

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney
on Monday 9th March 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, Mr J Wren and the clerk, Mrs E Tajer
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston and S. Allen

3 Members of the public

Public discussion – A resident raised their concern over more damage to the tennis court net and asked if there was anyway to have a gate/lock on the court. Peterborough CC advised, as they own the court, they would not lock the court.

Concerns raised that if the court was locked that vandalism could still happen to the wire fencing or cut through the lock.

Cllr Ormston suggested a tennis club could be formed in the village with the support of the Parish Council which may help with funding for court renovation.

2912/25-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: None

2913/25-26 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.

2914/25-26 To approve minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2026

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 February 2026 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2915/25-26 Matters arising from minutes

Flowcharts produced for Warm Welcome in case of accident

2916/25-26 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Allen- ongoing complaints about the number of aggregate lorries using the Whittlesey Road. Still liaising with quarry regarding using a different route. Thorney Meadows is conducting a litter pick on 21st March 2026.

Cllr Ormston- On- going road repairs throughout the Parish. Initially this will be patching and then later in the year this will be repairs. Continues to liaise with planning enforcement.

2917/25-26 Finance

To approve the following paid in March

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	£74.47	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP		£13.49	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Printing costs		
Adobe	iPad software	£4.98	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Columbaria Company Information Commissioner	Memorial Mrs Jackson	£120.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1. LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972
	Data protection renewal	£47.00	
Viking-Direct	Stationery annual	£264.39	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Grass seed for cemetery	£143.00	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Boston Seeds	Website hosting	£76.75	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Go Daddy			LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Redshoes	Payroll services	£120.00	
Accounting	Speed indicator unit	£3000.00	Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Elan City			LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Living Wage Foundation	Membership	£85.20	

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. New notice board for cemetery – the existing board is on the wall of the central building and displays our rules and regulations. All burials are in the new part of the cemetery so where the notice board is at present attracts very little passing traffic. A new board clearly displaying rules may overcome some of the past problems. It was proposed by Cllr Long, seconded by Cllr Halfhide and agreed to purchase the notice board and erect at cemetery entrance.

2918/25-26 Parish Council Elections

Notices have been displayed and posted on website and social media. Returned forms must be delivered to Town Hall. The Clerk will deliver these on behalf of the councillors. Information concerning election displayed on notice boards and on social media.

2919/25-26 Parish Council business

1. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding –looking at how to circulate this service to residents not on social media or email.
2. “The Spinney” – Aragon services provided a quotation for 3 boxes and three signs including fitting at a cost of £150. It was agreed to proposed by Cllr Long seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed to proceed. The Clerk will provide an installation date when available.

2920/25-26 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals –

Recent website alterations by Peterborough City Council have resulted in us not being able to see documentation and plans associated with planning applications. Peterborough City Council notified of this but no reply as yet.

25/01252/LBC for Demolition of 2no. single storey brick built lean to at Thorney Heritage Museum - permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

26/00084/HHFUL Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney Ground floor rear extension to replace conservatory – white rendering not in keeping with a conservation village

26/00107/FUL Land to The East Of Bell Drove Thorney - Proposal: Conversion of equestrian building to four dwellings including partial demolition, associated access and landscaping. Thorney Parish Council cannot see why each property has not been allocated the space between the front of the property and the roadside fence, to provide each with a small front garden and an individual gate and path to each dwelling.

26/00183/CTR 148 Wisbech Road Thorney - Proposal: T1 - Ash Tree - Pollard approx. 50% reduction

26/00104/FUL St Vincents Cross Farm Crowland Road Thorney - Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural building to 3no. dwellings including partial demolition, associated access and landscaping. Thorney Parish Council have difficulties with this application, as the site plan does not show the position of the 26/00105/PRIOR barn for conversion to 7 residential properties. Without this information it is very difficult to assess the access and parking spaces which will be provided for each of these developments. Also, the application proposes small homes with very limited light and views which Thorney Parish Council do not support

26/00168/LBC Proposed solar panels on South and East-facing roof Site address: 2 Abbey Place, Thorney – unable to comment as Peterborough City Council website does not display plans.

2921/25-26 Reports

1. Burial – proposed new notice board at cemetery entrance was approved under 2917 Finance.
2. Bedford Hall – meeting 25 February. Agreed to fully cooperate with BHMC and Thorney Society but progress of future still very slow. Sarah Cracknell surveys nearly complete and they would like ideas on possible uses for the hall. Thorney Museum met with Peterborough CC and have agreed they will have a plumbed in 'Porto loo', which will mean the museum could open for Easter.
3. Allotments -some Flytipping. The same car continues to appear at the parking- the Clerk is monitoring.
4. Forge Field – Agree plan for site (provided by working group). Cllr Long has agreed with the contractor for flailing and then weed killing on the site. Awaiting a start date for the work. Next meeting is on 25th March to agree the next steps.

2922/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speedwatch – will look to complete more checks as the weather improves.
2. Station Road – Speed indicator unit from Elan City received. It was agreed the preferred placement would be between Kingsline Close and Chestnut Drive facing towards the roundabout for traffic coming into the village. A second location near the doctor's surgery on Wisbech Road could be considered in the future. It was agreed to have a 6- month review once installed. The Clerk will download the data each month.

2923/25-26 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – accident reporting posters produced and circulated. A laminated copy will be included in the bag that is taken to each session.
2. Police Liaison- Cllr Mills continues to liaise with the police.

3. Picnic in the Park- 9th August 2026 as agreed date. 'Save the date' posters are on website. A number of stalls have been booked- Cllr Francis will provide details and the clerk will check the risk assessments. A new poster to include Live music and craft stalls. Would like to have original live music and pre-recorded music – the clerk will check the music licence.
4. Plastic waste recycling bin for village- Cllr Mills to investigate options. Still ongoing.
5. Post Office – was not open on 9th March 2026 as they are upgrading out reach equipment.

2924/25-26 Facebook Posts

2925/25-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

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

2926/25-26 Date of next meeting – 13th April 2026. Meeting closed at 20:54pm.