

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 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.

Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston and S. Allen

1 Member of the public

Public discussion –

Mr. Parker advised the hedge cutting near the Bedford Hall was completed on behalf of North  
Level Drainage board. The BHMC have been informed.

**2898/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Received: None

**2899/25-26 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.

**2900/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2026**

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 January 2026 and bank  
reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and  
signed by Chairman.

**2901/25-26 Matters arising from minutes**

Senior Planning Obligations Officer at Peterborough City Council confirms that  
speed activated sign for Station Road and community orchard/landscaping at Forge  
Field are acceptable spends of the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL.

**2902/25-26 Report from City Councillors.**

Cllr Allen- Knarr Farm application has been approved for change of use.

Cllr Ormston- 'The Causeway', Planning Enforcement has written to the resident  
requesting information: the situation is ongoing.

A number of roads in the Parish will be repaired over the next few months.

LGA- consultation underway regarding the local government restructuring. Residents  
are encouraged to provide feedback with the link at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough>

**2903/25-26 Finance**

Income February		
Smiths Funeral		£330.00
Directors	Inter Mrs Church	£2,420.00
Whittlesey Funerals	Inter Mrs Painter	£137.50
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Cade	£1375.00
Yaxley Funerals	Inter Mrs Jackson	£120.00
Mrs Rowley	Memorial Mr & Mrs Spridgeon	

## To approve the following paid in February

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
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		£6.49	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Printing costs		
Adobe	iPad software	£4.98	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Columbaria Company	Memorial Mrs Spridgeon	£120.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
	Maintenance of mowing equipment	£354.17	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
RTC Plant		£354.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Route to web	Events calendar plugin	£177.46	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Sundry items for CR units	£35.96	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Clerk Columbaria Company	Memorial Mrs Jackson	£120.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Agree to ringfence CIL contributions for vehicle speed indicator Station Road and landscaping Forge Field. The Senior Planning Obligations Officer at Peterborough City Council has confirmed that our proposals are acceptable spends of the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL. It was agreed £4000 for speed indicator sign and the same for Forge Field.
3. Acknowledged and agreed wage increases from April 2026 to be in-line with our membership of The Living Wage Foundation. The Real Living Wage (RLW) will increase by **6.7%** to **£13.45** per hour. These rates reflect the foundation's commitment to ensuring that wages meet the real cost of living.
4. Wind Farm Grant application- An application was submitted by Thorney Abbey. It was proposed by Cllr Winch seconded Cllr Francis and agreed to approve the grant application. Cllr Halfhide declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

## 2904/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding – Technology has arrived and looking at how to build the project.
2. “The Spinney” – awaiting quotation from Aragon for bird boxes and signage. There has been a natural pond created due to the amount of rain.
3. Planning Enforcement – Cllr Mills has submitted a number of complaints regarding several breaches of planning throughout the Parish. Cllr Moore raised her concerns over another area of the Parish that may have breached planning permission and Cllr Allen to investigate.

## **2905/25-26 Planning**

### **1. Approvals and Refusals –**

25/01370/WCPP for Variation of condition C2 (plans) pursuant to planning permission 24/00715/HHFUL at Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough - Withdrawn by Applicant

25/00860/FUL for Change of use from paddock (agricultural) to motor cars and light vans storage (sui generis) for up to 250 vehicles in association with the adjoining car sales, storage and preparation use - (retrospective) at Four Acres North Side Thorney Peterborough

Decision: **Refused**

25/01640/CTR For Fell Common Ash tree (T01) at 4 Crown Close Thorney – permitted

25/01509/FUL for Part change of use from B8 storage to vehicle repair (Sui Generis) At Dalmark Grain Knarr Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Decision: Permitted

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

26/00104/FUL- Conversion of an agricultural building to 3no. dwellings including partial demolition, associated access and landscaping, St Vincents Cross Farm Crowland Road Thorney

26/00107/FUL- Conversion of equestrian building to four dwellings including partial demolition, associated access and landscaping, Land To The East Of Bell Drove Thorney Peterborough

## **2906/25-26 Reports**

1. Burial – adoption of new cemetery regulations and fees. Following the concerns we have had in the cemetery such as structures, stones and planting around grave spaces, skateboard, riding of cycles, golf balls, the Clerk has looked into our rules and regulations that were drafted in the mid 90's. This is a major revision reflecting up to date legislation, Health and Safety and general provisions such as fees. It was proposed Cllr Halfhide seconded Cllr Winch and unanimously agreed to adopt the new regulations. The Clerk will circulate to the Councillors.
2. Bedford Hall- BHC meeting on 25<sup>TH</sup> February at 10am with Thorney Society and The Parish Council.
3. Allotments – some fly tipping at back of the allotments. Mr Parker to clear.
4. Forge Field – it was agreed to remove the plastic sapling supports and have the weeds treated, as well as the whole area cleared in March. Another meeting set for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to decide the next steps.

## **2907/25-26 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speedwatch – no checks completed due to weather and availability of volunteers. Cllr Halfhide has downloaded data; however, she cannot translate this as it's a .dat file. Cllr Ormston agreed to look into the data file.
2. Station Road – Clerk obtained quotation from Elan City for MVAS unit. Highways officer stated a site meeting was not necessary and could advice locations via a map. Awaiting his further response, however the clerk has chased this.

**2908/25-26 Village matters.**

1. Warm Welcome – Risk assessment and accident reporting. A risk assessment was carried out prior to the scheme starting. It was agreed that all volunteers now know where the accident book is located. The Clerk will liaise with volunteers regarding the risk assessment and 'what to do' section for any accidents.
2. Police Liaison- Cllr Mills continue to liaise with the police. Next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
3. Picnic in the Park- 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 as agreed date. The Clerk to liaise with PCC to book, submit risk assessments and look into music license. 'Save the date' poster for Facebook will be created. The Clerk agreed to post on Facebook when instructed by the committee.
4. Plastic waste recycling bin for village- Cllr Mills to investigate options. Bins can be purchased. Haddon Waste could potential empty bins however there is an issue to where this would be located. He will continue to investigate and report back next meeting.

**2909/25-26 Facebook Posts****2910/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.**

- Pavilion at Park- as still awaiting Parks assessment by PCC

**2911/25-26 Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Meeting closed at 20:40pm.**