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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 03 July 2012

Present: Cllr. V Carter ex-officio, Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. A Winter ex-officio,
Cllr. D Read, Cllr. K Draycott, Cllr. H McCormack and Cllr. C Thorp
In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk

Cllr. H McCormack, Vice- Chairman of PLA, chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Sewell and opened by welcoming Cllr. Thorp to her first meeting of Thrapston Town Council.

01 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. E Sewell and Sara Crawley 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/12/00965/FUL – Erection of a detached single garage at 21 Highfield Rd.

No objection

EN/12/01014/TCA – Eucalyptus tree to be removed at 5 Midland Road

No objection

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/12/00386/FUL – Replacement of existing brown wooden windows with white upvc of the same design as existing at 4 Faraday Court.

EN/12/00513/FUL – Garage conversion into study and bike store/shed at 3 Hever Close

EN/12/00533/FUL – Two storey front extension and decking to rear at 15 Foundry Walk

EN/12/00645/FUL - Erection of sugar silo at 178 Oundle Road

EN/12/01240/FUL - Erection of livestock market with ancillary agri-business units, office accommodation and associated car parking, landscaping, access and associated highway works

EN/12/00444/FUL – Conversion of downstairs from funeral directors (A1) to dental practice (D1) at 2 Bridge Street

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – Weeds to be sprayed in Plaza car park. Other items to be passed to those responsible

Area 2 – Dead tree to be replaced, Nightshade variety plant to be removed

Area 3 - Dog bin lids broken – on order

Area 4 – Not available

Area 5 – General maintenance re. trimming and cutting back on Town Walk

Area 6 – Leaking watering can replaced, broken window (Cemetery building) to be repaired:

Area 6 will be allocated to Cllr. C Thorp, the new Councillor who recently joined PLA. Cllr. Thorp to carry out the August audit with Cllr. Goss.

07 Coin Week – Prince William School:

The project as agreed is ready to run and all equipment has been donated except for sickles and rakes which are still required and another wheelbarrow would be helpful. Volunteers will be required to join the member of staff and oversee the students from 16 – 19 July. Cllrs. H McCormack, A Winter, K Draycott, C Thorp and P Goss agreed to fulfil this task at various times during the period. **Action Councillors**
Clerk to email Mr Pilatis to obtain students names. **Action Clerk**

08 Equipment for Youth:

A quote has been received from Miracle Design and Play Ltd and Cllr. Winter is waiting for two other quotes before presenting the information to Council. He also hopes to consult with the School and may be able to obtain a small grant towards the cost of the equipment. **Further information at August PLA**

09 Force 3 Security:

Two representatives attended recently to give the Town Council a short presentation on their CCTV equipment. The system they offer operates on IP and is especially suitable for Town Centres. The cameras can operate over a large distance without loss of picture and gives a better picture than a home HD TV with the aerials operating on a very high frequency which meant that nothing else in the area would be affected.

The cameras can also be fitted to high buildings and the only cost is for installation with the only on-going cost being £150 per camera each year for maintenance.

Mr Spence assured the Council that the pictures from the cameras were sufficient for legal proceedings and are stored on a closed network – PC – for 30 days.

Should repairs be necessary they can often be fixed remotely but if not then an engineer is guaranteed to come with a 4 hour response time.

Installation costs start at £2,350 for the first camera and £1,000 each for subsequent ones including all infrastructures necessary. Planning permission should only be required if a new installation is placed on a listed building.

Members were very impressed with the offer especially in the light of the possible withdrawal of funds from ENC. Further investigation should be made into the claims by the company and it was felt that a visit to one of the installations would be helpful. Clerk to contact Force 3 Security to arrange. **Action Clerk**

10 Community Plan Update:

Cllr. Read briefly outlined the present position on the preparation of this plan for the benefit of Cllr. Thorp.

The Brief went out to tender after a delay at the District Council but only one response has been received. This company will be interviewed and Cllr. Read asked if there was a Councillor who would take the place vacated by the resignation of Eric Franklin. Cllr Carter volunteered to take this position. The interview should take place sometime during July and following that there will be a meeting arranged with the Town Council.

11 Summer Ball:

Final preparations are in hand for the Ball on Saturday 07 July 2012 and the costs at present look to break even with the raffle money going to the nominated Charity. The License has been granted and people delegated to be at the door on the night.

12 Clerks Report:

1) The County Council is in the process of reviewing the Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) adopted May 2010. This is to ensure that they have an up to date plan in line with government guidance. Information on which councillor's views are required can be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Environ/planning/policy/minerals/Pages/Partial/ReviewoftheMWDFLocalPlan.aspx>.

Responses are preferred to be sent on line if possible.

2) A constitution has been written for the possible application to make the public conveniences a charitable trust. The documentation is quite complex and the Clerk is seeking the assistance of the ENC solicitor to complete the form.

3) In-house training is hoped to take place at the Town Council Offices on Tuesday 16 October and any suggestions for inclusion in the training programme should be passed to the Clerk as soon as possible.

4) A training calendar for July to December 2012 has been received from NCALC.

13 Items for Future Agendas:

1) Progress on the Water's Edge Development – **August PLA.**

2) Progress on the Osier Way Development – **August PLA.**

3) Possible action concerning state of Chancery Lane – **August PLA.**

4) Police to be asked to introduce a 'safer' system for operating drinking laws etc. in Thrapston Clerk to invite them to **July or August Full Council.**

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