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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

25 September 2012

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

In Attendance: District Cllr. M Finch, Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley

Part time: Inspector Vaughan Clarke and PCSO D Bryan, Northamptonshire Police

01 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. S Haynes tendered her apologies which were accepted.

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:

Inspector Clarke Reported that crime was down on last year with the exception of burglary dwellings and in this area arrests had been made recently which he was hopeful would lead to convictions.

Cllr. Carter informed the Inspector that she had been approached by residents who felt that there was little or no 'visible' policing. Inspector Clarke reminded members that the area now benefitted from another Police Officer, Jason Hill, who had been transferred from the traffic division and there is a police presence in the town whenever possible. When asked if he felt a 'drinks bar' would be a useful tool Inspector Clarke responded that he felt that there would be a lot of extra work and cost involved with no extra benefit..

Cllr. Carter reported that there were undesirable activities taking place at the BMX track and Inspector Clarke agreed to ensure that the Police visit this area from time to time to try and prevent this. He agreed that extra lighting could well help the situation. Service Six are also in the town on Friday and Saturday evenings to engage with young people who frequent the open spaces and other likely gathering points.

Inspector Clarke left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

05 Minutes of the last meeting:

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 24 July 2012 proposed by Cllr. R Jakeman and seconded by Cllr. E Sewell with **all in favour R492/080**

06 Plaza Management Committee:

Cllr. P Goss proposed that the minutes of the Plaza Management Committee dated 30 July 2012 be approved seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

07 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:

Cllr. H McCormack proposed that the PLA report dated 07 August 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. K Draycott with **all in favour**.

08 Finance and Strategy Statement:

Cllr. K Fouhy proposed that the Finance report dated 14 August 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Pike with **all in favour**.

Resolution: To accept the Finance Statement for the month of July 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. R Jakeman and seconded by Cllr. K Fouhy with **all in favour. R493/081**

09 Plaza Management Committee:

Cllr. P Baden proposed that the minutes of the Plaza Management Committee dated 29 August 2012 be approved seconded by Cllr. H McCormack with **all in favour**

10 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:

Cllr. E Sewell proposed that the PLA report dated 04 September 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. K Draycott with **all in favour**.

11 Finance and Strategy Statement:

Cllr. P Pike proposed that the Finance report dated 11 September 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**.

Resolution: To accept the Finance Statement for the month of August 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. P Baden and seconded by Cllr. K Fouhy with **all in favour. R494/081**

12 Youth Community Sub-Committee:

Cllr. K Draycott proposed that the Youth Community Sub-Committee report dated 18 September 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**.

13 Annual Return:

The Audit has been returned with no issues but BDO has offered some recommendations:

- Financial regulations and Standing Orders need updating
- Section 1 comparatives

Resolution: That Thrapston Town Council approves and accepts the findings of the External Audit and will act accordingly. **R495/081**

Proposed by Cllr. P Baden and seconded by Cllr. P Goss **with all in favour**.

The recommendations will be placed on Agendas for future action.

14 CCTV:

Cllr. Sewell reported from a workshop he attended recently on CCTV options for the East Northamptonshire area:

Cllr. Sewell reported that the Police were not in favour of the present CCTV system being upgraded as they were concerned at the lack of security that a Wi-Fi system would bring without dedicated phone lines they felt the system could be hacked into. Force 3 disputed this saying that the usage required by the town would not give a hacker a reason for breaking into the system and 24/7 monitoring was unnecessary giving a very much less expensive maintenance cost. It is also worth noting that the current funding from ENC could be withdrawn from March 2013.

Cllrs. V Carter, E Sewell, P Goss and K Fouhy agreed to visit Coleford where there is a Force 3 system in place. **Action: Cllrs. to suggest dates and Clerk to arrange.**

15 NCALC Councillor Panel:

A recent document on a New Governance Model for Northants CALC, issued to all members, asks for councillors to join the panel to enable Northants CLAC to involve its membership. **No one available**

16 NCALC AGM:

The NCALC AGM is planned for 20 October 2012 at Saxon Hall Raunds.

Delegates are Cllrs. Carter, Fouhy, Sewell and Pike and the Clerk. One delegate can be elected as a voting delegate and Cllr. Fouhy was nominated to fulfil this role.

Resolutions for the AGM must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive no later than 12 October 2012.

17 Training Courses:

- Cllr. Sewell attended a CCTV workshop (reported in item 14).
- Cllr. Carter attended the World War 2 US 8th Air Force commemoration event at Boughton House.
- Cllr. Jakeman attended a business lunch in Thrapston

16 Clerk's Report:

1) Information that the Highway Agency are carrying out works on the westbound slip roads on junction 12 of the A14. During works they will close the slip roads to ensure the safety of the workforce and to assist they have requested that the section of the A6116 from the A14/A6116 roundabout to the eastbound A14 slip road is closed at the same time, this will commence on 15th October until 24th October 2012 overnight only between 20.00 and 6.00.

2) NCALC Auditor, Ian Arnott has resigned from the service due to professional differences. NCALC will supply another Auditor as soon as possible.

3) The Police and Crime Commissioner has sent an email responding to one that Councillors have received individually from the Conservative Party's Police and Crime Commissioner Candidate.

4) A briefing from the Monitoring Officer on the Joint Standards Complaints Committee Membership, review of Parish Arrangements and Dispensations (Issued to all members).

5) Request from the Historical Society for the Council to photocopy at cost the next edition of Strapetona. The Clerk will send a letter of agreement.

17 District Councillors Report:

August has been a relatively quiet month with little to report however Cllr. D Read reported that:

- The Community Plan for Thrapston is proceeding with the Town Council now briefed by the consultants and it is hoped they will visit again to report on progress.
- The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Consultation Document has been issued for some time and needs to be discussed and any response agreed. The matter will be discussed at October PLA.
- Sainsbury's are looking to make deliveries at the proposed new Thrapston store outside the agreed hours. This will require a new application to be submitted to vary the plan.

18 Chairman's Comments:

Cllr. Carter agreed with Cllr. Read that the consultants Ancer Spa, who are project planning the Community Plan, seem to be very well organised and are reaching people in the town using all possible means available.

Cllr. Carter apologised for the postponement of the Civic Service and informed members that a new date will be issued shortly, probably for a Sunday in January 2013.

19 Items for Future Agendas:

- General Power of Competence – **October Full Council**
- Standing Orders Review – **F & S October**
- Discussion on the Banks in Thrapston – the Way Forward – **F&S October**
- **Training Evening - October 16th Town Council Office 7 pm**

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.