

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge, Bedford Hall, Thorney on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr G Mills, Mr D Winch, Mrs L Moore,  
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston

5 Members of the public

Public discussion –

Rev Hobbs- Introduced herself to the Parish Council

A resident inquired how many City Councillors the Parish Council has and asked for further information.

A resident raised their concerns about the ongoing development site that does not have planning permission near Stone Bridge Corner - this matter is with planning enforcement. Fly tipping at the back of property on Stone Bridge Corner. Cllr Ormston addressed their concerns and his support.

Proposal to buy 'The Spinney'- resident raised their concerns over proposals put forward by Park House School. Residents do not want this sold and the area should be open to all the children in the Parish.

**2837/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Received: Mr J Francis, J Wren

City Councillor S. Allen

**2838/25-26 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.

**2839/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 September 2025**

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 September 2025 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**2840/25-26 Matters arising from minutes -**

Lean-to for museum and lawnmower store to be demolished because of subsidence.

**284125-26 Report from City Councillors.**

Stone Bridge Corner- site visit conducted with City Cllrs, Parish Cllrs, Highway Officers and residents. Currently evaluating proposals put forward.

Enforcement- still delays

Parking on Church Street – residents suggested permit holders parking

Local Plan- Likely to go to cabinet later this year.

Cllr Long raised a resident's concern regarding parking near their property

**2842/25-26 Finance**

Income September/October

Mrs D Moles	Reserve grave space	£522.50
Ms R Denton	Allotment rent 35	£50.00
Mr Watson	Inter Mrs Watson	£1,780.00
Mrs R Cope	Allotment rent 5 and 6	£100.00
Cashback		£0.09

### To approve the following paid in September/October

Salaries for October		£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 for October		£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment, mobile for October		£65.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council for October		£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 for October		£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 for October		£11.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
G & L Cade	Printing costs		
	Vermin control	£72.00	
	allotments		
Route to web	Annual support and hosting	£831.47	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr Lucken	Travel and petrol for mowers	£69.39	Local Government Act 1972, s. 214; Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s. 1
Adobe	iPad software	£19.97	Local Government Act 1972, s. 214(6)
Adobe	iPad software	£4.98	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Bedford Hall	Parish Room cleaning	£100.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Conclusion of Audit. No comments.

### 2843/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding – This will definitely include Thorney, but no further details.
2. Possible sale of “The Spinney”, The Park to Park House School. Request to purchase circulated before the meeting  
There will be no benefit to the local area should a sale be agreed, as any proceeds will go to the owner of the site, which is Peterborough City Council. The area is used by children for leisure purposes and is regularly litter picked by Thorney Parish Council. Thorney Parish Council are not in support of the sale.  
Cllr Moore suggested installing bug hotels and signs detailing what wildlife could be found in there. Cllr Halfhide suggested contacting the Wildlife Trust. The Parish Council will need to liaise with Peterborough CC regarding any plans for the site.

3. Standing Order update - Length of meetings in revised Model standing orders by NALC suggest length should not exceed 2 hours. Agreed to update and full revision will be included for next month's agenda for approval. If public participation necessitates a period greater than 2 hours for the meeting it can be resolved to not follow that particular item of the standing orders.
4. Mower storage – The storage facilities at Bedford Hall where the petrol driven mowers are stored has to be demolished because of subsidence. Mr Lucken and Mr Hovell have made temporary arrangements to house these at Park Farm and locally at the Fire Station. We are grateful for the help given by Park Farm management and the Fire Station Commander. However, alternative storage now urgently required in the village for the equipment as we have no transportation for the equipment to the sites where it is used. The Fire Station garage is being used and the Commander states this is only a temporary, short-term solution.

## **2844/25-26 Planning**

### **1. Approvals and Refusals**

25/00832/FUL for Change of use from a Class B2 blacksmiths workshop to Class E (c) financial and professional services office, a single storey side extension and alterations, raising of roof and solar panels at Smithy Gas Lane – approved

25/00991/LBC For Conversion of existing outbuilding to annex at 30 Wisbech Road Thorney – approved

25/00990/HHFUL Proposal: Installation of replacement timber windows, recessed timber panel, recessed timber door, conservation rooflights, and external wall to existing outbuilding - Site address: 30 Wisbech Road Thorney – approved

25/00793/LBC for Proposed removal of a truncated section of internal walling and re-instatement of York flagstone hearth to front room at 76 Wisbech Road – permitted

25/00983/HHFUL for at Erection of single storey rear extension 30 Wisbech Road Thorney - Refused

### **2. Planning Applications and other matters.**

25/01137/FUL Site address: 37 Station Road Thorney Peterborough - Erection of 2no. 4 bedroom detached dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping- this looks like an over-development of this site, with two substantial 4-bedroomed houses shoehorned on to the plot. With houses of this size, one house would be more appropriate for this area. There are also concerns regarding the vehicular access.

25/00972/LBC Replacement of 2no. broken windows and 1no. back door incorporating 1no. side window. Site address: 66 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough Reference: - no objection

25/01161/WCPP Variation of conditions C2 (use of land) and C4 (plans) pursuant to planning permission 20/00726/FUL Site address: Calman Colaiste Wisbech Road – no objection

## **2845/25-26      Reports**

1. Burial – Discussion concerning Rabbit Cull to minimise surface damage- deferred to next meeting  
Halloween Patrol at Cemetery- to be conducted by Cllr Mills, Moore and Winch.
2. Bedford Hall- Cllr Halfhide attending the last meeting. Highlighted we need to foster a positive working relationship. Cllr Mills starting to build a relationship with committee members.
3. Allotments – abandoned car has been reported to PCC. This is be reported to the Police.
4. Forge Field – Tyres at barrier entrance. Discussion to leave as at present or remove. Feedback is that they are welcomed and are a benefit. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Winch, seconded Cllr Halfhide and agreed to leave the tyres in place.

## **2846/25-26      Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speedwatch – Prevalent throughout the village. Checks on Whittlesey Road and Station Road completed.
2. Use of glyphosate – The Peterborough City Council Streetcare Manager writes  
“The Council has previously investigated and trialled several non-chemical alternatives to glyphosate. However, these were found to be ineffective, extremely costly, and often had other negative impacts (environmental, health and safety, access, etc.). This is consistent with findings elsewhere in the country by other councils.  
We are always open to new methods and approaches to reducing herbicide use but at present Glyphosate is significantly the most effective herbicide for the management of weeds in the highways. Whilst we are aware of other Councils that have eliminated or significantly reduced herbicide use for various reasons, the impact on the streetscape, highway infrastructure (inc complaints), and associated cost implications should not be understated, as they are significant.  
Ref our contractor, they should only be spraying weeds in the highways. It’s of no interest for them to do any more than they are expected to do, as this obviously comes at a cost to them. Ref their PPE requirements, these are in line with the standard COSSH requirements for the product and activity. We do actively monitor our contractor and their works, and meet with them regularly so will share these concerns from (some of) the residents of Thorney”

## **284725-26      Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance is now meeting on a Wednesday, however, from November this will be back to a Friday.
2. Youth facilities – still no volunteers have come forward to support Cllr Mills.
3. Parish Room – Cllr Mills conversation established that from discussions with Peterborough City Council the BHMC had explained that by taking responsibility for the whole building it would enable them to access greater funding sources.

**2848/25-26 Facebook Posts**

Agreed advert for Parish Councillors

**2849/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

- Consider applying for 20mph on Station Road or possible speed limit sign
- Pavilion at Park- for Jan as still awaiting Parks assessment by PCC
- Forge Field – working group to present options
- Christmas hampers

**2850/25-26 Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Meeting closed at 21:44pm**