

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 01 May 2012

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

In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk and Sara Crawley, Deputy Clerk
Cllrs. Eric Franklin and Philip Pike

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/12/00444/FUL – Conversion of downstairs from funeral directors (A1) to dental practice (D1) at 2 Bridge Street **No objection**
EN/12/00645/FUL – Erection of a sugar silo at 178 Oundle Road **No objection**
EN/12/00533/FUL – Two storey front extension and decking to rear at 15 Foundry Walk **No objection**
EN/11/01660/FUL -Amendments have been made to the plans for a supermarket at Bridge Street and plan EN/11/01234/FUL – a supermarket at the Old Cattle Market site was also reconsidered in the light of the new planning guidance. Cllr. P Goss will study the Policy Framework and inform members if she finds any anomalies.

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):
Approvals:
EN/12/00327/FUL – Erection of two storey front extension at 17 Foundry Walk.
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.

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – Spray weeds at Plaza car park

Area 2 – Replace swing seat and paint barrier.

Area 3 - Repair required to dog bin broken at Huntingdon Road and lid missing at Swallowfields

Area 4 – Footpath cracking and subsiding at Windsor Drive – remedial work required. Shrubs at Conway Drive play area need attention remove or trim back.

07 Committee Terms of Reference:

Members considered the present Terms of Reference for the Planning Leisure and Amenities Committee and Cllr. P Goss proposed that another external member be added to the Plaza Committee and the Terms and References be accepted with that amendment, seconded by Cllr. E Sewell with **all in favour**.

09 Community Plan Update:

This item was taken first as the contents affected the discussion on item 08.

Cllr. D Read reported that no further information had been received from East Northamptonshire Council and he would speak again to Sharn Matthews to ask that the matter be progress with some alacrity.

08 Charter Fair/ Community Plan:

There had been a suggestion from a resident who attended the Annual Town Meeting that the Town Council should have a stand at the Charter Fair to encourage people to get involved with planning the Community Plan but in the light of the above (09) members felt that at this stage there would be no worthwhile information to give the public. Therefore item 08 was **deferred to June PLA**.

10 U3A:

The launch of Thrapston's U3A will take place at the Plaza from 10.30 am to 12 noon on 25 May 2012. All members are invited to attend and Cllr. K Draycott explained that the Council's involvement in this was as a facilitator only. Invitations to the event had brought forth many positive responses and Cllr. Draycott felt that it was fulfilling a need in the community as it is grass roots led and self-financing.

11 St James Church Grounds:

A small group of councillors visited the church grounds on a recent Friday evening to ascertain the problems for themselves. They talked with some of the young people and visited the residents of the cottage in the Church grounds. The residents, Carol & Chris Fox, feel intimidated by some of the young people who have created problems for them in the past few months. Councillors encouraged them to contact the Police on every occasion to report any incidents. Mr Fox said he had been given a number to phone but that often all he received was an answer phone. Members felt this to be unsatisfactory and asked that the Police be contacted and invited to a meeting to explain why this should be so. A letter will be sent to Inspector V Clarke inviting him to attend the next Full Council to outline the reasons and how to overcome the situation. **Action Clerk**

Another tour of the Church grounds will take place in a couple of months and councillors are invited to join those already taking part.

12 BMX Park:

Plans are in place for snagging to be carried out on the track when the weather improves and quotes have been requested for annual maintenance.

So far one quote for a maximum of over £1,200 per time (twice annually) has been received, others are in the pipeline and it was suggested that Howard Bosworth be approached for a possible quote for the work or part of it. **Clerk to speak to Howard**
A request for grant funding has been submitted to WREN.

13 Youth Equipment:

The Youth Community Sub-Committee has recommended the purchase of exercise equipment (multi-range) for the older child i.e. top age at King John School.

Siting of this equipment was discussed and Cllr. V Carter agreed to obtain dimensions to help with the decision. In the meantime it may be feasible to ask the company concerned for advice on a possible site. **Action Clerk**

14 Designated Public Place Order:

As many of the problems in the town centre/Church grounds areas are drink related the Youth Community Sub-Committee requested that the Council reconsider the possibility of introducing a Designated Public Place Order. The process is quite a long one and can prove to be expensive so the Council need to be sure that this is the best way forward. It was noted that Raunds Town has one of these orders in force and Cllr. Draycott proposed that they be asked for their advice on the benefits (or not) of the Order, this can then be discussed by **June Full Council**.
Action Clerk

15 Community Enhancement Gang:

A request has been received from MGWSP for work the Council would like to see added to the maintenance programme for 2012/2013.

Members listed:

- Box and barrier outside Town Council railings to be painted
- Direction sign outside Barclay's Bank to be painted
- Bollards throughout the High Street to be painted
- Lights on Nine Arches Bridge to be cleaned

Clerk to contact MGWSP with requests. **Action Clerk**

16 Water's Edge:

After several requests for further information an email has now been received from Persimmon concerning the transfer of the land at Water's Edge.

Persimmon has said that they wish to continue to pursue the possibility of a transfer but would still wish to transfer a small part of the land to the residents who have requested this be done. This is in spite of the Town Council's request that this should not be actioned in this way.

Members were unhappy with this response and asked that Persimmon be contacted again to enforce their request that no land be made over to the residents at this stage but that Persimmon allow the Town Council to deal with the issue after transfer of the complete parcel of the land to them. **Action Clerk**

17 Clerks Report:

- 1) The plans to erect a new livestock market and ancillary works at Haldens Parkway will be reported to the Development Control Committee on Wednesday 02 May 2012.
- 2) It has been reported that Rosguill has inquired concerning revisions to the planning permission for the area surrounding the Town Council Offices. The new plans would bring more residential units and less retail ones but would not change the Town Council plans. The Clerk has written to Rosguill for clarification.
- 3) NCALC are offering a course on the Data Protection Act and the Freedom of Information on Wednesday 16 May 2012 6.30 pm to 9pm at Litchborough.
- 4) The claim placed on Mrs Martin through the small claims court has been returned as 'un-served'. It appears the defendant has moved from the area. As the costs are too much to pursue further the Clerk will recommend to the Finance Committee that this amount be written off and the defendant black-listed.
- 5) Mrs Nancy Gurney has agreed to light the beacon on 4 June 2012 which will be her 90th Birthday
- 6) Following confirmation that the Football Club does need planning permission for new stands, the planning application has now been received into the office for completion.
- 7) Notice of the CPRE Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 03 July 2012 at Billing, together with a newsheet.

12 Items for Future Agendas:

- 1) Tree Survey report and actions necessary – **June PLA**

The date of the next meeting was discussed as due to the extended Bank Holiday for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations it was not desirable to meet on the usual Tuesday. Members agreed to meet on **Wednesday 06 June 2012 at 7.30 pm** and Cllr. Draycott gave her apologies for this meeting.

There being no other relevant business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.