

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, D Winch, Mrs K Howard, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman, Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston,

1 Members of the public.

Public discussion - None

2671/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Peterborough City Councillors R Ray & S Allen, Cllr Williams

2672/24-25 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations

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.

2673/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 89 September 2024

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 September 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2674/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.

1. Sandpit Road/St Mary Close footpath barrier obstructs wheelchair users. Reported to PCC for action.
2. The Causeway – large dip in road near the roundabout. Reported to PCC for action.
3. Whittlesey Road footpath- between the Courtyard and the Abbey Place excessive number of potholes need addressing - Reported to PCC for action.
4. Tavistock Close footpath though park has a number of potholes - Reported to PCC for action.
5. Location given for dog waste bin on Whittlesey Road given to PCC for installation.
6. Speed activated sign for Whittlesey Road being actioned by PCC Highways
7. Radio does not work in MUGA at the Park- reported to PCC.
8. Thorney Dyke Airplane crash memorial site – notice displayed asking for litter to be taken home.
9. Forge Field - Application from resident to purchase a garden extension – Peterborough City Council is reluctant to agree to further erosion of the land for inclusion within residential properties.

2675/24-25 Report from City Councillors.

PCC Councillor Ormston- confirmed a site visit was conducted at Causeway Lodge prior to the planning committee meeting.

Thorney Football Club- still would like funding, however no further approach has been made to Parish Council.

Next PCC Councillor surgery will be on 26th October 2024.

Local Plan deferred until 2025.

2676/24-25 Finance

The following were received in September/October

Foodbank		£5.00
PCC	Precept	£28305.00
Windfarm Fund		£5000.00
Allotment renewal rentals		£850.00

To approve the following paid in October

Salaries		£3534.00	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		£32.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£740.29	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		£1270.00	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	£70.54	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs	£11.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Route to web	Annual hosting	£831.47	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers	£46.55	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Bedford Hall	Warm Welcome	£520.00	Covid 19 fund
Bedford Hall		£280.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
PKF Littlejohn	Thorney Festival	£520.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
	External Audit		

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
2. Windfarm Grant – It was agreed to proceed with Thorney Parish Council application form for grants. It was also agreed to advertise the availability of the grant in the Thorney Post and on Facebook.
3. Lanyard for Councillors- Cllr M Long gave details of the quotation she was able to obtain for the lanyards. Cllr Winch advised he would obtain a quotation for the card printing. It was agreed to proceed with a double clip and printed 'Thorney Parish Council' on the ribbon.

2677/24-25 Reports

1. Pavilion - Steve Winwright has withdrawn from association with the new pavilion project he started. The Clerk is meeting the Architects at Kings Lynn Tuesday 15 October for an up-to-date appraisal. Following that meeting he will meet the PCC Officer in charge of Parks and Leisure. We may have to call a special meeting to discuss the future of this project.
2. Burial – concerns of breaches of cemetery regulations. Regulations circulated. It was agreed to add 'Failure to comply will result in the items being removed, stored and await collection by owner' The stone vaults for cremated remains ordered last April are being delivered next Wednesday. Contract let earlier in year for unloading and then install the units.
3. Bedford Hall – lease talks to be rescheduled. No update since last meeting.

4. Allotments – yearly rents being received. At least 3 allotment sheds have been broken into between 8 and 10 October. Those who had items stolen should inform police. Cllr Winch will investigate the lack of lock on the gate. It was agreed if the padlock is missing, the Parish Council would purchase a combination padlock, with numbers supplied to the allotment holders, the combination could then be changed every year.
5. Forge Field - Application from resident to purchase a garden extension – Peterborough City Council is reluctant to agree to further erosion of the land for inclusion within residential properties.

2678/24-25 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

- 24/00622/FUL for Construction of one 4no bedroom dwelling at Stonebridge Bungalow Stonebridge Corner North Side Thorney Decision: Refused
- 24/00990/CTR Thorney Abbey Church of St Mary and St Botolph the Green Thorney Proposal: Fell and prune trees - permitted
- 24/00917/HHFUL: Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at 59 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough – permitted
- 24/00828/HHFUL For Single storey rear extension to dwelling at 22 Russell Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SW- permitted
- 24/00221/FUL for Change of use from residential (C3) to Private educational facility (School F1.A) at Pond House The Park Wisbech Road Thorney permitted.
- 24/00280/FUL for Proposed access to paddock and installation of gate at Land To The West Of Northey Road - permitted
- 24/01014/HHFUL For Two-storey rear extension at 3 Toneham Lane Thorney Peterborough PE6 0RE - withdrawn
- 24/01015/HHFUL 4 Toneham Lane Thorney Peterborough - Two-storey rear extension – withdrawn

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/01009/WCPP For Variation of condition C1 (temporary consent) pursuant to planning permission 21/00326/FUL at Causeway Lodge, The Causeway Thorney – To Peterborough City Council planning committee 15 October.

24/01163/TRE Proposal: T.1 - 1101 Elm - Fell, T.2 - 1102 Weeping Pear - Crown lift to 2.1m, T.3 - 9141 Lime - Crown lift to 2.1m (52/00002/TPO), T.4 - 9132 Yew - Prune, T.5 - 9130 Copper Beech - Remove dead wood Site address: Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney – no objection. However, can replacements be planted.

2679/24-25 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in village/ Speedwatch – speeding continues to be an issue. Speedwatch have completed 1 check in the village due to the weather.

Speed indicator sign - PCC Councillor Ormston chasing the final costings to expedite the project.

2680/24-25 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to the end of the year.
2. Youth facilities - Cllr Mills gave an update. Emails sent to schools, but no feedback and lack of volunteers. It was agreed place an article in the Thorney Post and on Facebook. Look at having a launch evening with music, food, activities.

3. Remembrance Day – organisation for wreath laying. Rev. Ann Ballard will conduct the service at the Bedford Hall on Monday 11th November @ 11am. It was agreed to contact the school to enquire whether they want to be involved.
4. Christmas Tree is not a viable option for 2024. Christmas Hampers - it was agreed to provide 10 hampers to the school to distribute to those who they felt needed them. Cllr Shearman will contact school and arrange the delivery of the hampers. It was agreed to spend £25 per hamper.
5. Thorney Running Club celebrating 40 Years next year.
6. Complaint received regarding the poor upkeep of the tennis courts, also concerns over the number of football pitches and increased cars/parking issues. Cllr Ormston advised PCC will remove the weeds, etc on the tennis courts, but the court will not be resurfaced as there is not funding available.

2681/24-25 Facebook Posts

None

Cllr Howard left the meeting

2682/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Consider noticeboard on green opposite the Public House or in the grounds of Public House.

2683/24-25 Parish Council business

'Cemetery Watch' on 31st October 2024. Parish Councillor and Volunteers.
From 18:30.

2684/24-25 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 11^h November 2024
Meeting Closed at 9:15pm.