

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on
Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mr B. Parker, Mrs. D Halfhide, Ms K Howard, Mr G Mills

Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston, S Allen

3 Members of the public.

Public discussion –

A resident addressed the council regarding her application to become a Parish Councillor.

2728/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: Mr D Winch, Mr S Williams

Mr Shearman has resigned from the Council due to ill health

Mr Parker resigned to fill Litter Picking vacancy

2729/24-25 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.

Dorothy Halfhide declared at interest on Finance item no. 4

2730/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2025

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 January 2025 and bank
reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and
signed by Chairman.

2731/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.

None

2732/24-25 Report from City Councillors.

City Cllr Ormston- the post has been installed, and the speed indicator sign will be
installed within 2 weeks on Whittlesey Road.

Fridge Freezers- removed from dykes by NLDB

Tennis Court- £25,000 for resurfacing only, does not include fencing (Chilton Sports)

Parish Council liaison charter- wanted 2 names we only submitted 1 name- Dorothy
Halfhide agreed to be the second attendee

26th February 2025 – police walk around with City Cllrs Allen and Ormston

City Cllr Allen- the Causeway road has been repaired; Station Road is waiting for
repair.

Thorney Library remains open, however long-term plan is to have it closed and
relocated to the Bedford Hall. PCC wished to keep a library service in Thorney.

Foodbank was given an additional two weeks to clear the building by PCC, this did
not allow the Foodbank to operate, however the Foodbank has a temporary home at
the school.

2733/24-25 Finance

Income January/February

Smiths Funeral Directors	Inter Mr Wigg	£1,210.00
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Ms Allen	Reserve space	
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To approve the following paid in February

Salaries		£3076.82	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, mobile		£65.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£996.62	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		£1031.74	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
Andrew Belson Ltd	Bi annual tree inspectic	£1092.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Dimension Design	Logo design youth act	£200.00	Covid fund
Howsafe	PPE Mr Parker	£116.38	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Information Commissioner	Data Protection	£35.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142
Complete weed control	Flail Forge Field July 2	£288.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142
Living Wage Foundation	Membersip	£82.50	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Thorney Parish Council policy is to increase salaries of employees by the Real Living Wage as calculated by livingwage.org.uk (circulated). It was agreed to an increase in salaries from 1 April of 5%.
3. Tree survey – agree to go out for tender for suggested works from survey. Urgent work already completed by Mr Lucken
4. Thorney Society request for donation- it was agreed a donation of £240 under Section 137.

2734/24-25 Appointment of Street warden/litter picker

The vacancy was advertised on both noticeboards and on our website. Only applicant is Mr. Brian Parker however The Electoral Commission rules out being an employee and Councillor at the same time.

It was proposed by Mrs Howard seconded by Mr Mills and agreed to appoint Mr Parker as the Street Warden. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Parker regarding his resignation to the Parish Council and a start date. The job description has been circulated to all councillors for information.

2735/24-25 Reports

1. Burial and crossroads - The crown of 7133 Ash at Thorney Crossroads is low over the footpath and should be lifted to achieve a clearance of 2.1m for pedestrians to pass safely beneath the tree – completed by Mr Lucken
2. Bedford Hall – waiting for minutes from Peterborough City Council who wish to alter the lease. Mrs Long outlined the meeting for the Parish Council. The keys Thorney Parish Council held for the premises in Church Street were returned to Mr Neil Simon at the meeting.
3. Allotments – no update
4. Forge Field – no update

5. Website link to social media – agreed to update the website with social media links. Mrs Halfhide is taking events information from social media and putting it on a page on TPC website.

2736/24-25 Planning

1. Local Plan- comments to PCC

Agreed that the comments on the Local Plan will be initiated when the consultation period starts in February.

2. Approvals and Refusals

24/00430/FUL for Proposed storage units (B8) with enlarged hardstanding, revised entrance gate and provision of security fencing at Dalmark Grain Knarr Farm Wisbech Road Thorney Decision: Refused

24/01520/HHFUL for Part demolition of existing two storey dwelling and associated garage building, with proposed domestic two storey extension with integral garage at Glass House Farm Dairy Drove Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

3. Planning Applications and other matters.

25/00184/CTR Pond House Wisbech Road Thorney - Removal of Sycamore – no objection provided replacement tree planted immediately sycamore removed

2737/24-25 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in village/ Speedwatch – Speed indicator sign –should be installed within 2 weeks.

Speedwatch- Whittlesey Road, quantity of lorries increased but within speed limit.

Recent Police action with camera along Station Road

2738/24-25 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance. Donation received from Mr Stimson's family.
2. Youth facilities – Mr Mills has created a design logo for the Youth Facilities. This can be included for flyers and banners.
3. Future of withdrawn planning application for new pavilion
It was agreed to gauge opinion at the Parish Council open day and also investigate resident's opinions on priorities for the village.
Cllr Ormston suggested contacting solar farm to check funding available for the pavilion.
Fenland Flag- Mr Bowman contacted Mr Parker regarding attending a meeting. It was agreed to invite him to the March 2025 meeting.
4. Running club – no record of email requesting a donation.
5. Park House- are having discussions regarding the Spinney with PCC.

2739/24-25 Facebook Posts

Mr Parker to no longer be on admin.

It was agreed to post a monthly Parish Council update on Facebook

2740/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

- Picnic in the Park coordinator

2741/24-25 Parish Council business

1. Parish Council open day- 26th April 2025, 3pm- 7pm

Tables for the following: City Cllrs, Youth provision, Parish Council, Good Neighbours, Facilities for the Village,

2. Dog fouling in the village is an issue. No bin towards the allotments. Bin near cow field Whittlesey Road – Aragon chased for installation.

2742/24-25 Meeting closed at 8:50pm. The next meeting is 10th March 2025.