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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

27 November 2012

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

In Attendance: Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley

01 Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies and the Chairman welcomed Cllr. Shirley Haynes back after her stay in hospital.

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 so the Clerk read the Parish Crime report for October which showed 12 crimes reported which were broken down as follows: 5 of criminal damage, 4 of theft from motor vehicles, 2 of deception/fraud and one burglary other.

05 Minutes of the last meeting:

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 23 October 2012 proposed by Cllr. P Baden and seconded by Cllr. K Fouhy with **all in favour R500/124**

06 Personnel Committee:

Cllr. R Jakeman proposed that the minutes of the Personnel Committee dated 17 October 2012 be approved seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.

07 Plaza Management Committee:

Cllr. P Goss proposed that the minutes of the Plaza Management Committee dated 24 October 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. P Pike with **all in favour**.

08 Community Youth Sub-Committee:

Cllr. E Sewell proposed that the minutes of the Community Youth Sub-Committee dated 29 October 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. K Draycott with **all in favour**.

09 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:

Cllr. H McCormack proposed that the PLA report dated 06 November 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**.

10 Finance and Strategy Statement:

Cllr. R Jakeman proposed that the Finance report dated 13 November 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

Resolution: To accept the Finance Statement for the month of October 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. K Fouhy and seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**. **R501/125**

11 Car Parking in Thrapston:

The PLA Committee proposes that Cllr. D Read should proceed with the process of bidding for funding from the 'New Homes Bonus' fund to allow additional car park to be provided in Thrapston in the Cosy Nook area of the town. Cllr. Read outlined the reasons for the proposal and Cllr. P Baden proposed that Cllr. Read should go ahead with the procedure seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**. **Action Cllr. Read**

12 Budget/Precept 2013/2014:

The Finance and Strategy Committee has recommended a resolution for Full Council.

Resolution: That Thrapston Town Council apply an increase of 3% to their request for the Precept for 2013/2014 subject to the Draft Report (due to be published early December 2012) where local councils may be capped at 2%. Should this occur then the resolution would need to be revisited.

Cllr. Draycott requested an amendment to the resolution as before but 2%. A vote was taken but failed to reach the required majority. A vote was then taken on the original resolution but this also failed to have sufficient votes. A decision was therefore taken to defer the final resolution to the next Full Council meeting on **18th December** when the Draft Report will have been published and a clearer indication will be available on the likelihood of local councils being capped. **Deferred to December Full Council**

13 Firework Display Collection:

The recent firework display collection amounted to £1,100 and the F&S Committee has recommended that recipients are:

- Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance £550
- The Stroke Association £100
- St. John Ambulance £150
- Alzheimer's £100
- CHAT £100.

As there was £100 left members were asked if there was another local charity that would benefit from a grant. Cllr. K Fouhy proposed that £100 be donated to the Asperger's Syndrome Association; this was seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

14 Play Equipment –Peace Park:

The F&S Committee recommend **Resolution:** that Thrapston Town Council earmark £20,000 from the off-site facility budget for use to purchase play equipment for the 10+ age group (sited in the Peace Memorial Park) LG (Misc. Provision) Act 1976 s 19.

Proposed by Cllr. D Read and seconded by Cllr. R Jakeman with **all in favour**.

15 Town Awards 2013:

Town awards are presented to residents worthy of recognition, at the Annual Town Meeting held on the third Tuesday in April. The process for nomination needs to commence in December to ensure sufficient time for nominations to be sent in and awards prepared. Members agreed that Councillors should send any nominations in writing to the Clerk. A note asking for nominations from the public will be published in the next newsheet.

16 Training Courses:

There were no training sessions during the month of October/November but since the last Full Council meeting the Mayor had attended:

- Corby Eid Celebrations
- Raunds Art & Craft Exhibition
- Rushden Exhibition of Art

17 Clerk's Report:

- 1) The new Police and Crime Commissioner for the County is Adam Simmonds.
- 2) Cllr. Roy Jakeman has been elected to the Joint Standards Complaints Committee.
- 3) The Rotary Club of Thrapston & Raunds invite the Mayor and her partner and any town councillors and their partners to attend the annual carol service at Little Addington church 12th December at 7.30 pm. Names of attendees by **Friday 30 November**.
- 4) NCALC notification of the Governments consultation on a decision to make the voluntary code on data transparency mandatory.
- 5) Cllr. Carter has contacted the County Council and local Police concerning the parking outside the schools in Market Road following a complaint from an angry parent.
- 6) The Royal British Legion collection in the office amounted to £34.30.

18 District Councillors Report:

Cllr. P Baden reported that the Budget was being considered and the District Council had a difficult task on their hands.

Cllr. D Read reported that Sainsbury's had submitted an amended planning application to change the times for deliveries. This will be considered at **December PLA**.

19 Chairman's Comments:

Cllr. Carter reported that the tender documents for the skate park had now been opened and Wheelscape had come in on top by a large majority. A decision is now awaited as to the necessity of a planning application.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended - Christmas lights switch on commences at 3.30 pm on Saturday 1st December with carols and 4 pm in the Plaza for refreshments.

20 Items for Future Agendas:

TERG update – **December Full Council**