

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

24 July 2012

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

**In Attendance:** Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley

**Part time:** PCSO Dave Bryan

Prior to the start of the meeting Chairman and Mayor Cllr Val Carter presented a cheque for £1,122 to Dean & Rosemary Crisp, representatives of the Stroke Awareness Association in the local area. Rosie explained to the members a little of the work done by the group and thanked everyone for their support.

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

**01 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. A Winter and Cllr. K Fouhy tendered their apologies which were accepted.

**02 Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda:**

Cllr. D Read declared an interest in item 10 (hire charges). **Noted**

**03 Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present

**04 Police and Road Safety:**

PCSO Dave Bryan reported that:

- Speed cameras are being used in the area at present.
- Violence in Thrapston, called Operation challenge, was under close investigation at present.
- CCTV footage showed that some scenes of a recent incident in the High Street had been captured and had helped to identify the offenders. As a consequence there are more patrols in the High Street at crucial hours.
- Criminal damage has eased off recently.
- A recent car crash in Lancaster Drive followed a burglary and the offender is known to the Police.
- Figures for the month of June have been issued and show a total of 9; three of theft from motor vehicles, two each of criminal damage and theft/handling with one each of burglary others and deception/fraud.

Dave left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

**05 Minutes of the last meeting:**

**Resolution:** To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 26 June 2012 proposed by Cllr. E Sewell and seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour R490/042**

**06 Plaza Management Committee:**

Cllr. S Haynes proposed that the minutes of the Plaza Management Committee dated 25 June 2012 be approved (with two names, P Baden and P Pike to be added to the 'present' list) seconded by Cllr. P Pike with **all in favour**.

**07 Planning, Leisure and Amenities Committee Report:**

Cllr. P Goss proposed that the PLA report dated 03 July 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. H McCormack with **all in favour**.

**08 Finance and Strategy Statement:**

Cllr. P Baden proposed that the Finance report dated 10 July 2012 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.

**Resolution:** To accept the Finance Statement for the month of June 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. P Pike and seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour. R491/042**

**09 Youth Community Sub-Committee:**

Cllr. K Draycott proposed that the Youth Community Sub-Committee report dated 17 July 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. E Sewell with **all in favour**.

**10 Plaza Finance Working Party:**

Cllr. P Pike proposed that the Plaza Finance Working Party report dated 23 July 2012 be approved, seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

**11 Community Plan:**

Cllr. D Read reported that the team working on this project had now met with the consultants who had been appointed recently. The company (Ancer Spa) is based in Daventry and will start work on the project immediately. Schools will be involved in the consultation process but this has to wait until they return in September from their summer break.

The next stage will be for the consultants to meet with the Town Council and contact is expected shortly, a link to the web site will be created to allow greater public participation.

**12 CCTV:**

Contact details have been received for the Town Clerk at Coleford where the Force 3 Security has installed their CCTV system. The Council can contact the Clerk to make an arrangement to visit. Clerk to arrange visit once councillors decide a date.

**Action Councillors and Clerk**

An email from Mike Greenway sets out detail on the decision thus far. The funding will remain in place for the current system until 31 March 2013 with the view that further and detailed work will be undertaken with the town councils, police and other partners to explore a potentially cheaper and more effective way of options for the future provision of a CCTV network.

**13 Waters Edge:**

Persimmon has now responded to a request for information on progress concerning Water's Edge open space by asking for confirmation that the Town Council strongly oppose that the residents maintain part of the land themselves.

After discussion members agreed to respond by asking:

1. What conditions would be imposed on the residents should a part of the land be sold to them?
2. Is Persimmon prepared to gift the rest of the land to the Town Council?

The response will reiterate the original comments together with the above questions.

**Action Clerk**

**14 Mayor's Cadet for Thrapston:**

Will Kellock, Squadron ATC Officer in Charge at 858 (Rushden) ATC has written to ask the Town Council to consider the possibility of introducing a Mayor's Cadet for Thrapston. The idea is that they would perform civic duties by accompanying the Mayor to various functions. Members felt this to be a good community project involving young people. **All in favour Action Cllr. V Carter**

**15 Training Courses:**

Cllr. Baden and Cllr. Pike attended the a Cemetery Legal Compliance Course at Leicester, run by SLCC and ICCM. See Appendix one

The Chairman had carried out several civic functions; during the month, all of which were very enjoyable:

- Rockingham Triangle – involving eight schools and mini Olympics.
- Charter Fair – presentation to Ben's Chippy for the best dressed window.
- Nene Valle Swimming Gala – presentation of awards.
- Bastille Day – Weather made this Day a 'wash out'.
- Summer Ball - £1,122 raised for Charity together with a very successful event.
- July Rose Day at the School
- Sailing Club – presentation of medals and a trip on the river
- Two Civic Services on the same day, the first at Rushden for ENC and the second at Burton Latimer.

**16 Clerk's Report:**

- 1) Letter of thanks from Lindsey Burch for the bouquet given following the Party in the Park.
- 2) Northamptonshire Police Authority have sent a 'Have your Say' card for each councillor. (Circulated)
- 3) Letter of thanks from Victim Support for the grant of £300
- 4) Orbit Housing and Bletsoes plan to hold an exhibition to publicise their latest proposals for the allocated THR5 development. The event is to be held at the Bridge hotel on Thursday 02 August from 3pm to 7.30pm.
- 5) Letter from Mr Palitis at Prince William School to thank the Council for providing the opportunity for sixth form students to carry out voluntary work in the town.
- 6) Letter of thanks from Vitalise for the £300 grant sent recently.
- 7) Letter of thanks from Nene Valley Swimming Club for the attendance of the Mayor at the recent swimming gala.

**17 District Councillors Report:**

Cllr. P Baden reported that now that the Sainsbury's planning application has been approved the next step is for the traffic orders to be considered and agreed.

Cllr. D Read reported that the Nene Centre is set to close sometime in September and the new roof should be in place by February 2013. This will be followed by internal refurbishments that will take the rest of the nine month closure period.

The North Northamptonshire Planning Unit is planning a Core Spatial Strategy Review looking at Haldens Parkway, Thrapston and hoping to increase the size to allow for more employment.

**18 Chairman's Comments:**

Cllr. Carter informed members that she had enjoyed the events during the last month and had learned from them realising the importance of forging links in the community. The Coin Week had been very successful and those who assisted in provisions for the work will be sent a letter of thanks. **Action Clerk**

**19 Items for Future Agendas:**

There were no items for future agendas but some members had various issues outside the Agenda that will be dealt with as necessary by the officers

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

17 July 2012

## **Cemetery Legal Compliance Course**

This seminar was held at Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire, commencing at 09:30 and ended at 16:30 as advertised.

Ten Town or Parish Clerks from the East Midlands region attended, and Cllrs. P Baden and P J Pike also attended because both councillors are members of our Town Council Cemetery Committee. After coffee on arrival, we were welcomed by David McCarthy from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management who led the presentations throughout the day with pictures, anecdotes, handouts, working groups and question and answer sessions.

The morning subject entitled **Law and Compliance** was aimed specifically at the role of the Clerk and the importance of procedures was emphasised throughout the day. Although the titles of each section sounded somewhat daunting or dull, David managed to keep all participants involved with comments and/or answers as he introduced the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 with topics ranging from Registers and Plans, Burial and Memorial Rights, Shallow Graves, Registration and Certificates, and then expanded on the delicate subject of Exhumation ( with one Town Clerk describing in detail her experience at a very early morning exhumation).

Following a buffet lunch **Granting and Transferring Rights of Burial** was the afternoon title for the complex detail required by law and this promoted most discussion as several Clerks had to admit to a little shortfall in meeting some of the requirements. It was gratifying to note that by comparison to many pictures shown and grim detail of other's experiences, Thrapston rated highly in both administrative and practical aspects of our Cemetery.

As previously noted the majority of delegates were Clerks and the enormous weight of their responsibility to comply with the law was emphasised. However, both Thrapston Councillors found it helpful for their role, along with the other Councillors on the Cemetery Committee who have already attended a similar course, in visiting our Cemetery as and when required, especially immediately prior to a burial.

*Philip Pike 17 /07 /2012*