

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 14th April 2025 at 8.09 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Ms K Howard, Mr G Mills, Mr D Winch, Mr S Williams, Mrs L Moore
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston & S Allen

4 Members of the public

Public discussion – None

2758/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: None

2759/25-26 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.

2760/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2025

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 March 2025 and bank
reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and
signed by Chairman.

2761/25-26 Matters arising from minutes - None

2762/25-26 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston- Pond House asked if speed could be reduced on Station Road from
30mph- 20mph.

DofB- expansion to school, with two additional mobile classrooms.

Local Plan- need to submit comments

Cllr Allen- Russel Close, Planting on green space to reduce parking.

Pond House has agreed to share parking with the football club on match days.

Four Acres- agreed to chase enforcement.

2763/25-26 Finance

Income April

Peterborough City Council	Parish Precept	£18,875.00
Peterborough City Council	Burial Grounds Precept	£11,625.00
Peterborough City Council	Recreation Grounds	
Cashback	precept	£1,500.00
		£2.37

To approve the following paid in April

Salaries	£3631.00	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,	£65.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
mobile		
Cambs County	£1046.00	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
Council		

Inland Revenue		£1387.00	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
National Farmers Union	Mower insurance	£285.20	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
Smith of Derby	Clock maintenance Bedford Hall	£360.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Community Heatbeat	Annual Support defibrillator	£198.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
AJ Stuffins	Topsoil for cemetery	£70.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
Ben Burgess	Machine maintenance	£817.20	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
Viking-Direct	PPE and stationery	£124.15	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Microsoft	Office software	£104.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
G & L Cade	Rodent control allotments	£72.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Football Club request for grant – Cllr Mills has spoken to Chair of club and application form sent.
3. Acknowledgement of Annual Governance statement. 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 2024/25 - Section 1 of Annual Return. Members of Thorney Parish Council were issued with all accounts for the year ending 2024/25 and acknowledged their agreement that all statements in Section 1 Annual Governance were correct.
4. Agreement and signing of 2024/25 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 unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Thorney Parish Council

2764/25-26 Reports

1. Burial – Nothing to report.
2. Bedford Hall/Museum – the grant application made to have solar panels/secondary glazing and electric storage heaters in Bedford Hall was unsuccessful.
3. Allotments – Collapsed shed from number 35 has asbestos roof. Many allotments have asbestos sheets being used for windbreaks, fencing etc. Allotment 11 was partitioned about 20 years ago because it had upwards of 20 sheets stored on it. Cllr Howard suggested a professional company remove the asbestos; it was agreed the Clerk would arrange this with a contractor.
4. Forge Field – Contractor advised he could flail the land and treat the weeds. It was agreed to proceed. The Clerk inquired what the long-term plan would be perhaps a community orchard with a walk around the edge.
Cllr Howard suggested a working party.
Cllr Long suggested submitting an application for funding for the project.
The Clerk suggested using CIL money for project.

2765/25-26 Planning

1. Local Plan- comments to PCC

Cllr Halfhide will collate comments for discussion for the Councillors, with final comments agreed at the next meeting.

2. Approvals and Refusals

3. Planning Applications and other matters.

Site 2686 - Proposed Base Station Upgrade at Glass House Farm, Dairy Drove, Thorney

25/00379/HHFUL 32 Woburn Drive Thorney - Replace flat roof with pitched roof to side of house – no objections

25/00301/CTR Parkgate Wisbech Road - Proposal: T1 - Locust - Raise crown – more information needed before commenting

Enforcement 4 Acres, Northbank – no reply from Enforcement at Peterborough City Council despite 2nd request.

2766/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in village – Speed indicator sign – installed and operational.

Speedwatch- a number of inspections have taken place throughout the village. Speeding continues to be issue with a number of vehicles being reported.

2767/25-26 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance.
2. Youth facilities – Cllr Mills revealed a new banner with logo and email address. He will have a table at the Parish Council open day.
3. Thorney Park- to be added to the Local list of Heritage assets.

2768/25-26 Facebook Posts

2769/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2770/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Parish Council open day- 26th April 2025, 3pm- 7pm
Tables for the following: City Cllrs, Youth provision, Parish Council (to include Facilities for the Village, Friends of Forge Field, Good Neighbours. Clerk to design poster, to be put in notice board, emailed to school to distribute and Facebook.
2. Picnic in the Park coordinator- date 10th August 2025. Clerk to re-do leaflets.
3. Street refuse cleaning – to allow excess waste to be taken to the household recycling centre Thorney Parish Council has obtained a waste carrier licence. The waste can be taken to the Waste Transfer Site at Nursery Lane, PE1 5BG on Mondays only as this is the only day third parties can come to the site as the waste and recycling teams don't collect household waste on Mondays
4. The 2025 edition of the guide applies to Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) for the financial years commencing on or after 1 April 2025.
The most notable change to the Practitioners' Guide this year is Email management - every authority must now have a generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain. We have our own domain and email system that the Assistant Clerk

set up last year. It does mean that all Councillors will have to use the thorneypc.co.uk email system for Parish Council communications

2771/25-26 Closed session to discuss cemetery

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 cemetery adherence to rules 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.

2772/25-26 Date of next meeting - Meeting closed at 21:55pm

The next Parish Council Meeting 12th May 2025