

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney
on Monday 13 May 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, R Ray. M. Ormston

1 Member of the public.

Public discussion –

Mr. Winwright - update for the Pavilion. Outlined the costs, the design side of the project from Studio 11 and the Project is now ready for planning application Advised by ACRE to create a charity.

There are potential grants available.

Difficulty for identifying and recruiting trustees for the charity.

Cllr Allen asked if it had been considered that the potential users be trustees.

Mr Winwright would like the Parish Council to commit £100,000 potential donation from Cambridge Power. The Parish Council would need to discuss as an agenda item at next meeting.

Mr Winwright met with police liaison officer, spoke to residents at Tea@18.

2607/23-24 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2025

Resolved: It was proposed by Ms Howard seconded by Mr Parker and agreed Mrs Long would Chair the Parish Council until the Municipal meeting in 2025

2608/23-24 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman

Resolved: The acceptance of office was duly signed by Mrs Long and witnessed by the Clerk

2609/23-24 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.

Resolved: It was proposed by Mr Parker seconded by Mrs Halfhide and agreed Ms Howard would Vice- Chair the Parish Council until the Municipal meeting in 2025.

2610/23-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Resolved: None

2611/23-24 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations

Resolved: To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time.

2612/23-24 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2024

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

2613/23-24 Matters arising from minutes.

- Thorney festival 2024 - 13th -15th Sept, with Event at Bedford Hall on 15th September
- Picnic in the Park- Mr. Nathan Potts will help organise the event. Date to be agreed.
- Thorney Society presentation about drainage – well attended.

- Park Close- a site visit was completed by Cross Keys Homes. Parking issues now seem to be resolved.

2614/23-24 Report from City Councillors.

City Cllr Ray welcomed City Cllr Ormiston.

Whittlesey Road speed sign- power source not available in agreed position for sign.

Considering alternative power source.

Open farm and vintage weekend - date clashes with Knarr farm road closers. Asked officers to postpone closures.

City Cllr Ormiston highlighted the Cllr surgery dates. Thorney (Bedford Hall, Parish Room) – 8th June 31st Aug 26th Oct and 7th Dec

Laurel Drive resurfacing- no further update on when the road resurfacing will be finished.

Mr Hovell asked about the potholes around village hall, especially access to the fire station – responsibility of Fire Service and NLIDB

Additional parking at the park- on going.

Mr Mills asked about fly tipping on Willow Drove, on going initiatives in place.

2615/23-24 Finance

The following were received in April/May.

Foodbank		£5.00
Peterborough City Council	Precept	£28315.00
J G Cross	Memorial	£125.00
Eye Funeral Care	Inter Mrs Kirk	£300.00
Memorial Craftsman	Memorial	£125.00
J Lucas	Inter Mr Holmes	£1100.00

To approve the following paid in May

Salaries		£3534.00	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		£32.18	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		£1270.00	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	£108.40	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs	£11.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Microsoft	Office subscription	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Hiscox	Parish Council insu	£1207.28	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Studio 11	Pavilion planning application	£2794.90	Studio 11, planning application information
BHMC	Parish room cleanir	£40.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers	£82.18	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved.
2. Grant request from Thorney Festival working group- non-profit organisation. Any surplus donated to charity. Request for grant to cover the hire of the Bedford Hall- £350.00.
Resolved: Agreed
3. It was agreed to the quotation submitted by Studio 11 for £1000.00 for a quantity surveyor to estimate building materials.

2616/24-25 Parish Councillors Individual Interests

1. Burial and Allotments- Cllrs Parker, Winch
2. Planning – Cllrs Shearman (Chair), Long, Parker, Halfhide, Williams
3. Countryside – Cllrs Long, Mills
4. Peterborough City Council committees and Parish Liaison, Podge Hole Liaison – Cllr Long
5. Finance – Cllrs Halfhide, Howard
6. Thorney Park including new pavilion project- Cllr Parker, Williams
7. Police Liaison – Cllr Howard
8. Complaints and Employment – Cllr Howard, Long
9. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment - Cllr Williams
10. Bedford Hall – Cllr Parker, Shearman
11. Social Media – Cllr Halfhide, Asst. Clerk
12. Youth Council co-ordinator – Cllr Mills
13. Thorney Post co-ordinator – Cllr Shearman
14. Good Neighbour liaison – Cllrs Halfhide, Winch

2617/24-25 Future meeting dates

Resolved: June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13th, 2025, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12.

2618/23-24 Reports

1. New Pavilion – plans drawn up to submit planning application for the new building.
A discussion took place, but no decision could be made on the £100K commitment as this was not an agenda item.
2. Burial – new cremated remains stone vaults ordered – awaiting delivery.
Mr Mills looking into a replacement tap fixing as the existing tap keeps being left on.
3. Bedford Hall – Cllr Parker - new security needs to be installed to shed to rear of village hall- awaiting keys to inspect the doors. Cllr Parker to liaison with Mr Lucken.
Cllr Long wrote to the Bedford Hall committee regarding the pinch points between the 'Bread and Butter thing' and 'Warm welcome'.
4. Allotments – both access roadways now maintained.
Report of a broken tap. Cllr Parker turned off the stopcock and Cllr Mills repaired the tap. Stopcock position now marked by a post in Gas Lane.
5. Forge Field – future management. Selective herbicide Spraying – awaiting completion.
Knee high brambles around the trees.

2619/23-24 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

24/00130/FUL for Removal of existing mobile home and erection of replacement dwelling, to be occupied by gypsy / traveller family in connection with continued use of site for one gypsy traveller family. at Greenacres Northey Road Peterborough PE6 7YX Decision: Refused

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 Decision: Lawful

24/00213/HHFUL for Proposed side extension to existing bungalow at 42 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SR Decision: Permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/00608/HHFUL Proposal: Demolition and replacement of conservatory with single-storey rear extension and replacement of larger rear-facing dormer with additional floor

space to first-floor elevation at 6 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough- recommend approval.

2620/23-24 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 held to best determine location. Still awaiting installation costs from Peterborough City Council Highways.
2. Speedwatch- Station Road, 65 vehicles. 7 reported for exceeding 35mph.
3. Sign at cemetery- PCC cannot provide a suitable sign. Cllrs raised their concerns about the potential accidents.

2621/23-24 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to the end of the year.
2. Youth activities in village- Cllr Mills
An informal meeting took place, however Ex-servicemen's Club not suitable for a venue.
An advert placed via Facebook, however there was a poor response.
Cllr Shearman suggested contacting the current groups of children to see what they want from a Youth project.
Cllr Mills looking at questionnaires and other avenues to gauge interest.
3. The two renovated benches are in place at the cemetery. Cllr Parker suggested a brass plaque installed to honour who made and donated benches.
4. Possibility of a Dog poo bin at the cow field on Whittlesey Road- PCC to be contacted to inquire about availability and costs. On-going issues with dog faeces not being picked up in Thorney Park.
5. 16th October- NLDB invited two attendees to attend their annual outing. Cllr Parker and Cllr Winch to attend. Standby, Cllr Halfhide and Shearman.
6. Woodland Walk- dogs to be kept on lead sign.

2622/23-24 Facebook Posts

None

2623/23-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Consider notice Board on grassed area near the Rose and Crown
Xmas tree
Co-option

2624/23-24 Parish Council business

Solar Farm- contribution to Thorney Parish Council. Mrs Long received a response from City Cllr Hillier.
Mrs Long highlighted that she has still not had a response to the proposed site visit to a battery storage unit.

2625/23-24 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 10th June 2024
Meeting Closed at 21:15pm.