

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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, M. Ormston,

1 Member of the public.

Public discussion – none

**2641/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Resolved: Cllr Mills to arrive later in meeting, City Cllr R Ray

**2642/24-25 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.

**2643/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 and 25 June 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**2644/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.**

Dealt with later as agenda items

*Cllr Winch entered the meeting*

**2645/24-25 Report from City Councillors.**

City Cllr Ormston gave a report. Gas lane- pothole, being investigated by highways.

Tennis Courts- quotes being obtained to have these renovated

City Cllr Allen- CLF speeding signs have been purchased however there is no power source where the sign needs locating. Details on options under agenda item 2646/24-25 Finance.  
Parking at Thorney Park- no further update on an extension to the parking.

*Cllr Mills entered the meeting*

**2646/24-25 Finance**

The following were received in June/July

Foodbank £5.00

Mrs Moss Inter Mr Howden £1550.00

To approve the following paid in July

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	£70.54	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
G and L Cade	Rodent control allotments	£144.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Viking Direct	Stationery and stamps	£111.98	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers May	£101.71	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers	£104.04	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
G D Mills	Youth activities	£28.36	Covid fund

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
2. Speed warning sign Whittlesey Road – Peterborough City Council Highways have given alternative installations costs as:
  - 1: Return the current sign and replace with a battery version. This would come with 2x batteries, charger and protective cover. This option would be an additional £420
  - 2: Permanent fixed solar sign. For this they would send a kit and it would need installing on the existing sign. This option is £1494 + fitting fee.
  - 3: Return the current sign and replace with a portable solar unit. This would be an additional £1200.

All these options will still need a new post installation. This would cost £333.12.

The alternatives were discussed at length and it was agreed that permanent solar sign would be requested and a confirmed costing obtained including installation. Also to confirm the data feedback that can be received from this indicator. Cllr Parker suggested splitting the cost 50/50 between the City Cllr funding and a Parish Council contribution and this was agreed.

## 2647/24-25 Reports

1. New Pavilion – no further update. It was agreed to contact Cambridgeshire Power to confirm an agreement on the donations to the village. Cllr Ormston to assist.  
It was agreed to request a set of keys for the Pavilion at the Park.  
A discussion took place concerning the benefit of either a lump sum payment from the solar farm towards the pavilion or taking out a loan for a similar sum. The Clerk explained the technicalities of a loan arrangement.
2. Burial – Still awaiting delivery of new sanctum cremated remains vaults.
3. Bedford Hall – Meeting 27 June with Sarah Cracknell, Peterborough City Council to be rearranged
4. Allotments – all allotment holders notified of rent increase from next October  
Footpath in centre of allotments strimmed.
5. Forge Field – Grass cutting was completed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Notice board on entry has been hit and is at an angle.

## 2648/24-25 Planning

### 1. Approvals and Refusals

23/01746/FUL Land To The East And West Nuts Grove Farm Scolding Drove Thorney  
Installation of a solar array (up to 49.9MW) and Battery Energy Storage System – approved with a raft of conditions applied

24/00697/PRIOR for Conversion of agricultural barn to 4 small and 1 large residential units at Butchers Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted -

### 2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/00828/HHFUL Single storey rear extension to dwelling 22 Russell Close Thorney Peterborough – no objections

24/00824/CTR For T.1 - Poplar (Sgl/379200) situated rear of play area in Thorney Park - removal to ground level for the purpose of health and safety at Thorney Park Wisbech Road Thorney – no objections

24/00823/HHFUL Proposed 2no. single storey extensions at Harrimans Barn Old Knarr Fen Drove Thorney – no objections

24/00715/HHFUL Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney - Proposal: Proposed ground floor side extension and garage conversion to annex also render whole property with white silicone render- support Conservation Officers comments

Planning Compliance Complaint 21/00023/ENFACC- Thorney Parish Council has submitted comments that this should be pursued once planning permission for the caravans expires on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 3. Agree Terms of Reference for Planning Committee

A draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting- it was agreed to accept the policy.

#### **2649/24-25 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speeding in village - Peterborough City Council Highways has indicated installation costs as discussed under finance
2. Speedwatch- no update
3. Sign at cemetery- no further update
4. Hedge at entrance to park- overgrown and needs trimming – Passed to Peterborough City Council Highways

#### **2650/24-25 Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to the end of the year. Feedback that attendance has dropped due to lack of parking. Cllr Long will contact village hall to inquire about availability for a different day or time for either Bread and Butter Thing or Warm Welcome.  
Cllr Howard highlighted the help and support the warm welcome has provided for vulnerable residents.
2. Youth activities in village- Cllr Mills. Taster day on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 6-8pm.  
Reminder to be placed on Facebook.
3. Christmas Tree near Crossroads- no further update
4. Picnic in the Park- 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 from midday.  
Peterborough CC will grass cut prior to the event.

#### **2651/24-25 Parish Council Vacancies**

No interest has been forthcoming. Consider a stall at Thorney Festival in September.

#### **2652/24-25 Facebook Posts**

Some concern that private posts from members of Thorney Parish Council are not being stated as such.

#### **2653/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

- Public meeting concerning Whittlesey Road with Peterborough City Council Officers - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at @ 7pm.

**2654/24-25 Parish Council business**

Consider noticeboard on green opposite the Public House or in the grounds of Public House.

**2455/24-25 Date of next meeting** - Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Meeting Closed at 9:02pm.