

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

24 January 2012

Present: Cllr. E Sewell, Cllr. S Haynes, Cllr. V Carter, Cllr. A Winter, Cllr. P Baden,
Cllr. K Draycott, Cllr. E Franklin, Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. D Read,
Cllr. H McCormack and Cllr. R Jakeman

In Attendance: Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley Deputy Clerk

01 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. K Fouhy, Cllr. R Dodds and District Cllrs. W Brackenbury and M Finch tendered their apologies which were accepted.

02 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:

None

03 Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present

04 Police and Road Safety:

The Police were unable to attend but the crime report showed a total of 31 crimes for December, the main ones being violent offences, criminal damage and theft from motor vehicles.

05 Minutes of the last meeting:

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the Full Council dated 20 December 2011 proposed by Cllr. E Franklin and seconded by Cllr. R Jakeman with **all in favour R473/248**

06 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:

Cllr. P Goss proposed that the PLA report dated 06 December 2011 be approved, seconded by Cllr. H McCormack with **all in favour**.

07 Meeting with Sainsbury's Personnel:

Cllr. P Baden proposed that the minutes of a meeting with Sainsbury's personnel dated 10 January 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**

08 Finance and Strategy Statement:

Cllr. P Baden proposed that the Finance report dated 10 January 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**.

Resolution: To accept the Finance Statement for the month of December 2011 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. R Jakeman and seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**. **R474/249**

09 Town Awards:

No nominations have been received and it was agreed to wait until the article requesting nominations in the February newssheet had been circulated. A notice will also be placed in the window of the Town Council office requesting nominations. Looking in advance to 2012/2013 it was agreed to advertise earlier in Jigsaw.

Action Clerk

10 Groundsman Tender Application:

The Groundsman's contract has been widely advertised through the area and seventeen responses have been received requesting documents with four following up with a site visit. A list of applicants was issued to all councillors.

11 Community Plan:

The working party has now met to discuss the implementation of a Community Plan and recommend to Full Council that they accept the offer of a grant from the District Council to pay for consultants to progress this plan. Cllr. P Baden proposed that Full Council agree this recommendation, seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.

Clerk to contact Sharn Matthews to progress.

12 Training Courses:

The Clerk attended a Strategic Management meeting at ENC. See appendix one. There were no other matters to report.

13 Clerk's Report:

1) Invitation to a Standards and Localism Act Workshop - 27 February 2012 7pm. Council Chamber ENC offices. New arrangements will now come into force on 01/07/2012 not 31/03/2012 as planned. Cllr. E Franklin to attend

2) Clerk and Deputy invited to attend the Regional Conference at Oxford on 7th March 2012. Cllrs. S Haynes and P Goss to cover the office

3) Letter from Thurston's Funfair confirming visit to Thrapston in May 2012.

4) Sue Wheatley is visiting the Town Council office for a meeting on 01 February 2012 at 10 am to discuss the potential links across the river from the proposed site at Scott's development. All councillors welcome to attend

5) Letter from David Bletsoe re the Sainsbury's proposal for the cattle market site. (Copied to all members)

6) The Deputy Clerk has an offer to visit the Northampton records office on Friday 23rd March 2012. The visit is free but cover will be required for the office.

7) There is a Neighbourhood Planning event planned to give delegates an opportunity to understand how the planning system works at Great Houghton from 6pm to 9pm on Thursday 01 March 2012 at 10 am at Great Houghton. Cllrs E Sewell and V Carter to attend

14 District Councillors Report:

Cllr. D Read reported that the Highways Authority had now published their views on the Sainsbury's application and they had no objections subject to certain provisions. One of these was that Sainsbury's should contribute £4,000 per year for ten years to provide a school crossing patrol.

Any plan would be subject to traffic planning mitigation taking place prior to the commencement of any work on the actual store site.

It was also noted that the present Case Officer was leaving shortly and this would mean a slight delay in proceedings while the new officer familiarises him/herself with the application.

15 Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman informed members that Sainsbury's had invited the Town Council to visit their store in Bourne, Lincolnshire.

The store is set in the middle of an residential area and Sainsbury's feel it would be helpful if members can see how this fits in with the whole concept of the store/houses idea; transport would be provided. Cllrs P Goss, D Read and S Haynes showed an interest. Cllr. E Sewell to follow up and report back

16 Items for Future Agendas:

- 1) Report on 'Best of British Programme' – **February Full Council**
- 2) NCALC update – **February Full Council**

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.