

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 07 February 2012

Present: Cllr. E Sewell ex-officio, Cllr. S Haynes, Cllr. V Carter, Cllr. P Goss,
Cllr. K Draycott, Cllr. D Read and Cllr. H McCormack

In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk and one member of the public Mr B Elliott

01 Apologies for Absence:

Sara Crawley tendered her apologies.

02 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:

None

03 Issues from members of the public:

There were no issues from any members of the public.

04 Planning Applications:

EN/12/000018/RWL – Replacement of extant planning permission EN/08/02080/FUL dated 7.1.09 – proposed new dwelling house together with associated landscape and infrastructure works at 83A Midland Road. **No objection**

EN/12/00121/FUL – Demolition of majority of existing kiosk building to front elevation groundworks after demolition to match existing; brick up existing windows and door to side elevations. New shop front section with new electric automatic sliding entrance door into existing casement at 113 Oundle Road. **No objection**

EN/12/00151/ADV – 1nr new flex face sign to the South elevation. Signs fixed at high level at plots 11 to 14 Haldens Parkway and EN/12/0000142/ADV – one sign, as above. **No objection**

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/11/00910/FUL – Garage conversion to provide study and utility room at 11 Mason Close

EN/11/01712/FUL – Two storey extension to rear, replacement of windows, new dormer window to rear and new each access at 6 Huntingdon Road.

EN/11/01713/CAC – Demolition of boundary wall (side) and rebuild with the addition of access gates.

EN/1101759/FUL – Change of use from office to dwelling comprising the removal of the existing mono-pitch roof to be replaced with a dual –pitched roof with three dormers at 64B High Street.

The application by the Shell Service Station for a premises licence has been granted for supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 6am to 11 pm and late night refreshment Monday to Sunday from 11pm to 5 am.

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

The Ground Audit forms have been amended in line with insurance requirements and this month showed no outstanding issues other than the clearing of the spinney at Warwick Gardens which is programmed to be actioned in the near future.

On Audit area One it was noted that a fence bordering Nine Arches site and the Bridge is lying on its side and could prove a hazard. Persimmon to be contacted for repair/replacement as this area has not been adopted. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk also informed members that the trees on Council owned land should be inspected annually and this was well overdue. Quotes will be obtained and an agreement to proceed obtained from Full Council. **Action Clerk**

There is a Tree Warden scheme run by Northamptonshire County Council which would help members to spot possible problems at an early stage. The Clerk will obtain more detail and arrange training. Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. K Draycott, Cllr. S Haynes and Cllr. H McCormack agreed to carry out any training required.

07 Section 106 Agreements:

At the beginning of the year Barratts promised to set in motion proceedings to transfer their open space in Midland Road. Despite chasing the solicitor no further information is available at present.

08 Replacement of Elephant Tree:

It is now time to plant a replacement tree in the Peace Park and the Groundsman has asked that a councillor/s accompany him to purchase the tree. Cllr. P Goss and Cllr. Eddie Sewell agreed to accompany Howard Bosworth to choose the tree.

Clerk to inform Groundsman

09 Proposed link to Islip via Bridge area:

At a recent meeting with ENC and the developers it was agreed that the area behind the proposed store on the Scotts site was not suitable for building links to Islip. The developers are now looking at a possible Section 106 obligation to continue work on Thrapston Carr and the schedule received from the Wild Life Trust has been sent to them for their consideration. An ecologist from the Landscape Partnership is also involved and will list various options before confirming any agreed submission of work to be carried out should the plan come to fruition.

10 Update on Community Plan progress:

Following a meeting held earlier in the day Cllr. P Goss outlined the discussion at that meeting and explained that it was hoped to secure £50K funding from ENC to enable consultants to carry out the work that would be necessary to compile a Community Plan. Two Town Councillors were needed to sit on the project board and Cllr. D Read had agreed to be one of these; the other one would be requested at Full Council and it is hoped that someone who is interested and keen would volunteer. **Pass to Full Council**

11 Tree in Church Grounds:

Cath Jefferson has asked if the Town Council has any objection to the Church planting a tree in their grounds as a memorial to the Diamond Jubilee. It was noted that consideration should be given to remains of persons buried under the area and that as maintenance should be as minimal as possible consideration should also be given to the siting of any such tree. **Clerk to inform Mrs Jefferson.**

12 Sainsbury's planning application:

Members had asked that their original decision be re-visited due to the change that Sainsbury's have implemented in their application. The Clerk reminded members that the change should be a 'significant' one to allow any change of decision to be made. After much discussion it was felt that the change was not sufficient to warrant re-visiting the original decision and members of this committee agreed (with one abstention) that their original decision should stand.

13 Clerks Report:

1) NCC has informed the Town Council that 'please drive slowly' is a standard detail that has to go on any new sign regardless of the design.

2) HOPE in Thrapston would like permission to use Coronation Gardens on Charter Fair Day as they would like to offer Strawberry and Cream teas. The Clerk will write with agreement to this request.

3) Claire Patty, Community Safety Officer, will be holding a meeting at Thrapston Town Council office on CCTV. The time is 10 am on Wednesday 15 February 2012.

4) A request has been received from the Diamond Jubilee committee to ask Mrs Nancy Gurney to light the Beacon as the day set for this is her 90th birthday. The Clerk will contact the committee to agree to this request.

5) An up to date inventory is required for the Plaza contents to ensure that the Asset Register is accurate prior to renewal of insurance.

Cllr's P Goss and S Haynes will carry out this inventory

6) A request has been received from a member of the public for permission to place a plaque or a bench on Town Walk in memory of Bob Cawdell. This will be agreed subject to the person concerned carry out regular inspection/maintenance.

14 Items for Future Agendas:

1) Nominations for Town Awards – February Full Council

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