

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 13 July 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr J Francis, Mr. H Dosanjh, Mr G Mills, Mrs L Moore, Mr J Wren
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston and S Allen

3 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.

Two residents addressed the Parish Council regarding their potential planning application, including details of their design and materials.

Deer Park Steering committee for phase one- concerns raised regarding speeding and handbrake turns around the corners. Highways are not willing to act until the management has handed over to the Steering committee. Thorney Parish Council has no jurisdiction to enforce speeding restrictions; however, City Cllrs requested an email so they can liaise with highways.

2977/26-27 Declaration of Acceptance of Office- All Councillors following the election

Councillor Wren duly signed the acceptance of office.

2978/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Cllrs Mr D Winch

2979/26-27 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.

2980/26-27 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2026

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 June 2026 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed by members and signed by Chairman.

2981/26-27 Matters arising from minutes.

Station Road MVAS sign- Peterborough City Council contractor has the sign and progressing installation

New notice board erected in cemetery by Mr Lucken. Cemetery rules displayed

2982/26-27 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston – 'No Golf' signs still not in place.

The park Lights- PCC still investigating whether the original lights had electricity!

Cllr Allen- concerns over parking on double yellow lines and obstructing driveways on sandpit road and Woburn Drive. Especially during school run times.

Park -Cllr Allen completed a walk around with a resident. He was conscious the resurfacing of the Tennis Court is likely to be a challenge - certainly the costs Cllr

Ormston obtained for PCC indicated a costly exercise; however, the issues I have highlighted do need to be addressed and should be within PCC remit and these are:
 Requested more bins near benches
 Play equipment and benches jet washed and cleaned.
 Zip wire should be replaced. (this is badly fraying at the gripper point)
 Trees clearing underneath - The undergrowth is predominately briars and nettles and badly needs a comprehensive trim, cut back and removal of the extraneous growth
 Gates fixing - Gate near Abbey Entrance is not closing to meet the keep
 Goals for football play.

2983/26-27 Finance

Income July

J G Cross	Memorial Mr Scotney	£150.00
Cashback		£0.55

To approve the following paid in July

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
CAPALC	Membership	£785.82	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Thorney Society	Windfarm grant	£1100.00	
Viking-Direct	Envelopes	£32.93	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Peterborough		£100	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Accountancy Services	Audit		
Complete Weed Control	Selective herbicide application Forge Field	£300.00	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Clerk	Allotment letter postage	£24.70	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Windfarm grant application from Thorney Society for
 “This grant is requested for the purpose of setting up two information and interpretation boards on the northwest corner of The Green. These will explain to residents, and to visitors, something of the history of the centre of the village, particularly demonstrating through reconstructions the enormous size of the medieval Abbey and the different uses of this central space”. Following discussions, it was unanimously agreed for a grant of £1100.00.

2984/26-27 Parish Council business

1. Post Office future Outreach – has been very unreliable with opening and do not communicate closures clearly or with adequate time to the residents of Thorney. Eye Parish are having the same issues with the outreach Post Office. It was agreed Mrs Long would liaise with Parson Drove to raise our concerns. The Clerk would contact Crowland to see if they are interested in running an outreach.
2. Discussion concerning lorry movements in Whittlesey Road- Holcim cannot help unless they have registration plates reported to managers.
3. Toneham Lane- fly-tipping in layby has been reported and not yet been cleared. Needs specialist equipment. The Clerk to investigate additional signage, for example 'please pick up your litter' and 'fly tipping', this will depend on landowners.
4. Frequent parking on double yellow lines in various places in the village. Parking Enforcement asked for patrols.

2985/26-27 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals
26/002318/HHFUL for Replacement of existing conservatory and 1no. timber window to UPVC at 8 Church Street Thorney Decision: Permitted
2. Planning Applications
26/002026/FUL for Change of use of existing industrial building (Use Class B2/E(g)) to 5no. Class E commercial units including associated external alterations and parking provision at Bridge House, The Causeway, Thorney.
Thorney Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons:
The Heritage Statement supplied that Bridge Works is of "limited heritage significance" ... "nor does it appear to form part of the key heritage assets" of the village. It is a **fact** that these works have been listed as T15 in the Peterborough Local List, and that entry says that they are "an important part of the village's industrial history, and an interesting addition to the street scene". While some of the building is set back and largely hidden, the front part is key to the streetscene entering Thorney from the west.
There may also be some evidence of the circular form used in applying iron tyres to wooden wheels in front of the double doors near the road.
We are also unhappy about the signage requested as this does not respect the spirit of the Conservation Area.
The Design Statement includes cladding to areas of poor brickwork and black masonry paint. We do not think these are appropriate in the Conservation Area.
The historic nature of the walls on the west and north of the site do not seem to be addressed in this proposal.
26/002468/FUL For Installation of new Oil storage (Heating) tank located within the external grounds of Park House School to supply the school heating system at Park House School Wisbech Road, Thorney – no objection
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
26/002467/FUL Proposal: Change of use from a C3 dwelling to a C2 Residential Institution for use as a children's home Site address: 58 The Causeway, Thorney. Concerns raised over health and safety of children's home with a high risk on the busy A47.

3. Enforcement action abandoned Site adjacent Whittlesey Rd, Thorney Dyke – Cllr Dosanjh – inquired whether is a timeframe once enforcement served. Cllr Ormston replied that it typically 6 months.

2986/26-27 Reports

1. Burial – holes left by rabbits. The cemetery committee had a site meeting with farmers' of adjacent fields and a pest control expert. Damage is occurring in the cemetery particularly on the left boundary.
The farmers will take their own action and the Clerk has requested rabbit proof fencing costs on the left and bottom boundaries. This is likely to be very expensive as ground clearance, and possibly tree surgery, will have to be undertaken before the installation of the fencing. Costs may have to be part of next year's budget. The Clerk will investigate funding for the project.
2. Allotments –Mr Lucken has carried out more work on badly kept allotments. Labels have now been received to give each allotment a number that have been sent to all allotment holders asking them to fix the plate in the front of the allotment to display the number clearly. Hose Pipe Ban- discussion took place regarding enforcing this. It was agreed install a sign advising of hosepipe ban. Agreed to have competition for best allotment again this year following the break for Covid19.
3. Forge Field – plan update. Waiting for the field to be cut. It was agreed to meet on site once this is complete.

2987/25-26 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.
3. Knarr Farm- Cllr Ormston requested pictures of the site for evidence of additional activity.

2988/26-27 Village Matters

1. Warm Welcome – continues to be well attended.
2. Police Liaison – no further update. Cyber and Fraud Talk available for Parish it was agreed to investigate his availability and hall hire.
3. Skip Station Road – report circulated – not discussed in meeting as insufficient time.
4. Picnic in the Park- planning (9 August). – events notification made to Peterborough City Council stating a community event with some stalls and live music running from 12 noon to 4pm. The heat and dryness may mean purchasing a fire extinguisher- this was agreed.
5. Bench on Whittlesey road- sleeper bench tipped over
6. Abbey Place- Jubilee Bench moves when used.

2989/26-27 Parish Councillors Individual Interests- deferred

2990/26-27 Social Media Posts -

2991/26-27 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

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

2992/26-27 The meeting closed at 21:10pm. The date of next meeting: 14th September 2026