

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 8 June 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs L Moore,

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr J Francis, Mr. H Dosanjh, Mr G Mills

Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston and L. Mills

1 Members of the public

Public participation

This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is to ask questions of, and make comments, regarding the Parish Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Village Warden's report- suggested a small appliance recycling maybe helpful for the village. 'The Spinney' – a number of items such as old bikes left in the area (these have probably become visible as the pond dried out). However, it's not an easy site to access for fly-tipping.

2961/26-27 Declaration of Acceptance of Office- All Councillors following the election

Councillor Mills duly signed the acceptance of office.

2962/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Cllrs Mr D Winch and Mrs M Long and City Cllr S Allen,

2963/26-27 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations and open the meeting.

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.

2964/26-27 To approve minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2026

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 May 2026 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed by members and signed by Chairman.

2965/26-27 Matters arising from minutes.

Station Road MVAS sign- should be installed by end June by Peterborough City Council contractor.

2966/26-27 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston- Open Farm, well organised and a hugely successful.

Police Surgery- dominated by Deer Park Way and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Stuart Tough- was able to download the data and produce a usable report. Still awaiting training for the Parish Council. Will chase installation on new MVAS sign on Station Road and new current MVAS unit not showing full numbers.

Paul Robertson- no golf signs are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

Streetlights in Park- suggested tree need cutting back and solar panels need cleaning. However, Cllr Halfhide advised the solar panel are south facing so will get full sun. Cllr Halfhide reiterated there was mains electric previously on these lights despite PCC lack of knowledge!

'The Causeway' - enforcement officer has engaged with owners and timeframe given to remove static vans.

Cllr Surgeries will be back after the summer.

2967/26-27 Finance

Income June

J G Cross	Memorial Mr Mole	£200.00
Cashback		£0.23

To approve the following paid in June

Salaries		£3850.00	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,		£44.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£924.32	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		£1501.00	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	£75.12	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs	£13.49	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
NFU	Tradesman Insurance	£546.73	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr Wagg	Path repairs cemetery	£582.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
	Petrol for mowers	£78.01	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
02	Telephone	£6.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Complete Weed Control	Maintenance Forge Field	£288.00	
Redshoes accounting	Payroll Service	£151.20	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mackie Direct	Number plates for allotments	£14.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
ebay	Numbers for allotments	£12.65	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
Viking Direct	Stationery	£65.03	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Greenbarne	New Noticeboard	£1284.60	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. HMRC mileage rate has been increased by 10p to 55p per mile, backdated to 1st of April 2026. This will automatically apply to individuals as it is our policy to pay the HMRC rate.

2968/26-27 Parish Council business

1. Post Office future Outreach - The owners of Parson Drove Post Office who provide outreach services have sold their business. Indications are that Post Office Counters wish to reduce the outreach service at Thorney to 4 hours per week and exclude Friday the day when there are the most people at the hall. A new agreement will need to be made with new owners of Post Office, however the BHMC should be involved with new agreement to use Parish room. Cllr Mills will liaise with all parties.
2. Discussion concerning lorry movements in Whittlesey Road- Holcim will not commit to changing the route. Cllr Mills to continue to liaise.

2969/26-27 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

26/002006/HHFUL for Removal of existing decayed flat roof and replacement with 30° pitched roof under grey, flat profile concrete interlocking tile and demolition of existing stores at 44 St Marys Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SJ Decision: Permitted

25/01028/FUL for Temporary erection of a solar farm installation and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure including access, drainage, landscaping and other incidental works at Land at Malice Farm, South of French Drove and East and West of Scolding Drove Thorney Peterborough PE6 0PP Decision: Permitted

26/002130/FUL for Temporary retention of 3no. monitoring boreholes and their associated headworks (retrospective) at Land South of Levitt's Drove, North of River Nene Decision: Permitted

2. Other Planning Applications

26/002219/FUL Proposal: Proposed change of use from B2/B8 to car sales area, and erection of 2.4m high new pressed galvanised steel palisade fencing along the boundary (retrospective) Site address: Dalmark Grain, Knarr Farm, Wisbech Road, Thorney – objection to be formulated.

26/002300/OUT Outline application for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling and a new agricultural building Site address: Yard off Little House Farm, English Drove, Thorney – no objection

2970/26-27 Reports

1. Burial – Patching of holes left by rabbits in tarmac footpath has about half of reinstatement completed. A discussion took place regarding the ongoing problems caused by rabbits.

It was agreed to have the annual inspection in June/July. The Clerk will contact the local landowners to invite them to the inspection specifically to discuss rabbit control.

2. Allotments –A request to keep goats on allotment 12 has been received. This allotment is very overgrown with brambles. We have allowed fowl but to allow animals like this could become problematic if they escape. It was agreed goats would not be allowed.

It was agreed to number all allotments and clear allotments that need attention.

3. Forge Field – plan update. Cllr Halfhide asked whether it would need planning permission. In reply to the question asked by Councillor Ormston the Development Management Officer at Peterborough City Council stated “General landscaping such as tidying, mowing, planting, or minor ground-level changes normally does not count as “development” under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. As long as you are not carrying out engineering works that significantly alter the landform, you typically do not need planning permission.
Regarding creating a path. Planning permission would be required if path requires engineering works, the land is in a protected area, the work changes the use of the land (e.g., agricultural to recreational), and the path affects an existing public right of way.

In conclusion, you can generally tidy the land and lay a simple grass, stone, or chippings path without planning permission, as long as the work is minor, doesn't

change how the land is used, doesn't create or alter a public right of way, and the area isn't subject to special restrictions such as conservation or listed status".

2971/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – one speedwatch completed.
2. Parking issues in village- cars continue to park on double yellow lines. It was agreed to pass the issues onto parking enforcement.

2972/26-27 Village Matters

1. Warm Welcome – continues to be well attended.
2. Police Liaison – meeting on 20th May @ Bedford Hall was well attended.
3. Picnic in the Park- planning (9 August). – a location plan of stalls is needed. Two stall holders have withdrawn. Facebook post advertising for stall holders. Posters and Banner on order.

2973/26-27 Parish Councillors Individual Interests- deferred

1. Burial and Allotments- Cllr Winch & Cllr Moore
2. Planning – All Councillors
3. Countryside – Cllr Long, Cllr Moore and Cllr Francis
4. Podge Hole Liaison – Cllr Long
5. Finance – Cllr Wren, Long and Halfhide
6. Thorney Park including new pavilion project.
7. Police Liaison – Cllr Mills
8. Complaints – Cllr Long
9. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – 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 – Cllr Halfhide and Cllr Winch
14. Youth Council co-ordinator - Cllr Mills and Cllr Winch
15. Thorney Post co-ordinator – Cllr Long
16. Good Neighbour and warm welcome liaison - Cllrs Halfhide, Long, Winch and Moore

2974/26-27 Social Media Posts - None

2975/26-27 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Pavilion at Park- awaiting Parks assessment by Peterborough City Council due Summer 2026

2976/26-27 The meeting closed at 21:26pm. The date of next meeting: 13 July 2026