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, Mrs L Moore, Mr. H Dosanjh, Mr J Wren
Peterborough City Councillors Mr M. Ormston

2 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 lorries using Whittlesey Road through the village and causing vibrations though the houses. Cllr Long explained the Parish Council and City Cllrs have tried to address the issue with the City Council and Holcim, but there is little progress.
Church Street- residents raised their concerns about the number cars parking on Church Street. Parking enforcement has been contacted and Cllr Ormston advised resident parking could be considered. It was agreed to add this an agenda item for the next meeting.
Porta Loo on 'The Green' – can this be collected promptly once it is no longer needed? The Clerk will contact the Church Warden.

3008/26-27 To receive and approve apologies for absence.
Received: Cllrs Mr G Mills and Mr D Winch. City Cllr Allen

3009/26-27 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

3010/26-27 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2026
Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 September 2026 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed by members and signed by Chairman.

3011/26-27 Matters arising from minutes.
- Station Road MVAS sign- installed and working. Statistics can be downloaded by Bluetooth
- 30mph signs on waste bins – Peterborough City Council has no objections (agenda item for next time and Clerk obtain a cost for stickers for bins)

3.012/26-27 Report from City Councillors.
Cllr Ormston liaising with residents of Church Street regarding parking.
New Cut- work due to start in November with patching.
Local Plan is now live for consultation. All old comments have been removed.
From November 2026, there will be less planning committees and City Cllrs will have less influence. More decisions will be made by planning officers.
Thorney Park- footpath through park has deteriorated.

3013/26-27 Finance

Income September and October

Income

Parish Precept	£19,725.00
Burial Grounds Precept	£13,425.00
Recreation Grounds precept	£1,500.00
Mrs Mason, Interment	£300.00
Allotment rentals	£1100.00

To approve the following paid in October

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	£76.53	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1
02	Telephone	£6.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
biffa waste	skip Station rd	£54.60	
Bedford Hall MC	Parish Room Cleaning	£40.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Bedford Hall MC	Hall hire Warm Welcome	£40.00	Covid fund
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fee	£504.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Route t web	Website hosting and maintenance	£831.47	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Mr Wagg Builder	Repairs to cemetery footpaths	£1,756.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
NLIDB	Drainage charges Forge Field	£41.35	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Boots and Strings	Picnic in Park	£50.00	

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. External audit report – circulated and noted. No comments to raise.
3. Agreement to Windfarm grant to Football Club. The grant application is to repair car parking in the park. The fund managers insist that some kind of financial control is in place by those requesting a grant and the treasurer has been asked to provide this information. Decision deferred to next meeting, as awaiting the financial information.
4. Additional signatures for bank payments – we only have three signatures to bank accounts at present and we need two other members who would be available to certify online payments when appropriate. It was agreed Cllr Halfhide and Cllr Wren would be the two additional signatories on the accounts.
5. It was agreed to purchase wreaths for Remembrance Day – motion under section 137 of LGA 1972. Cllr Long will organisation the remembrance service at the Bedford Hall on the 11th November 2026.

3014/26-27 Parish Council business

1. Post Office future Outreach –the Chairman wrote to the postmaster to enquire whether they would be willing to swop the days at the Bedford Hall. No response has been received, Cllr Long will continue to liaise.
2. Vehicle parking on village green that is owned by Thorney Parish Council. It was agreed to instal two signs - once at each end of the green. These will be 'No parking' signs on 12 inch posts. The Clerk will design the signs for consideration prior to ordering.
3. Community Resilience. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Prepared have a very useful website at https://www.cpprepared.org.uk/advice/
   They also have a contact page and have been asked if anyone can attend a Parish Council meeting to advise us. The Clerk and Cllr Halfhide to continue work on this.

3015/26-27 Planning

Approved

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 - Decision: Permitted

26/002751/CLP for Erection of a single-storey rear extension at 3 English Drove – Lawful

26/002994/TRE for Thorney Park, Thorney – tree works by Peterborough City Council - no objection

26/002873/TRE for Park House School, Wisbech Road, Thorney, - tree works - no objection

26/002854/FUL for Green Drove Farm, Thorney Dyke, - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential amenity space including new garage – no objection

26/002841/LBC for Globe House, Whittlesey Road - Replacement windows, entrance doors and rainwater goods – no objections

26/002919/CTR for Duke Of Bedford Stables – tree works – no objections

Fens Reservoir – plan of proposed development circulated

3016/26-27 Reports

1. **Burial – rabbit proof fencing**
   Waiting for windfarm funding request to be processed before proceeding
2. **Allotments – management update**

Contractors met on site for strimming, clearance, weed killing and a skip for rubbish. Awaiting quotation for works

Renewal invoices sent out and now contain the clause "In accordance with the allotment tenancy the rent is due to be paid and by payment of rental indicates you agree and will comply with your tenancy agreement."

Letters have also been sent to four allotment holders who have renewed their tenancy but their allotments need maintaining.

3. Forge Field –

Grass on proposed footpath has been cut, which has exposed the ground very uneven. The Clerk and Cllr Moore will meet and alter the footpath. It was agreed to write a risk assessment for the area and display signs that this is a foot path and users of the field do so at their own risk.

3017/25-26 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village – no further update

3018/26-27 Village Matters

1. Warm Welcome/Good Neighbours – well attended at the first October warm welcome.

2. Police Liaison – it was agreed to invite the police to a Parish Council meeting.

3. Picnic in the Park 2027- The two potential dates are 8th or 15th August 2027. To be confirmed at next meeting.

4. Over hanging branch over the beacon at school crossing- request Mr Lucken clear branch so beacon can be seen.

5. Canary Cottage- concerns over the ongoing neglect of this property. It was agreed to write to the owner to express our concerns regarding the listed building.

6. Christmas Hampers- contact school how many hampers they would need this Christmas. The budget will be £60 per hamper. Cllr Long and Cllr Moore will organise the hampers.

7. Cemetery Watch- will go ahead from 6:30pm at the cemetery on 31st October 2026.

3019/26-27 Social Media Posts

3020/26-27 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

Pavilion at Park- awaiting Parks assessment by Peterborough City Council

3021/26-27 The meeting closed at 9:25pm. The date of next meeting: 9th November 2026