

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday
12th May 2025 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Ms K Howard, Mr G Mills, Mr D Winch, Mrs L Moore, Mr J Francis,
Mr J Wren

Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston

9 Members of the public

Public discussion –

Thorney Tennis Court- a resident requested an update. The Peterborough City Council is in open consultation regarding the parking, tennis court and lights. Cllr Ormston advised they are trying to get funding for all. Advised they a private quote for a tennis court refurbishment would be over £30,000. Cllr Ormston will try and get holes in surface repaired.

Peterborough Local Plan- A resident raised his concerns over the on-going development of Deer Park and potential development in the Parish.

Another resident highlighted that there were 5 residents attending to speak in opposition to the proposed land for development in the local plan.

Public open space allocated in the phase 2 plan is now being allocated for housing in 'phase 3'.

Concerns regarding Doctors, School places and infrastructure.

A residents created and circulated their own leaflet encouraging residents to respond to the local plan.

Cllr Ormston- advised need to be planning reason for objections, for example: loss of light, infrastructure challenges.

Planning reasons given mentioned by residents: public open space, biodiversity, drainage, road infrastructure, amenities, loss of privacy.

Malice Farm- Solar Park. No further information provided to residents or the Parish Council. A resident has tried to contact them twice and they have not responded. The Clerk offered to supply their email address.

2773/25-26 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Moore and unanimously agreed that Councillor Long be elected as Chairman for the municipal year 2025/2026.

2774/25-26 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman

Councillor Long signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2775/25-26 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.

It was proposed Cllr Halfhide and seconded Cllr Moore that Cllr Howard be elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2025/2026.

2776/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Peterborough City Councillor Allen

- 2777/25-26 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.
- 2778/25-26 To Co-opt new members to Thorney Parish Council and to receive acceptance of office declarations**
 Julian Wren and John Francis were welcomed to the Parish Council as coopted members
- 2779/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 April 2025**
Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 April 2025 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.
- 2780/25-26 Matters arising from minutes - None**
- 2781/25-26 Report from City Councillors.**
 Cllr Ormston- Parking in the village raised to enforcement and the Police.
 Bollards on the causeway- Peterborough City Council will not replace these
 Library Working group at Peterborough City Council
 Bedford Hall – no further update
 Dog waste Bin Whittlesey Road - Clerk to forward email to Cllr Ormston
 Four Acres- The clerk and Cllr Ormston have tried to chase, but no response.

2782/25-26 Finance

Income May

Peterborough City Council	CIL	£13396.80
Central England Coop	Inter Mr Hopkins	£330.00
Cashback		£1.13
Mrs Sharpe	Reserve grave space	£1210.00

To approve the following paid in May

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, mobile	£65.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council	£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
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
Hiscox	Parish Council Insurance	£1362.17 LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
BHMC	Cleaning Parish Room	£80.00 LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
BHMC	Hire Bedford Hall	£45.00 LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Petrol for mowers	£52.54 Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
	Chairmans Allowance	£300.00 LGA 1972 s15(5), 35(5)

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Chairmans allowance – It was proposed Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Halfhide and unanimously agreed an allowance of £300.

2783/25-26 Reports

1. Burial – A confirmed arrangement to meet a parishioner failed as the parishioner did not attend.
2. Bedford Hall/Museum – Peterborough City Council has obtained a quote for a survey. Further quotes to be obtained.
3. Allotments – asbestos cleared. All allotments now tenanted.
4. Forge Field – flailed and to be sprayed with selective herbicide. Topsoil delivered to fill tyres for flower planting

2784/25-26 Planning

1. Local Plan- comments to PCC

Cllr Halfhide collated items for discussion for the Councillors, with final comments agreed. Sheltered/extra care housing maybe needed for elderly residents.

Annexes- should support annexes in villages as per plan.

Local cycling infrastructure plan - no mentioned in the local plan. No mention of cycling infrastructure details for rural communities.

Renewable energy- national plans can override Peterborough's Local Plan

2. Approvals and Refusals

25/00301/CTR for T.1 Locust (Copper Beech - semi-mature, from location on submitted plan) - Raise crown, by removing low lateral branches back to the main stem to 4m above ground level. at Parkgate Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

3. Planning Applications and other matters.

Enforcement 4 Acres, Northbank – no reply from Enforcement at Peterborough City Council despite repeated requests.

25/00469/HHFUL Pixie Cottage Church Street Thorney. Proposal: Reinstatement of a store and repairs to the existing lean-to structure. No objection. Historical connections

25/00475/LBC 1A Abbey Place Thorney - Installation of secondary glazing – no objections

2785/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

Speedwatch- 2 checks completed. The Clerk will provide date to Dorothy.

2786/25-26 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance.
2. Youth facilities – still no volunteers have come forward to support Cllr Mills
3. Defibrillator provision near school – a request has been made for a unit to be placed at the east end of the village. Cllr Howard to contact Allison homes to see if they would provide a defib.

2787/25-26 Parish Councillors Individual Interests- deferred

Left to next meeting

2788/25-26 Future meeting dates

June 9, July 14, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12th 2026,
February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11. – Facebook

2789/25-26 Facebook Posts

2790/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2791/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Parish Council open day- 26th April 2025 – poorly attended
2. Picnic in the Park coordinator- date 10th August 2025. Clerk to re-do leaflets.

2792/25-26 Date of next meeting – 9th June 2025
Meeting closed at 9.57 pm