

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 14 September 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Mr J Francis, Mr G Mills, Mrs L Moore,
Peterborough City Councillors Mr M. Ormston & Mr L Mills

1 Member 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.

A resident raised their concerns regarding a proposed travellers' site proposed in the Local Plan. The official Local Plan has not yet been published by Peterborough City Council but discussion of this site has already started and will likely be discussed as a special public meeting for that one topic.

They also enquired about the planned roadworks on New Cut, as the current single file traffic management is dangerous.

2993/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Cllrs Mr D Winch & Mr. H Dosanjh, City Cllr S Allen

2994/26-27 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations and open the meeting.

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time.

Resolved: None

2995/26-27 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2026

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

2996/26-27 Matters arising from minutes.

Station Road MVAS sign- Peterborough City Council contractor has had the sign since early July. Highways Officer chasing installation.
Station Road recycling bin – clarification needed of contents

2997/26-27 Report from City Councillors.

Cllr Ormston – The Park lights- PCC still investigating
Fly tipping- the City Council will have a page to 'name and shame' offenders.
Ongoing maintenance issues with rural roads to start 14th September 2026.
Bulky collection in village on 31st October 2026.
Cllr Mills- Local Government Reorganisation has been delayed.

2998/26-27 Finance

Income August and September

Coop Eye

Inter Mr Ladds

£1,500.00

Mr Church	Reserve grave space	£800.00
Smiths	Inter Mr Easton	£3,100.00
unity bank	interest	£44.34
Cashback		£1.47
J G Cross	Memorial Mr Holmes	£150.00
Mr and Mrs Paul	Reserve grave space	£1,200.00
Mr Bugeja	Allotment rent	£50.00

To approve the following paid in August and September

Salaries	Each month	£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	Each month	£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment,	Each month	£44.17	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council	Each month	£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	Each month	£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
	Petrol for mowers	£	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
02	Telephone	£6.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking-Direct	Envelopes	£32.93	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Clerk	Allotment letter postage	£24.70	Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
Viking-Direct	Stationery	£54.92	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
PRS Ltd	music license	£166.57	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
biffa waste	skip Station rd	£54.60	
Thorney Society	Windfarm grant	£1100.00	
Acorn Fire	Trolley	£63.12	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
unity bank	service charge May - July	£14.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Rodent control		Small Holdings Act 1908 s 23, 26, 42, LGA 1972 s215
G & L Cade	allotments	£72.00	
AJS Landscapes	Topsoil Cemetery	£72.00	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
	Parish Room		LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Bedford Hall MC	Cleaning	£180.00	
	Hall hire Warm		Covid fund
Bedford Hall MC	Welcome	£360.00	
Canva	Poster Software	£120.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	Fire extinguisher		LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking-Direct	picnic park	£85.49	
	Water for picnic in		LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Viking-Direct	park	£17.99	
biffa waste	skip Station rd	£37.92	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
Viking-Direct	Headset	£56.33	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Thorney Ex Servicemen's Club	Grant	£1000.00	Windfarm Fund

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Windfarm grant application from Thorney Ex-Servicemen's Club for £1000. The grant application is to re-carpet main club area that is used as a hub for villagers to socialise. The fund managers insist that some kind of financial control is in place by those requesting a grant and the treasurer has provided this information.
Resolved: It was proposed by Cllr Halfhide seconded by Cllr Francis and agreed to approve the grant request.
3. Submission has been made for Thorney Parish Council application for Windfarm grant for cemetery rabbit fencing. Awaiting outcome of application.
4. Agreement made in principle for debris clearance on allotments by contractor following the inspection in August: Number 7, 10 and 30 need strimming, clearance, weed killing and a skip for rubbish. End between 27 and 30 strimm, weed kill, clear, skip needed.

2999/26-27 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 inform the residents of Thorney. Cllr Long will contact the postmaster to inquire whether we can swop a day rather than add extra hours. It was agreed a Facebook post to highlight the Parish Council's ongoing liaison with the Post Office and the intransigence being met.
2. Vehicle parking on village green that is owned by Thorney Parish Council. It was agreed to contact the conservation officer to inquire what measures could be taken to stop cars parking on the green.
3. Community Resilience. At the start of covid isolation, we struggled to know what to do on behalf of the community. Cllr Halfhide has suggested we should have some kind of plan in case we have another situation.
If this happens, the local council, with the help of voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross and Officers from Peterborough City Council will set up a rest centre to look after evacuees who have nowhere else to stay.
Setting up a rest centre is a fairly complex task. When somebody has been evacuated from their home they need to be registered so that their family or friends can be told they are safe. Evacuees may need food and drink, medication and help with health problems, clothes, pet care and sleeping arrangements if the evacuation is overnight.
Peterborough City Council would lead with such a situation as they should have specialist officers.

3000/26-27 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
26/002496/CLE for Use of the site as a Sui Generis scrap yard - collection, storage, sorting, processing, recycling and sale of scrap metal and other salvaged materials. at The Scrapyard, Wryde Works, New Cut, Thorney Decision: Decision Lawful.
26/002469/LBC for Installation of a 1.5m high enclosure fence affixed to the curtilage listed wall in association with a new oil storage tank at Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SA Decision: Permitted

26/002800/WCPP Proposal: Variation of condition C3 (approved plans) of planning permission 25/00617/HHFUL Site address: White Hart Farm Cottage, English Drove, - no objections

26/002747/CTR For Lime (Sgl/014580) - Re-establishing of pollard for reasons of health and safety; foreseeable risk of failure due to fungal bracket (Ganoderma) at base at Cheriton House, The Green, Thorney, - no objections

26/002782/HHFUL For Single storey rear extension at 122, Wisbech Road, Thorney – no objection

26/002776/PIP For Permission in Principle for the erection of a single dwelling (stage 1 permission) at Land off Deer Park Way, - we have not been invited to submit comments on this application

26/002751/CLP For Erection of a single-storey rear extension at 3 English Drove Thorney Peterborough - no objection

26/002159/FUL For Change of use of paddock land to form two residential Gypsy and Traveller pitches, each pitch to comprise 2 x mobile homes, 2 x touring caravans and 1 x day room with associated ground works, hardstanding, boundary treatment and landscaping (retrospective) at Land to the North of North Bank, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 7YZ – Thorney Parish Council supports the submission made by Cllr Michael Fisher, CCC Whittlesey South Electoral Division

Fens Reservoir

Clerk will attend online meeting to discuss how this affects Thorney

3001/26-27 Reports

1. Burial – four quotations received to erected rabbit proof fencing. Awaiting windfarm fund application before progressing further.
2. Allotments – Following the inspection in August it was noted that Best Allotment Number 8
Number 7, 10 and 30 need strimming, clearance, weed killing and a skip for rubbish. End between 27 and 30 strimm, weed kill, clear, skip needed
3. Forge Field – White marker posts have been used to map out a route, as they are easily adjusted, should the route need to be altered. The grass on the route will be cut.

3002/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – (including issues in Deer Park) and Whittlesey Road. Continues to be an issue, but as Deer Park way is still in the hands of the developer there is limited power to help the issue. Dog fouling of footpaths is also a problem in Deer Park.
2. 30mph notices on waste bins- Cllr Ormston to check if Peterborough CC will fund this scheme.
3. Footpath lighting in Park- still awaiting on Peterborough CC's response from contractor.

3003/26-27 Village Matters

1. Warm Welcome/Good Neighbours – Secured funding to sustain and expand the 'Good Neighbours' Scheme – enabling the current no fee 'free' period until 31st March 2028.
2. Police Liaison – Cyber and Fraud Talk to be held on the 17th September 2026 @ 18:30.

3. Picnic in the Park- review. Thank you extended to Boots and Strings for the music. It was a successful event, with the stall holders wanting to return next year. It was agreed to write to Stephen Ward to thank him for using his electricity and a gift voucher (£50.00). It was also agreed to make a donation to Boots and Strings.

3004/26-27 Parish Councillors Individual Interests

1. Burial and Allotments- Cllr Winch & Cllr Moore
2. Planning – All Councillors
3. Countryside – Cllr Long, Cllr Moore and Cllr Francis
4. Pode Hole Liaison – Cllr Long
5. Finance – Cllr Wren, Long and Dosanjh
6. Thorney Park including new pavilion project- Cllr Long and Mills
7. Police Liaison – Cllr Mills
8. Complaints – Chair and Vice-chair
9. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – Cllr Wren
10. Peterborough City Council committees – Parish Liaison - Cllr Long and Cllr Halfhide
11. Bedford Hall liaison – Cllr Mills
12. Employment – Chair and Vice-chair
13. Social Media – Cllr Halfhide and the Clerk
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
17. Community Resilience- Cllr Mills, Cllr Halfhide and the Clerk

3005/26-27 Social Media Posts

3006/26-27 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Pavilion at Park- awaiting Parks assessment by Peterborough City Council
Review allotment tenancy agreement
External audit report
Picnic in the Park 2027

3007/26-27 The meeting closed at 20:48pm. The date of next meeting: 12th October 2026