

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr G Mills, Mr D Winch, Mrs L Moore, Mr J Francis, Mr J Wren
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston, S. Allen

3 Members of the public

Public discussion –

Thorney Dyke- New entrance and caravan on site with someone living in it. A resident has contacted enforcement however they are not forthright with their action. The City Councillors have agreed to chase with planning enforcement.

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

Received: Cllr K Howard,

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 9 June 2025

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 June 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. Letter of support sent to Bread-and-Butter Thing
2. Peterborough City Council still awaiting software to download information from speed sign Whittlesey Road

2797/25-26 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston- Parking enforcement looking at parking on double yellow lines on Church Street and Wisbech Road. Library survey ongoing- encouraged residents to participate.

Cllr Allen- Community Walk around with Police. New Chevrons on Whittlesey Road at Stonebridge Corner have been installed. Peterborough City Council also looking at speed reductions.

2798/25-26 Finance

Income July

Smiths Undertakers Inter Mrs Scotney £330.00

Mrs Hopkins Memorial £120.00

To approve the following paid in July

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
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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		£100.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Accountancy	Internal Audit		
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 /
G and L Cade	Vermin control allotments	£216.00	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Columbaria Company		£120.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
CAPALC	Memorial Mr Hopkins		
	Councillor training	£75.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Complete Weed Control	Selective herbicide Forge Field	£300.00	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Request from windfarm fund for dog waste bin end Gas Lane – this was agreed.
3. Tennis court surface – From Cllr report minute “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”. Patching maybe a temporary way forward. The Clerk asked if the City Councillor whether PCC would provide a quotation for patching and Cllr Ormston agreed to liaise.
4. Consider electronic device for Chairman to use purely for Thorney Parish Council business. Most correspondence is sent out and received by the Clerk who has a Thorney Parish Council laptop. However, the Chairman also deals with correspondence, particularly electronically, from a personal device. With advanced hacking techniques I believe the time has now come for the Chair to also have a Thorney Parish Council electronic device that Thorney Parish Council keeps updated with protection software. It was proposed by Cllr D Winch seconded by Cllr L Moore and agreed a tablet would be purchased for the Chairman with a budget up to £1500.

2814/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Picnic in the Park and risk assessment. Clerk has put together a very basic risk assessment. Mr Parker (ex TFL risk assessor) agreed to assist the Clerk in drawing up the risk assessment. Peterborough City Council requires this and so will our insurers if there is an incident. The Clerk suggested a representative from the Parish Council should be present as a contact point. It was agreed to order 800 leaflets, and 7 posters, Cllr Halfhide, Winch, Moore and Long will deliver leaflets. Village Facebook page- advertise of they want a stall contact Cllr Moore. Cllr Moore and Cllr Francis will meet to discuss the set up.

2. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding – update
Ongoing discussion on how to address digital inclusion in rural areas.
3. Use of two factor identification for email – this security system is coming in for many things now and should be part of our ongoing procedure.
4. IT Policy procedure approval. This is now a mandatory item and will have to be submitted at the next external audit. I think the Chairman's electronic device and 2 factor authentication proves we are serious about the process in the same way as we are about finances and the monthly bank reconciliation that is circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Wren and agreed to accept the policy.

2815/25-26 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

25/00614/LBC Proposal: Replacement of 4no. timber windows to the ground floor south elevation Site address: Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney – permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

Enforcement 4 Acres, Northbank – has been sent to PCC Solicitors.

25/00684/HHFUL 6 Woburn Drive Thorney Peterborough - Two storey side and rear extension – could cause potential vehicle parking problems

25/00793/LBC - Proposal: Proposed truncation of a section of internal walling and re-instatement of York flagstone hearth to front room at 76 Wisbech Road – no objections

25/00832/FUL Smithy Gas Lane Thorney - Change of use, extension and alterations of former blacksmiths to form office and solar panels to roof - this is a positive development as this heritage building is close to collapse. Whilst there are no objections to the change of use and re-development of this property, as it is in a conservation area it is disappointing that the proposed solar panels will be highly visible across the front aspect of the building, particularly as it is single storey.

2816/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

Speedwatch – checks completed on Station Road – Cllr Mills raised a complaint regarding the speed of the Thorys lorries.

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

2817/25-26 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance. Cllr Long highlighted the village hall is cold in winter due to clash with 'bread and butter thing' needing open premises doors and suggested changing the day.
2. Youth facilities – still no volunteers have come forward to support Cllr Mills. Will attend Picnic in the Park. Cllr Allen highlighted the legislation is changing meaning City Council's must provide a senior youth leader although this may well be City based not rural.
3. Defibrillator provision near school –no suitable sites have been identified.

2818/25-26 Parish Councillors Working Groups

Create working group for:

- a. Pavilion – way forward (note: Peterborough City Council is currently undertaking a Playing Pitch and Built Facilities Strategy which isn't expected to be completed until early 2026 and will not consider any development). Working group formation left until after Peterborough City Council report.
- b. Forge Field – development. Cllr Mills, Winch and Moore

2819/25-26 Parish Councillors Individual Interests

1. Burial and Allotments- Cllr Winch & Cllr Moore
2. Planning – All Councillors
3. Countryside – Cllr Long, Cllr Moore and Cllr Francis
4. Pote Hole Liaison – Cllr Long
5. Finance and (later in year) IT implementation, security, and compliance- Cllr Wren, Long and Halfhide
6. Thorney Park
7. Police Liaison – Cllr Howard, Cllr Mills
8. Complaints – Cllr Howard, Cllr Long
9. Health and Safety/Risk Assessments of employees – Cllr Wren
10. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison – Cllr Long and Cllr Halfhide
11. Bedford Hall – Cllr Mills
12. Employment – Chair and Vice-chair
13. Social media and Thorney Post co-ordinator – Cllr Halfhide and Cllr Winch
14. Youth activities co-ordinator – Cllr Mills and Cllr Winch
15. Good Neighbour and warm welcome liaison- Cllrs Halfhide, Long, Winch and Moore

2820/25-26 Facebook Posts

2821/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2799/25-26 Reports

1. Burial –Some tarmac repairs needed to path – in hand.
2. Bedford Hall/Museum – still awaiting building survey from Peterborough CC. Museum has a leak in toilet.
3. Allotments – water was off for 2 days due to Anglian Water fault.
4. Forge Field –need a specification to go for tender. Working group agreed.

2792/25-26 Date of next meeting – 8th September 2025

Meeting closed at 21:43 pm