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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 07 August 2012

Present: Cllr. E Sewell, Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. D Read, Cllr. K Draycott,
Cllr. H McCormack and Cllr. C Thorp
In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk and Sara Crawley, Deputy Clerk

01 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. V Carter tendered her apologies which were accepted.

02 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:

Cllr. D Read declared an interest in item 04 – EN/12/01028 and EN12/01182/LDE.

03 Issues from members of the public:

There were no issues from any members of the public.

04 Planning Applications:

EN12/01182/LDE – continued use as a dwelling for non-agricultural occupancy at Oak Cottage, Polopit, Titchmarsh. **No comment**

EN/12/00951/FUL – Excavation to level land adjacent to existing beach to form level boat park; extension of viewing area (terrace over level boat park); replacement of boat shed; extension of fence to include additional land and slipway; levelling of newly enclosed land and grading of slope to the slipway; creation of link between the main building and shower block at Thrapston Boat Station, Meadow Lane.

No objection.

EN/12/01028/FUL – Temporary change of use from a meeting room (known as the Members Room) at East Northamptonshire Council offices to a temporary gym from September 2012 to May 2013 to provide gym facilities during the refurbishment of the Nene Community Centre. **No objection.**

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/11/01237/LBC – Demolition of the buttress wall which forms the western boundary to the curtilage of Oakleigh House and reinstatement of the northern section of the wall, erection of boundary treatments and replacement of paving at Oakleigh House, 28 High Street

EN/12/00694/FUL – Ground floor single storey extension to kitchen at rear of main dwelling at 54 Springfield Avenue.

EN/12/00766/FUL – Two storey extension to rear of property with further single storey extension for bedroom/shower room and single storey garden room with mezzanine at 6 Swan Close.

EN/12/00822/FUL – Replacement of existing roof at the Nene Community Centre

EN/12/00965/FUL – Erection of a detached single garage at 21 Highfield Road

Refusals:

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.

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – No action for Council but remedial work required to various sites before adoption takes place.

Area 2 – No problems found

Area 3 - Huntingdon Road culvert needs clearing

Area 4 – Footpath cracking and subsiding needs filling and graffiti to be removed on slide.

Area 5 – No action required at the present time

Area 6 – Shrubbery on Clover Drive needs trimming back, play area gate to be repaired and fence by slide to be secured; broken window pane in Cemetery building to be covered.

07 RoSPA Report:

The RoSPA report on the inspection carried out during the month of June has now been received and no high risks issues were found. There were however a reasonable number of medium risks mainly in the area of ground surfaces.

Mr Bosworth has been given a copy of the problems and will action those he can and report back to the Clerk with any matters where he will need help or the supply of materials. **Action H Bosworth**

08 Subsidence Damage – Orchard Way:

A letter and report has been received by the Council from tree specialists who have been appointed by Loss Adjusters acting on behalf of the building insurers of 22 Orchard Way.

They claim that a tree belonging to the Town Council is causing subsidence to the building by taking the moisture from the soil and leaving the ground and the building with large cracks and openings. Members agreed that in the first instance a letter should be sent offering to remove the tree down without prejudice as a full and final settlement of the complaint. Should this not be agreed in writing then the Council will obtain a report from their own tree consultant and the matter be settled depending on the result of their findings. **Action Clerk**

09 Residents Issues:**1 - Market Road/Sainsbury's Application:**

Some residents have organised themselves into a group to ensure they get a good deal from the proposed supermarket development in the area with the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and are requesting that the Town Council, as consultees will allow them to put their proposals to the Town Council when the full details on the TROs become clear and before the Council makes a formal response. **Agreed**

2 – Mr Pitt who lives at 19 Warwick Gardens has complained about a tree blocking his Sky dish and upsetting the signals. He has also asked if the Council would be willing to sell him a piece of the Spinney to allow him to extend his garden.

The Groundsman will examine the tree to see if there is scope for light pruning.

Members agreed that their previous resolution not to sell land will stand.

Clerk to write to Mr Pitt. **Action Clerk**

10 Community Plan Update:

Cllr. Read reported that now the consultants had been appointed to master project the Plan a first meeting had been held with the group at East Northamptonshire Council. The schools will be involved but are on holiday at the moment and Keith Webster has now met with the Clerk and a meeting date with the Council has been agreed for **04 September 2012 at 6.45 pm** (prior to PLA)

11 Clerks Report:

1) Danny Moody from NCALC has asked why the Council do not make use of the Community payback scheme.

2) No further information on the Water's Edge open space or Osier Way but Osier Way and Sedge Close streets have now been adopted by Northamptonshire County Council.

3) The state of Chancery Lane pavement has been reported to the Street Doctor

4) A new Governance Model for Northants CALC has been produced and issued to all members.

5) A reminder for members wishing to visit Coleford to inspect the CCTV to give the Clerk some dates.

6) Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests - a Guide for Councillors - has been received and copied to all members.

7) A CCTV workshop will take place at ENC on Thursday 30 August from 9.30am to 12.30pm. **Cllr. Sewell will attend.**

13 Items for Future Agendas:

Inspector Clarke to attend September Full Council

There being no other relevant business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.