

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### Minutes of meeting Wednesday 06 June 2012

**Present:** Cllr. V Carter ex-officio, Cllr. E Sewell, Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. A Winter and Cllr. H McCormack

**In attendance:** Cllr. Philip Pike and Jeanne Pike Clerk

**01 Election of Chairman:**

Cllr. Goss proposed Cllr. E Sewell as Chairman of the Committee for this year and this was seconded by Cllr. V Carter with **all in favour**. Cllr. Sewell then took the Chair.

**02 Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr. E Sewell proposed that Cllr. H McCormack be elected as Vice-Chairman this was seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**. Cllr. McCormack accepted the position.

**03 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. D Read, Cllr. K Draycott and Sara Crawley tendered their apologies which were accepted.

**04 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:**

None

**05 Issues from members of the public:**

There were no issues from any members of the public.

**06 Planning Applications:**

EN/12/00694/FUL – Ground floor single storey extension to kitchen at rear of main dwelling at 54 Springfield Avenue. **No objection**

EN/12/00766/FUL – Two storey extension to rear of property with further single storey extension for bedroom/shower room and single storey garden room with mezzanine at 6 Swan Close. **No objection**

EN/12/00822/FUL – Replacement of existing roof at Nene Community Centre. **No objection**

**07 Planning Decisions (for noting):**

Approvals:

EN/12/00354/FUL – Replace a UPVC conservatory with a single storey extension with a single storey extension at 1 Lilac Close

**08 Ground Maintenance Audit:**

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – No problems relating to the Town Council

Area 2 – Top notice board loose.

Area 3 - Two broken dog bins need replacing

Area 4 – Footpath cracked & subsiding

Area 5 – Vegetation at Town Walk to be cleared

Area 6 – Litter bin at Meadow Lane needs replacing, ENC can replace and will charge.

The areas 1 – 5 remained allocated to the original members:

Cllr. P Goss agreed to incorporate area 6 into area 2 for the next month when the matter will be reviewed.

**09 Designated Public Plaza Order (DPPO):**

Mike Greenway met with the Clerk recently to discuss the merits of a DDPO for Thrapston. Mike explained that the Order had to be 'evidence' based and this includes input from the Police. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to meet with the Police, Service Six, the Clerk and two delegated councillors to discuss the possibilities, practicalities and future action. The town should be walked around to agree the best area for any restrictions. Members agreed that Cllr. Winter and Cllr. Sewell would represent the Town Council and a walk around should be organised for the end of the month. **Clerk to contact Mike Greenway**

Raunds Clerk was unaware of the Order but High Ferrers Clerk felt that there were benefits and problems with the one in her town, mainly being the Order gave the Council some authority but was difficult to enforce and to find Police when needed. A decision will be made after the group have walked around the town and further discussions have taken place with the rest of the Council.

**10 Community Plan Update:**

Cllr. Read was unable to attend the meeting but reported that the Community Plan had been delayed due to excessive work on other projects at ENC.

It was noted that as Eric Franklin had resigned another Councillor was needed on the Committee to replace him and Cllr. Val Carter agreed to take the vacant place.

**11 U3A:**

Cllr. Draycott was unable to attend but reported that there had been a good response to the inaugural meeting with around 100 attending at the Plaza. Steering Group names have been identified and future dates set for meetings.

**12 Additional Dog Bins in Town:**

A bin has been removed from the Sailing Club and a replacement was discussed; this would cost around £150 to buy and install and a further cost is involved for emptying. Members felt that there were enough bins in the area and agreed not to install more bins at this stage.

**13 CCTV:**

Information has been received from Force 3 Security re a wireless CCTV system. They have contacted all six towns. Mike Greenway is also looking at their offer as the CCTV workshop is aware that the present system is now over 10 years old and needs updating. Force 3 is willing to come to talk to the Council and it was agreed that the company should be asked to visit to give further information. It may be possible to join with the other towns for a joint presentation. **Action Clerk**

**14 Youth Equipment:**

A site has been agreed for the youth equipment to be placed and a quote received from Miracle Design and Play of £15,000. Two other quotes will be necessary before a decision can be reached. King John School pupils will then be asked for their input before a final decision is made. **Action Deputy Clerk**

**15 Tree Survey:**

The Groundsman has a copy of the recent tree survey and has looked at all the recommendations. He feels that almost all of them are within his scope of expertise and will report to the Council if he finds that there is a problem he cannot deal with. This work would be over and above his contracted amount so will incur an extra cost. **Action H Bosworth**

**16 Summer Ball:**

Tables and Chairs for the Summer Ball need to be hired to ensure sufficient for all concerned. A quote £427 for 50 chairs and 10 tables with table clothes has been received from White stone Hire Ltd. **LGA 1972 s 145 (Provision of Entertainment) Cllr. Carter to check costs and inform Clerk**

The Charity for this ball is the Kettering and District Stroke Association.

**17 Clerks Report:**

1) A request has been received from a resident in Orchard Way who wishes to gain access over the open space to rebuild a garage. The Clerk will write to ask that the developer agrees to remedial work prior to permission being given.

2) The Planning Authority has confirmed that an application for Building Control purposes for the new football stand is not necessary. However they feel it may require permission from Anglian Water and has asked that Anglian Water be contacted. David Harris has agreed to progress this.

3) Mr Nicholson has sent a number of photographs to the Street Doctor asking for various works to be carried out. The granite sets are a hazard and the Clerk will contact the Street Doctor to reinforce the complaints on this issue.

4) The next meeting of Larger Councils will take place on Thursday 14 June 2012 from 7pm to 9pm at Swanspool Pavilion in Wellingborough.

5) A complaint has been received about youths playing football in the Park. Service Six will be asked to monitor the situation.

6) Trees have been cut back at Pashler Gardens and Oakleigh House the Clerk will check that permission was given.

**18 Items for Future Agendas:**

No items.

There being no other relevant business the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

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