

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 03 April 2012

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

In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk and Sara Crawley, Deputy Clerk
One member of the public - Mr Barry Westley

01 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. V Carter and Cllr. D Read tendered their apologies which were accepted.

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/12/00343/ADV – Erection of: two externally illuminated folded tray panels with applied graphics; one non-illuminated folded tray panel with applied graphics; five non-illuminated reverse applied window graphics; two internally illuminated folded aluminium fascia's at 113 Oundle Road. **No objection**

EN/12/00354/FUL – Replace a UPVC conservatory with a single storey extension at 1 Lilac Close. **No objection**

EN/12/00386/FUL – Replacement of existing brown wooden windows with white upvc of the same design as existing at 4 Faraday Court. **No objection**

EN/12/00417/OUT – Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment comprising a single building of 92,902 sqm B8 (storage and distribution) with 44,645 sqm B1 (office) floor space; new access; associated roads, parking/servicing and landscaping (revision to planning permission ref EN/10/01025/OUT) All matters for determination with the exception of appearance which is reserved for later approval at Vehicle Depot and Adjacent Land, Kettering Road, Islip. **No objection**

EN/12/00513/FUL – Garage conversion into study and bike/store shed at 3 Hever Close. **No objection (Delegated powers)**

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/11/01985/FUL – Demolition of modern farm buildings and conversion of remaining traditional buildings to three office units at Springfield Farm, Oundle Road.

EN/12/00121/FUL – Demolition of majority of existing kiosk building to front elevation and groundworks after demolition to match existing. Bricking up of existing windows; and door to side elevations, new shop front section with new electric automatic sliding entrance door into existing casement.

EN/12/00151/ADV – 1 nr new flex face sign to the South elevation at plots 11 to 14 Haldens Parkway.

Refusal:

EN/12/00142/ADV – 2 nr flex face sign to the South and East elevation. Signs fixed at high level at plots 11 to 14 Haldens Parkway

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – Fence boards to be renewed at Foundry Walk and Osier Way (Developer)

Area 2 – New trees to be monitored for watering

Area 3 – Lid of dog bin on Swallowfields missing and door in grave area at Baptist Churchyard to be removed.

BMX - Some areas of track need remedial work, contractor to make good.

Area 4 – Footpath cracking and subsiding at Windsor Drive – remedial work required.

Area 5 – Meadow Lane Park loose wire needs nailing and 'camp' area to be removed

A complaint has been received about the situation of the goal posts in the playing fields. It seems that the posts are sited in such a way as to assist with the possibility of balls being kicked hard into oncoming pedestrians on the perimeter. A request has been made to consider re-siting the posts. Members appreciated that this is an area set aside for the youth of the town to use for ball games but agreed that the Sports Association could be approached to see if it might be possible to designate the area on the far side of the field for football games and thus alleviate the danger of hitting pedestrians with balls. Clerk to write to Football Club. **Action Clerk**

Area 6 – Unsightly weeds at north end of Cemetery building need removal.

07 Waterside Edge:

A complaint has been received regarding the playing of football on the small green at Waters Edge. The resident has also written to the developers who still have ultimate responsibility for this land.

Some Councillors and the Clerk met recently with Persimmon to discuss the land north of the Water's Edge site. There was discussion on the possibility of the land being taken on by the Town Council and Persimmon promised to supply a scale map of the site. This has not yet been received.

Members agreed that Persimmon should be requested not to sell any land to residents while negotiations are on-going with the Town Council, the Clerk will write to ask this and to request the promised scale plan. **Action Clerk**

It was also agreed that should the land be acquired by the Town Council the residents would be consulted concerning the land in question.

08 Community Plan Preparations:

No further information has been received on this so the matter will be deferred to May PLA. **Deferred**

09 A meeting is planned with U3A for 10 am on Friday 06 April 2012 in the Town Council office. As this is Good Friday only a very small proportion of the members will be in attendance therefore another meeting will be held to appraise councillors of the plans for U3A to operate in Thrapston in 2012.

Cllr. Draycott asked that all councillors be notified of the meeting and should they not be able to attend to invite 'a n other', if interested, to attend in their place.

Action Clerk

10 Circus Visit:

A complaint has been received from Lee Bettles concerning the state of the ground at Castle Fields following the visit of Ginnetts Circus recently. This is the only complaint received as the general opinion was that the Circus was a success and as the weather has been very dry it was unlikely that the ground would have been very soggy as the complaint email suggested.

It was agreed that the complainant should be reminded that the Sports Association agreed the visit but the members were mindful that consideration should be given to the possibility of damage to the field and they agreed that an inspection of the ground should take place before and after any visit with a charge for any damage.

The Circus were very happy with the time spent in Thrapston and has asked if they can book for the 2012/2013 season. Members were happy to agree this request.

Clerk to write to the Circus personnel. **Action Clerk**

11 Clerks Report:

1) A 'Keep Safe Awareness' event is to be held at Police Headquarters at Wootton Hall on Monday 23 April 2012 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

2) Carol Fox who lives in the house in Church Walk has complained about the youths who gather in the Churchyard and intimidate her. Carol feels that the Council should overturn their decision to not proceed with a ban on alcohol in the area.

3) Complaint from a resident in Clare Drive reports that a hedge growing at the boundary of her garden has been removed. Mrs Powell realises that she does not own the hedge but is angry because she feels that it should not have been removed at this time of the year i.e. March to September.

4) A copy of the Consultation Draft 'Domestic Waste Storage and Collection Supplementary Planning' Document is available for perusal in the office or can be viewed at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultations

5) A further letter from the 'anonymous' person who wrote previously regarding the parking and driving of vehicles within the area of 43 Oundle Road. This person feels aggrieved because no one has responded to his letter of complaint.

12 Items for Future Agendas:

1) Update on U3A – May PLA

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