

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

28 February 2012

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr. W Brackenbury, Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley Deputy Clerk

**Part Time:** PC Dave Bryant

**01 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. M Finch and Cllr. D Read tendered their apologies which were accepted.

**02 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:**

Cllr. E Franklin declared an interest in item 10 (payments) **Noted**

**03 Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present

**04 Police and Road Safety:**

The Police reported that crime figures showed a total of 18 crimes in Thrapston during January, 3 each of criminal damage, deception/fraud and theft from motor vehicles (mainly catalytic converters), four of violent offences and five theft/handling. PC Dave also informed members that a meeting was due to take place on 01 March where the PCSO's would be told a little more about the proposed cuts to the Police service and in particular the PCSO side of the Force; he promised to report back to the Council. PC Bryant left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

**05 Minutes of the last meeting:**

**Resolution:** To approve the minutes of the Full Council dated 24 January 2012 proposed by Cllr. E Franklin and seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**  
**R475/268**

- 06 Community Plan Working Party:**  
Cllr. P Baden proposed that the minutes of the Community Plan Working Party dated 17 January 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. E Franklin with **all in favour**.
- 07 Community Youth Sub-Committee:**  
Cllr. K Fouhy proposed that the minutes of the Community Youth Sub-Committee dated 17 January 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. F Draycott with **all in favour**.
- 08 Community Plan Working Party:**  
Cllr. P Baden proposed that the minutes of the Community Plan Working Party dated 07 February 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**.
- 09 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:**  
Cllr. H McCormack proposed that the PLA report dated 07 February be approved, seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.
- 10 Finance and Strategy Statement:**  
Cllr. P Baden proposed that the Finance report dated 14 February 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. R Jakeman with **all in favour**.  
**Resolution:** To accept the Finance Statement for the month of January 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. R Jakeman and seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**. **R4764/269**
- 11 CCTV Review:**  
Cllr. P Goss proposed that the notes from a meeting with ENC personnel to review the CCTV system in the town be accepted, seconded by Cllr. H McCormack with **all in favour**.
- 12 Town Awards:**  
One nomination has been received that of Margaret Jernigan for work with Thrapston's Youth and 'Heart Start'. Another nomination was received in the meeting – that of Tony Sanders for work on the provision of the BMX track.  
Cllr. E Franklin reminded members that guidelines had been adopted by the Council and these nominations should be considered in line with those criteria. Members agreed that this was the case in both nominations and Cllr. P Baden proposed that both names be accepted for awards, seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour bar one abstention**.
- 13 Groundsman Tender Application:**  
Twenty three requests for documents have been received, followed by ten tender applications and one late one. These will be opened on March 06 2012 and further contact may be required with a short list of applicants.
- 14 Community Plan:**  
The request for funding has passed the first hurdle and now awaits confirmation at Full Council on 29 February 2012. In the meantime Sharn has asked that two councillors be nominated to sit on the board to discuss the project with the project managers when appointed and to oversee the Plan. Cllr. D Read and Cllr. E Franklin seconded appointed proposed by Cllr. P Baden and seconded by Cllr. P Goss with **all in favour**.

**15 New Web Site:**

The first draft of the new web site has now been received from the Parish Council Company and the working party will check through this at their next meeting and return it for any further 'tweaking'. It was noted that the Quality Council logo was missing and would need to be added. The web site needs to be available by mid-March to allow it to run live for the first day of April 2012.

**16 Quotes:**

1) A quote for £1,420 has been received for the inspection of all the trees on Town Council owned land. Cllr. E Franklin proposed that this quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr. R Jakeman with **all in favour**.

2) A quote has been received for the grave shoring equipment necessary to enable the Council to add grave digging to their Groundsman's contract. Cost of a complete system would be £2,635 plus carriage estimated at around £75.

Cllr. R Jakeman proposed that this quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

3) The Finance Committee has recommended to Full Council that the quote for new signs to the entrance to the Town, received from NCC, be accepted. Total cost for supply and installation is £3,082. Cllr. P Goss proposed that the quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.

4) A quote was requested to Eon for an upgrade to the thirteen street lights owned by the Town Council. However the response from Eon was that only five of the lights concerned would be suitable for upgrading and the gain was not worth the cost.

**17 Diamond Jubilee Committee:**

The Clerk has been approached by members of this committee who are concerned that they do not have the necessary authority to operate an event such as 'party in the park'. Although the original criteria was for the group to be formed out of organisations in the town and make a proper working party for the Jubilee this has not really happened and it is now urgent to appoint an overseer to ensure that this event is able to proceed.

Cllr. K Draycott proposed that the Town Council support the event and be the 'named body, providing that all decisions were run past the Council prior to being put into action and the Council will also grant fund certain costs when asked by the Committee who should be any such requests in writing to the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr. H McCormack with **all in favour. Clerk to contact Committee**

**18 Training Courses:**

Cllr. E Franklin and the Clerk attended a Larger Councils meeting at ENC. See appendix one.

Cllr. E Franklin produced an update from NCALC – see appendix two

Cllr. V Carter and Jeanne Pike attended a workshop on the Standards and Code of Conduct - see Appendix three.

Cllr. E Sewell reported on a visit to a Sainsbury's store at Sleaford – see Appendix four

Cllr. E Sewell reported on his civic duties during the month of February.

**19 Clerk's Report:**

1) Thrapston Primary School will receive 60 trees from the Woodland Trust and although some will be planted on school ground they have asked if there is anywhere else in the town where trees can be planted. While there are no places in the town belonging to the Town Council and suitable for new trees the Clerk will suggest that ENC may be able to help the School as could David Wilson Homes on ground at the coppice.

**20 District Councillors Report:**

Cllr. W Brackenbury reported that:

1) The Policy and Resources Committee had agreed to release £50,000 to enable Thrapston to progress a Community Plan; this will now be taken to their Full council meeting for final agreement.

2) There will now be a meeting between legal representatives to ensure that the Council is acting properly when they consider the two planning applications for Supermarkets for the town as there is some confusion as to whether these applications have to be considered at the same time. Cllr. P Baden will report back when a decision is known.

**21 Chairman's Comments:**

The Chairman reported that he had visited a Tree Farm with Cllr. P Goss and Howard Bosworth and a replacement for the Elephant tree was chosen. Cllr. Goss explained that it was an ornamental pear tree of around 40 cms in girth and 4-5 metres in height. The tree will have green glossy leaves and blossom in spring and turn reddish gold in autumn and should live for around 80 years. The cost of the tree is £835 plus VAT and there will be an extra cost for planting etc.

**22 Items for Future Agendas:**

1) Councillors induction pack – **March F&S**

2) Code of Conduct (if available – **March F&S** (or April)

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