

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney
on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman

Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston, S Allen

8 Members of the public.

Public discussion - Gemma Birley, Project Manager, PECT – presented the barriers and potential solutions to cutting carbon in homes and transport and moving towards a cleaner and greener Peterborough.

Looking to host workshops/ discussion groups in Thorney to gauge Parish opinion on 'net zero' in Peterborough and the barriers to saving energy, working with residents to help overcome any barriers. Looking to hold these around the middle of December. Ms Birley will contact the Parish Council with potential dates and the Parish Council will liaise with Bedford Hall for availability and potential groups.

Residents raised their concerns over the condition of the tennis courts. Cllr Ormston advised he can obtain a quotation for the resurfacing of the court from Peterborough CC. Cllr Allen advised that Peterborough CC budgets will not allow renovations. A resident advised they had tried to obtain LTA funding, but they were unsuccessful. It was agreed to obtain quotations for repairs (Cllr Ormston and local group) and look at funding sources.

Conifer trees outside 63 Wisbech Road/ on corner of Woburn Drive- a resident advised these were growing out of control and wanted to know who is responsible for their maintenance. Peterborough City Cllrs Ormiston and Allen will investigate ownership.

2685/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Mrs K Howard, Mr D Winch, Mr S Williams & Peterborough Cllr Ray

2686/24-25 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.

2687/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2024

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 October 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2688/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.

It was agreed that a sign will be erected in cemetery in January 2025 to remove any items not in line with new cemetery regulations.

2689/24-25 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Allen- dyke not maintained on Wisbech Rd nr School. NLIDB confirmed they will maintain this.

Cllr Ormston-Police Walk around the village. Parking enforcement will take place around Church Street.

Two trees in Park received remedial works.

Parking on Park during football games- complaints received from residents.

Still awaiting progress on the SID sign.

2690/24-25 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Foodbank		£5.00
PCC	CIL	£26793.59
Allotment renewal rentals		£200.00

To approve the following paid in November

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	£129.99	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
Boston Seeds		£129.99	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Peterborough City Council	Wildflowers, Bulbs cern	£1249.92	CIL
Cemetery	Speed activated sign	£91.28	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Printbox	Petrol for mowers	£90.00	Covid fund
G and L Cade	Posters picnic in park	£72.00	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Go Daddy	Rodent control allotment	£86.33	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Microsoft	Domain name subscription	£79.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr D Wagg	Office subscription		
	Install cremated! remains units	£1370	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Poppy Wreath	Poppy Wreath	£20.00	LGA 1972 section 137

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
2. Lanyard for Councillors- Cllr M Long gave details of the quotation she was able to obtain for the lanyards. 25 lanyards @ a total: £107 + VAT. It was agreed to accept the quotation.
3. Bank account signatories – to include the finance committee members.
4. It was agreed to lay wreath at war memorial on 11 November (purchase under section 137 LGA 1972)

2691/24-25 Reports

1. Pavilion - Clerk met the PCC Officers in charge of Parks and Leisure. Very supportive. Suggested management should be Peterborough City Council, controlled by a new system they are trialling. Application ready to go for planning consent. It was agreed to proceed with planning permission application.
2. Burial – Regulations updated
New stone vault units installed. Wildflower and bulbs ordered for landscaping.
3. Tree survey – organised for December.
4. It was agreed that burials for persons with no connection to Thorney, past or present will not be accepted.
5. Bedford Hall – lease talks rescheduled.
6. Allotments – yearly rents being received. Lock will have to have chain welded to it and gatepost. Finding a welder to do this.
7. Forge Field – no further update.

2692/24-25 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

24/01009/WCPP For Variation of condition C1 (temporary consent) pursuant to planning permission 21/00326/FUL at Causeway Lodge, The Causeway Thorney – approved
24/01163/TRE Proposal: T.1 - 1101 Elm - Fell, T.2 - 1102 Weeping Pear - Crown lift to 2.1m, T.3 - 9141 Lime - Crown lift to 2.1m (52/00002/TPO), T.4 - 9132 Yew - Prune, T.5 - 9130 Copper Beech - Remove dead wood Site address: Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney - approved

24/01326/FUL 3 - 11 Station Road Thorney - Externally applied wall insulation with render finish similar to existing building, with render to be SOLTHERM SFCP (BAZA 30) RAL 9003 (white) – withdrawn by applicant

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/01405/FUL Crow Tree Farm North Side Thorney - Proposal: Proposed change of use of an agricultural building and associated operations to a 1.5 storey residential dwelling (Class C) – no objection

24/01326/FUL 3 - 11 Station Road Thorney - Externally applied wall insulation with render finish similar to existing building, with render to be SOLTHERM SFCP (BAZA 30) RAL 9003 (white)

Numbers 3-11 Station Road are Duke of Bedford cottages that have undergone some unflattering modern alterations to windows and doorways, but they retain the character of the cottages with the local buff/yellow brick, brick voussoirs in the window and doorway heads and slate roofs. The application title, application form and heritage statement refer to a render finish, with the first two referring to the render being painted white. In this conservation area, external insulation with painted render finish seems highly inappropriate for these cottages and it is hard to believe it would be accepted by Conservation Officers. However, the submitted plans for the proposed elevations contradict the other documents and show a "brick slip finish (colour to be confirmed)". As long as the brick slips are genuine brick to match the existing, including the window heads, and not some form of synthetic panels, the appearance would not be dramatically changed and could be acceptable. If approved, conditions should require that the details should be agreed with the Conservation Officers before work begins.

Another error, the application form describes the roof as being concrete pan tiles whereas the photographs and Google Street View show a slate

This application should be withdrawn and resubmitted without errors and inconsistencies and with more detail so the application can be properly assessed. As it stands Thorney Parish Council objects.

24/01424/HHFUL- 6 Crown Close Thorney Peterborough, Proposed Garden room- no objections

2693/24-25 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village/ Speedwatch – speeding continues to be an issue. Speed indicator sign - PCC Councillor Ormston chasing.

2. Most of the 7 Solar Park lights are unlit after about 7.30pm.

TPC instigated the replacement lights that PCC agreed to fix however as they could not trace the old Electric feed source they went for solar as they had no money to investigate or put a new feed in - it was their choice and decision to install solar. Mrs Halfhide highlighted her concerns and asked Cllr Ormston to investigate.

3. Peterborough City Council has repaired some of the potholes on road leading to School House.
4. Bench outside 45 Wisbech Road still needs moving. Possible alternative sites 53 or 59-61 Wisbech Road, near bus shelter outside school. Cllr Shearman suggested informing the residents. Cllr Ormston suggested contacting Lee Moore as verges belong to Peterborough CC.
5. Parking on pavement near the Green- Clerk to report to illegal parking enforcement (details to be provided by Councillors)

2694/24-25 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to the end of the year.
2. Youth facilities - Cllr Mills gave an update. Cllr Ormston supported the idea of a one-off event at the village hall.
3. Christman Hampers - Cllr Shearman
The school is willing to help- waiting for a date to deliver the hampers. Cllr Shearman advised he needed a letter to confirm he is Parish Councillor to request donations for the hampers. The Clerk will produce a letter for Mr Shearman.
4. 29th March 2025- Thorney Society confirmed memorial for the lost airman near village. Tea/coffee in Village Hall, service at memorial at Thorney Dyke and then lunch at village hall.
5. Councillor Shearman asked that James Bowman come along to one of our meetings to discuss the adoption of the Fenland Flag. It was agreed that he would contact James to get a suitable date.

2695/24-25 Facebook Posts

2696/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

- James Bowman- to attend next meeting to talk about Fenland Flag
- Allotment- on going maintenance/ management.

2697/24-25 Parish Council business

2698/24-25 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 9th December 2024
Meeting Closed at 21:01pm.