

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

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: Mrs. D Halfhide, Ms K Howard, Mr G Mills, Mr D Winch, Mr S Williams, Mrs L Moore
Peterborough City Councillors M. Ormston, S Allen, R Ray

2 Members of the public.

Public discussion – Mr Bowman

Fenland Flag - Campaign started in September 2018, Flag colours: Yellow- agricultural prosperity, blue- canals and waterways, Fen Tiger- signifies people of resilience and independence.
Continues to grow in use: Village Hall, businesses, District/Parish Councils, social media and private dwellings.

A resident and his architect addressed the Parish Council regarding their proposed planning application.

2743/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Received: None

2744/24-25 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.

2745/24-25 Co-option to Thorney Parish Council

Mrs Linda Moore was co-opted to the council and her Acceptance of Office was submitted.

2746/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2025

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2025 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2747/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.

None

2748/24-25 Report from City Councillors.

Speed indicator sign- post installed incorrectly. Post needs re-installing before sign erected.

Meeting with police- addressed fly tipping, anti-social behaviour.

2749/24-25 Finance

Income February/March

Co-op Spalding	Inter Ms Koeing	£330.00
Mr Moles	Reserve space	£552.50
Mr Goodes	Allotment rent	£50.00

To approve the following paid in March

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
Living Wage Foundation	Membership	£82.80	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Shaws Ltd	Burial Reservation Gra	£153.60	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Redshoes		£110.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Accounting	Payroll services		
Viking Direct	Stationery	£153.83	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Capalc	Membership	£756.19	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Norton	Antivirus professional	£199.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Environment Agency	Waste carriers' licence	£322.00	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Route to web	Website modifications	£681.46	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Thorney Society	Commemoration	£240.00	LGA 1972 sections 37

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved.
2. Contracts of employment have been given/updated to all employees.

2750/24-25 Reports

1. Burial – more topsoil ordered to level sunken graves.
2. Bedford Hall/Museum – Cllr Halfhide meeting Princebuild to look at installing new fire escape.
3. Allotments – all allotments now have a tenant. Collapsed shed from number 35 to be removed. However, this has an asbestos roof. Mr Parker agreed to bag and take to recycling centre once Thorney Parish Council has a waste carriers' licence.
4. Forge Field – inspection to take place before action agreed.
5. Website link to social media –Cllr Halfhide working on updating calendar.

2751/24-25 Planning

1. Local Plan- comments to PCC

Waiting until 13th March 2025 for document to be released.

2. Approvals and Refusals

3. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/01597/FUL Dog in A Doublet North Bank Thorney - Change of use from public house (sui generis) to a 4no. bedroom dwelling (C3) including demolition and alterations – on balance of the negative comments by other authorities and local objections Thorney Parish Council objects to this application

25/00237/PRIOR Middle East Farm the Causeway Thorney - Proposed multi-purpose agricultural building for storing agricultural produce and equipment - No objection but would like to be reassured that potential archaeology will be evaluated before building. The form says it is not an archaeological site, but I think that bronze age barrows may have been identified quite nearby, along with extensive bronze age agricultural landscapes on the other side of the A47.

25/00236/PRIOR Pode Hole Farm the Causeway Thorney - Proposed multi-purpose agricultural building for storing farm machinery - The supporting plan and site maps are both headed 'Wash down facility' and this would obviously require adequate facilities putting in place to deal with all the run-off which this operation would create. However, the application details list 'multi-purpose agricultural building for secure storage' which is a very different proposition. This needs to be clarified.

25/00301/CTR Parkgate Wisbech Road Thorney - T1 - Locust - Raise crown - form does not give details of the work to be carried out, just an aerial view of the tree. We need more information before we are in a position to comment.

2752/24-25 Roads and Footpaths

Speeding in village – Speed indicator sign –should be installed shortly.

Speedwatch- a number of inspections have taken place throughout the village.

2753/24-25 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – continues to meet with good attendance.
2. Youth facilities – No further update as still struggling with volunteers.
3. Street refuse cleaning – to allow excess waste to be taken to the household recycling centre Thorney Parish Council has applied for a waste carrier licence.
4. As in other years a free tree and shrub pack has been received from the Woodland Trust, and these have been planted on green areas in the village. More locations are needed for future packs. Over the past 10 years Thorney Parish Council has planted over 3000 trees/shrubs.

2754/24-25 Facebook Posts

None

2755/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

2756/24-25 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, Friends of Forge Field
2. Picnic in the Park coordinator- date 10th August 2025. Clerk to re-do leaflets.
3. Minutes from Neil Simons circulated, Cllr Howard raised concerns regarding wording in the minutes. Cllr Long suggested the Parish Council should be more proactive in resolving the Parish Room issues. Cllr Ormston advised a new lease does not need a survey. Pursue with Neil Simons.
4. Cllr Moore raised her concerns over the lack of parking at the cemetery.

2757/24-25 Meeting closed at 21:28 pm. The next meeting is 14th April 2025.