

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Full Town Council  
held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.15pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Draycott (Chairman), Cllr Baden, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Charles,  
Cllr Cribb, Cllr Otterwell, Cllr Read, Cllr Strode-Willis, Cllr Wheeler**

**In attendance: Margaret Ward (Assistant Clerk)**

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Carter had tendered her apologies which were accepted. No other apologies received at the time of the meeting.		
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.		
3.	<b>Public Open Time</b> None.		
4.	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b> <b>Resolved</b> that the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 be confirmed as a true record.		
5.	<b>To receive the draft Heads of Terms regarding the purchase of the library. To consider and determine the following:-</b> <b>(i) The purchase price</b> <b>(ii) That the monies should be taken from capital reserves</b> <b>(iii) That Solicitors now be instructed</b> <b>(iv) That the Heads of Terms are accepted as drafted</b> The Heads of Terms were discussed at length, going through them point by point and considering our solicitor's comments. Various amendments are required to the Heads of Terms. The Clerk will go back to the Solicitors and discuss the amendments and leave it with the solicitors to liaise with the County Council's solicitors. It was agreed that a further Council meeting would then be needed to discuss the response. Following discussions it was <b>resolved</b> <b>(i)</b> that the Town Council accepts the Market Value of £195,000 with the Value Reduction Percentage of 25% giving a purchase price of £146,250; <b>(ii)</b> that the purchase monies be taken from the Council's capital reserves;		

	(iii) that solicitors now be instructed to liaise with the other side; (iv) that the Heads of Terms be negotiated as discussed.		
6.	<p><b>To discuss and give direction to the Library Committee on the drafting of a tenancy agreement with Friends of Thrapston Library and how the library should be run and managed on a day to day basis</b></p> <p>Discussions took place as to how the Council would want to manage and run the library with the Friends of Thrapston Library following the purchase. It was agreed by majority that the favoured approach would be to run it similar to that of the Plaza, i.e. to have a service agreement with a peppercorn rent with the Friends of Thrapston Library for the delivery of a library provision – and that they open/close the building on their operation days – but that the Town Council has the ability to hire out the building to other potential users and provides caretaking and cleaning staff, and has responsibility for the utilities, maintenance and upkeep of the premises. A meeting is to be arranged with the Friends of Thrapston Library and the Library Committee.</p>		
7.	<p><b>Clerk's report (for noting)</b> None.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Chairman's comments</b> The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>		
9.	<p><b>Items for Future Agendas</b> None.</p>		
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:58.</b>		

Signed .....

Dated .....