

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday
9th June 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,
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston, S. Allen

5 Members of the public

Public discussion – Vehicle has again crashed through garden fence and into garden at a property at Stone Bridge Corner, Whittlesey Road.

A resident raised her on-going concerns regarding Stonebridge Corner and speeding down Whittlesey Road. Peterborough CC not in favour of concrete barriers, prefer speed reduction. Cllr Allen suggestion flashing chevron to City Council officers. Cllr Ormston highlighted the conversations ongoing with City Council officers. The maintenance of hedges/shrubs/trees not completed by Peterborough CC for over 5 years- Cllr Ormiston to chase.

P J Thory Ltd - Cllr Allen suggested the Parish Council write to company highlighting its concerns regarding speed and standard of driving.

Bread and Butter Thing- has funding until October. Looking for funding but need a letter of support from the Parish Council. The Clerk to action this on behalf of the PC.

2793/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Cllr Wren

2794/25-26 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.

2795/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2025

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2025 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2796/25-26 Matters arising from minutes -

1. Acknowledgement from Peterborough City Council accepting our submission for local plan
2. Planning Enforcement liaising with developer concerning 4 Acres Northside
3. Trees adjacent to access road Wisbech Road/Woburn Drive – following the query earlier in the year the Record Officer at Peterborough City Council writes “I’ve had a look at the Land Registry’s Map View and can see that none of the houses along that access road include the intervening land between their front garden and the adopted highway.
There is a legal precedent that covers this which is the principle of Ad Median Filum which essentially means that an adjoining land owner would be responsible for any land “up to the mid-point” of the road whether the land is shown within their deeds or not.
The adjacent land owners may be unaware of this”.

2797/25-26 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston- trying to set a meeting with Sarah Cracknell regarding ongoing discussions about tennis court/park/ parking. PCC confirmed Tennis Courts are their responsibility and have an ongoing review all parks/pavilions which will not be complete until 2026, so no further work will take place to Pavillion or courts. Will request general maintenance to the tennis court, but PCC do not have funds for a refurbishment.

Bedford Hall- time scale, survey should have taken place in Early June, with meetings with PC and Bedford Hall Committee in July with an agreement complete by Autumn.

Cllr Allen/ Cllr Ormston submitted commits to Local Plan.

Cllr Allen suggested a public meeting to City Council officers regarding fly tipping and suggested they explain how this is dealt with - will advise when/where once they have the details.

Cllr Howard highlighted that mini round-about next to school is so faded that it cannot be seen- is there any reason this was not part of resurfacing.

2798/25-26 Finance

Income June

Smiths Undertakers	Inter Mrs Scotney	£330.00
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To approve the following paid in June

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	£72.62	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
	Petrol for mowers	£119.64	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
NFU	Tradesman Insurance	£588.22	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Peterborough Ltd	Dog waste bin Whittlesey Road	£463.45	CIL
Redshoes		£144.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Accounting	Payroll services		
Anglian Water	Water charges allotments	£153.84	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Anglian Water	Water charges cemetery	£26.61	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Parish Council Insurance commitment for 3-year period to attract discount from Insurance company
3. Agreed additional grass cut in Park before Picnic Day (10th August 2025).

2799/25-26 Reports

1. Burial – inspection took place 9th June 2025. No Electric scooters sign needed. Some tarmac repairs needed to path.
2. Bedford Hall/Museum – Cllr Long has the 2017 survey for information.
3. Allotments – no update
4. Forge Field – Topsoil delivered to fill tyres for flower planting. Very disappointing the state of the verges into the Forge Field. There are discarded tree stumps thrown on the verge, together with abandoned turf, whole paving slabs (2), sheets of black plastic and thick layers of grass clippings.
A discussion took place regarding the future plans. The Clerk suggested regular maintenance and Landscaping at entrance. Cllr Mills proposed glass cutting at forge field and it was seconded by Cllr Halfhide and agreed by councillors. A suggested path layout was discussed as was making an application to the windfarm fund for development.
Cllr Halfhide suggested a dog poo bin at entrance, and this was agreed by councillors to fund this through the windfarm small grant scheme.

2800/25-26 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

25/00379/HHFUL for Replace flat roof with pitched roof to side of house at 32 Woburn Drive Thorney – permitted

25/00417/HHFUL for Erection of domestic garage and store at Green Drove Farm Thorney Dyke Thorney – refused

25/00469/HHFUL for Reinstatement of a store and repairs to the existing lean-to Structure at Pixie Cottage Church Street - permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

Enforcement 4 Acres, Northbank – Planning Enforcement writes “We are aware of the ownership of the site and can confirm that we have been in contact with the owners on multiple occasions regarding the planning breach. A deadline has been issued for them to either remedy the breach or submit a retrospective planning application to regularise the unauthorised development.

In relation to the floodlighting, this may fall under the remit of statutory nuisance. If the lighting is causing a disturbance, particularly during night hours, this can be reported to our Environmental Health team for further investigation. I would encourage any residents affected by the lighting to contact them directly via the council’s website or customer services.”

25/00614/LBC - Park House School Wisbech Road - Replacement of 4no. timber windows to the ground floor south elevation – no objections

25/00617/HHFUL Proposal: Replacement of conservatory with rear extension, first floor extension, erection of a garage and replacement gates Site address: The Lodge White Hart Farm English Drove Thorney – some concern regarding design especially the flue otherwise no objections

2801/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

Speedwatch- 19 vehicles reported following last check.

Peterborough City Council Officer still waiting for download instructions from speed activated sign in Whittlesey Road.

2802/25-26 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.
4. The additional dog waste bin on Whittlesey Road is now installed
5. Letter of thanks from Abbey PCC thanking Brian for his work in the Churchyard and informing us of flower festival on The Green during August

2803/25-26 Parish Councillors Individual Interests

Left to next meeting

2789/25-26 Facebook Posts**2790/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

Pavilion

Forge Field development

2791/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Picnic in the Park coordinator- date 10th August 2025. Clerk to re-do leaflets. Risk Assessment to be completed. The Falcon will provide a food and bar truck. Music from 'Boots and Strings'.
A risk assessment needs to be carried out
2. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding.
PCVS and Connecting Cambridgeshire are looking to enable digital hubs in communities across Peterborough.
These hubs will provide communities with access to connectivity, devices, and skills & confidence support in a local communal space.
We are inviting organisations to register their interest in developing a hub within their organisation.
The funding is only available as part of a one-year pilot project until end of March 2026
3. Freedom of Information request- response was sent by the Clerk.

**2792/25-26 Date of next meeting – 14th July 2025
Meeting closed at 21:48pm**