee.

Neighbourhood Plan - The practical effect of a neighbourhood development order is it will enable the local community to be proactive about identifying the type and possible location of development it wants to encourage in its area. The local planning authority is responsible for making the order, but 'any qualifying body' can initiate the process. A 'qualifying body' means local council, an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum authorised to act as a result of section 61F. Section 61F makes it

clear a parish council is authorised to act in relation to a neighbourhood area if that neighbourhood area consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the council.

However, a Neighbourhood Plan has to be in line with the Local Development Plan produced by Peterborough City Council that is at present being modified for publication later this year.

2601/23-24 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village - Peterborough City Council CLF to provide one speed indicating unit to be installed along Whittlesey Road and Thorney Parish Council will pay for installation. Site meeting to be held to best determine location.

Speedwatch- Whittlesey Road- 3 vehicles reported with speeds upto 43mph in the 30mph zone.

2. B1040- English Drove to Rugby Ground, full of pothole. Will be reported.

2602/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to June.

2. Youth activities in village- Cllr Mills met with Lillian who runs the Youth Group in Eye, who provided a list of items to be addressed (incl. insurance, risk assessments, etc) Ex-serviceman's club would be happy to host on a Saturday Morning. There would be a charge of £30. Insurance is normally around £300. Each child should pay £3 per session. Need to start advertising and produce an action plan.
K Howard happy to support G Mills to start the project.

3. Thorney Parish Council to have an Information stall at Thorney Festival on 27th September.

4. Thorney Society- 27th April @ 10:00am, talk from Drainage Board regarding changing weather pattern and the effect on the Fens.

5. Thorney Meadows- ditches overgrown. However, the estate has a member's association which is where it should be reported.

2603/23-24 Facebook Posts

Neighbourhood Plan question

2604/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2605/23-24 Parish Council business

VE80th Anniversary next year on the 29th March 2025- Mr Sly has suggested a Civic ceremony. Parish Council would be happy to offer support.

Picnic in the Park- it was suggested to trying to contact Mr Potts to see if he would be running it this year.

Solar Farm- contribution to Thorney Parish Council. Suggestion that City Councillor Hillier maybe able to help, Mrs Long to contact him.

2606/23-24 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2024 Meeting Closed at 21:23pm.

