

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 06 March 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 Sara Crawley, Deputy Clerk

01 Apologies for Absence:
There were no 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/11/01660/FUL – Erection of Class A1 retail foodstore and associated service areas, car parking spaces, landscaping, access improvements and associated works following the demolition of existing buildings on the site at Land off Bridge Street, Thrapston – **amended information – Objection as previously**
It was agreed however that if the Planning Authority insist that Thrapston has to have one of the supermarkets then the Council's preferred option would be Sainsbury's to be situated on the old cattle market site due to the central position in the town and the safer plans for deliveries. This was proposed by Cllr. S Haynes, seconded by Cllr. E Sewell with 5 in agreement and Cllrs. Carter and McCormack abstaining.

Carried

EN/1 01985/FUL – Demolition of modern farm buildings and conversion of remaining traditional buildings to three office units (use Class B1) at Springfield Farm, Oundle Road, Thrapston – **amended - No objection**

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/12/00018/RWL - Replacement of extant planning permission EN/08/02080/FUL dated 07.01.09 – proposed new dwelling house together with associated landscape and infrastructure works at 83A Midland Road

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Actions noted:

Area 2 – hole to be filled in wall of Coronation Gardens

Area 3 – litter cleared from culvert and dog bin lid missing

Area 4 – Hedging needs attention around sub-station at Windsor Drive and the footpath surface is cracking badly at the bottom of Scotney Way

Area 6 – hole in surface outside gate of Clover Drive play area to be filled

BMX track – removal of broken tree branch over litter bins

Some areas of track need remedial work – to be identified at snagging meeting.

07 Replacement Tree – Peace Park:

Cllr Goss and Cllr. Sewell visited a garden centre to choose a replacement for the demised elephant tree. An ornamental pear has been chosen at a cost of £835 to include delivery. See Full Council minutes.

The Groundsman will organise planting and watering.

08 Community Plan Preparations:

Sharn Matthews has emailed the Council to inform them that the bid for funding has been successful and she will be in touch shortly to arrange an initial meeting.

Cllr. Franklin provided some information on Neighbourhood Planning which he had received when he attended a planning conference recently.

09 Clerks Report:

1) The trees organised by the Rotary Club have now been planted in the Peace Park and a letter of thanks, especially to Howard Bosworth, has been received from Mr Bletsoe.

2) Anglian Water has sent notification of an inspection they plan to carry out on the cemetery to see if a water meter has to be installed.

3) David Wilson Homes has sent an email to say they are proceeding with the transfer of the Coppice.

4) Email received from Sue Scott to inform Thrapston Town Council that Persimmon has received an approach from local residents concerning the land north of Waters Edge and would be happy to discuss this with the Council.

10 Items for Future Agendas:

1) Cllr. K Draycott to chase up U3A and report back to **April PLA**

2) Cllr. V Carter asked if the Council would re-visit the request from the school for tree planting in the town. As the situation remains as previously the Council were unable to re-visit their earlier decision.

There being no other relevant business the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.