

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr D Winch, Mrs L Moore, Mr J Francis, Mr H Dosanjh
Peterborough City Councillor M. Ormston

1 Member of the public

2941/26-27 Declaration of Acceptance of Office- All Councillors following the election

The Councillors who attended the meeting duly signed the acceptance of office.

2942/26-27 To elect Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2027

It was proposed by Cllr Francis, seconded Cllr Halfhide and unanimously agreed that Councillor Long be elected as Chairman for the municipal year 2026/2027.

2943/26-27 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Chairman

Councillor Long signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2944/26-27 To Appoint the Vice Chairman for a similar period.

It was proposed Cllr Halfhide and seconded Cllr Francis that Cllr Moore be elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2026/2027.

2945/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence and close the meeting for public discussion

Received: Mr J Wren, Mr G Mills and Peterborough City Councillor S.Allen

Public Discussion-

Concerns raised over the new recycle bin as it contained cardboard. New Bin is for plastic bags that should not go in Peterborough City Council green bins. It was agreed the Clerk would be produce a notice to specify which plastics can be recycled and placed on the bin. Also, a Facebook post will be published.

2946/26-27 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.

2947/26-27 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 April 2026

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 April 2026 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were approved by Councillors and signed by Chairman.

2948/26-27 Matters arising from minutes

- “The Spinney”- Bird boxes will be installed later in the year once the nesting season has finished
- Station Road MVAS sign- the City Councillors to chase Stuart Tough as no response to Clerk’s emails.
- Plastic waste recycling bin for village- has been installed and advertised

2949/26-27 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston- The post has been ordered for the Station Road MVAS unit.

Stuart Tough will look at data downloading from unit on Wisbech Road.

Thorney Park Solar Street Lights- do not illuminate the public footpath when insufficient light has charged the batteries. This is not currently safe for pedestrians. PCC looking into the options.

2950/26-27 Finance

Income May

Peterborough City		
Council	Precept	£13396.80
Cashback		£1.13

To approve the following paid in May

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	£75.24	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
Hiscox	Parish Council Insurance	£1514.78	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Petrol for mowers	£68.69	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
	Chairmans Allowance	£150.00	LGA 1972 s15(5), 35(5)
Howsafe	Safety boots and gloves	£124.22	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
NLIDB	Drainage rates	£32.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
02	Telephone	£33.42	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Heath and Safety	Safety documents	£99.80	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Chairmans allowance – It was proposed Cllr Halfhide, seconded Cllr Francis and unanimously agreed an allowance of £300, paid in 2 instalments of £150, 6 months apart.

2951/26-27 Future meeting dates

June 8, July 13, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10.

2952/26-27 Parish Council business

1. Bedford Hall – a discussion took place on the Bedford Hall Expansion Vision, however the funding issue would be a separate discussion later.
2. Digital Inclusion - Rural Opportunity and funding – this is being led by Good Neighbours and funding is available until March 2027.
3. Discussion concerning lorry movements on Whittlesey Road- deferred

2953/26-27 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

26/00107/FUL for Conversion of equestrian building to four dwellings including partial demolition, associated access and landscaping at Land to The East of Bell Drove Thorney Peterborough PE6 0PG Decision: Permitted

26/00207/DISCHG for Discharge of conditions C3 (external facing materials), C6 (rooflights), C7 (landscaping), C8 (biodiversity enhancements), C11 (solar panels), C12 (safety and stability of the building fabric) and C14 (biodiversity net gain) to planning permission 25/00832/FUL at Smithy Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough Decision: Determined

25/01559/LBC for Replace four dormer windows at Flat 3 21 Church Street Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QB 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

26/00168/LBC for Proposed solar panels on South and East-facing roof at 2 Abbey Place Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QA Decision: Refused

26/00084/HHFUL for Ground floor rear extension to replace conservatory at Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SG Decision: Permitted

25/00860/FUL 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) Site address: Four Acres North Side Thorney Peterborough PE6 0RL Planning Appeal

2. Other Planning Applications- none

2954/26-27 Reports

1. Burial – Another monument damaged. From Police reply “With regards to your crime report of **Damage to statue** that you reported on the **30/04/26**, your crime number is **35/31888/26**. Your crime has been reviewed within the Investigation Management Unit. Unfortunately, there are no viable lines of enquiry located within the report and therefore it will be filed at this time pending any developments”.

Damage to a memorial bench, this has been repaired.

2. Allotments – tap change, that was not actioned due to complaints from allotment holders. It was agreed to investigate installing a meter on each tap.
3. Forge Field – plan update. Cllr Halfhide asked whether it would need planning permission- Cllr Ormston to inquire. The Clerk suggested selective spraying on the field for the nettles and thistles. Cllr Moore suggested mowing a path rather than a tarmac path and this was agreed as a first step.

2955/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – One Speedwatch completed. More planned for May.
2. Footprints heritage walk – potential permissive path application from cemetery to Deer Park Way planned. Parish Council fully supportive.

2956/26-27 Village Matters

1. Warm Welcome – continues to be popular and membership has increased.
2. Police Liaison – meeting on 20th May @ Bedford Hall

3. Picnic in the Park- planning (9 August). Electricity for music organised with a resident whose property backs onto park. The Clerk has circulated a potential banner. It was agreed to get the following printed: 2 x A3 posters (weatherproof), 4 x A4 posters and 1 x banner
4. Concerns over parking on Wisbech Road near school with cars parked on both sides on the road causing issues with farm traffic, buses and emergency vehicles.
5. Local Plan- next consultation due June/July 2026.

2957/26-27 Parish Councillors Individual Interests- deferred

2958/26-27 Social Media Posts

2959/26-27 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

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

2960/26-27 The meeting closed at 21:05pm. The date of next meeting: 8th June 2026