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PLANNING, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 02 October 2012

Present: Cllr. E Sewell, Cllr. V Carter, Cllr. P Goss, Cllr. D Read, Cllr. K Draycott,
Cllr. H McCormack and Cllr. C Thorp

In attendance: Jeanne Pike Clerk, Sara Crawley, Deputy Clerk

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:

EN12/01457/FUL – Two storey rear extension at 7 Swan Close. **No objection**

EN/12/01459/FUL – Proposed double storey side and single storey front extension.

Remove original dormer roof and replace with tiled roof supported by new first floor walls at 156 Oundle Road. **No objection** but a comment was forwarded to the Planning Department to say that the Council had reservations on the proposed height of the dwelling in relation to the building next to it.

05 Planning Decisions (for noting):

Approvals:

EN/12/0128/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 2012 to provide gym facilities during the refurbishment of the Nene Community Centre.

EN/12/00736/FUL – Erection of two modular spectator stands at Castle Playing Fields.

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.

There were no refusals or appeals to be noted.

06 Ground Maintenance Audit:

Required actions noted:

Area 1 – Weeds in Plaza car park and replacement of broken boards by fire exit.

Developer to be informed of other problems at Foundry Walk and Nine Arches Way sites

Area 2 - Sign post to be strengthened in Peace Park, seat by Town sign to be painted and small repair to metal ladder on multi use in Park. NCC to be requested to paint barrier outside Town Council Office.

Area 3 - Trees to be checked on Orchard Way.

Area 4 – Report not received at this date

Area 5 – Castle Playing Fields sign is loose and needs attention..

Area 6 – Clover Drive gate closure and fencing to be repaired, slats on seat in cemetery to be replaced, ivy to be removed from two graves near building, window in building to be repaired, dead yews to be replaced and debris near gate removed. Gate and graffiti at Charles Street play area to be reported to Spire Homes.

The first pillar in the long wall on Huntingdon Road side of the Peace Park has a hole that needs urgent repair. **Action H Bosworth**

Windows in toilets have been cleaned but window cleaner reported that dirt and graffiti are imbedded into the plastic and needs to be replaced with glass. Quote to be obtained to replace plastic and install glass. **Action Clerk**

07 Community Plan:

Members are in receipt of the draft Thrapston Community Plan Stage 1 report which sets out the baseline position and issues from the consultants' point of view.

There were a few additions/corrections required; i.e. allotments, war memorial and date of Charter Fair but overall the report was interesting and informative.

A draft newsletter, with a questionnaire, concerning the Plan will be delivered by the consultants, in the near future, to every household and business in the town.

There is also an open day planned to be held at the Plaza on Saturday 27 October 2012 from 9 am to 6 pm to give residents the chance to have their say.

08 North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy:

Members have been issued with a 'work in progress' document which is an emerging draft for this strategy.

Items to note:

- Thrapston is a key market town which is expected to grow, but there was no mention of a previously promised creation of more land for business/employment at Haldens Parkway. The Council should consider the implications of this as there is a need for smaller units to be available for small emerging businesses.
- On page 14 Thrapston has been omitted.
- Attention to be drawn to the infrastructure for any development to be completed prior to development. Again the distribution of new jobs at Haldens Parkway to be noted

Other than these items there was nothing in the report for real objection and it is hoped that Thrapston will expand but retain its' market status.

Clerk to report these matters to the Joint Planning Unit. **Action Clerk**

09 Bins for BMX area:

Howard Bosworth has agreed to provide some large oil drums which he will paint and site at the track in positions agreed by PLA.

Members agreed that the placing of the bins should be left to Howard who was best informed to make the decision. **Action H Bosworth**

10 Budget Requirements for Planning & Leisure and Youth for 2013/2014:

The Youth Committee has asked that PLA agree that £15,000 is allocated to them for the coming year. This would be £6,000 for Service Six youth workers, £4,000 for events over the year and £5,000 for gym equipment.

Clerk to check that: a) The Council's payment to Service Six does not overlap with the Police involvement and b) what payments have been made to Service Six since the agreement commenced. **Action Clerk**

PLA members felt that if possible money should be allocated for new 'street furniture' primarily benches in the town. Further money should also be allocated to the eventual refurbishment of Coronation Gardens. **Pass to F&S Oct**

11 Persimmon Homes- Open Spaces Thrapston:

Persimmon Homes request that the rest of the open spaces identified within the 106 at the following developments be transferred to the Council with no commuted sums payable.

- Waters Edge
- Cedar Drive

Members felt the request to be one they could not agree to and were also unhappy about the continued declaration from Persimmon that they intended to sell part of the open space land to residents. Response to this would be better in a 'face to face' situation when a discussion would be helpful. Clerk to arrange a meeting.

Action Clerk

12 Clerks Report:

1) Russian Vine has been reported growing along the fences on the A605. As the land between the fences and the adopted highway has been transferred to the Town Council Howard Bosworth has cut back the offending vegetation and the resident where this plant originated has been contacted to ask them to cut back and destroy the plant.

11 Items for Future Agendas:

Rosguill (Mervyn Church) has asked if they can meet the Council on Tuesday 09 October 2012 at 10 am. The meeting will be in the Town Council office and all Councillors are welcome to attend.

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