

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

22 January 2013

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

**In Attendance:** D. Cllr. W Brackenbury, Jeanne Pike, Clerk and Sara Crawley

**01 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. P Goss tendered her apologies which were accepted.

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

Cllr. Read declared an interest in item 11. **Noted**

**03 Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present

**04 Police and Road Safety:**

The Police were unable to attend so the Clerk read the Parish Crime report for December which showed 8 crimes reported which were broken down as follows: 1 criminal damage, 1 theft from motor vehicles, 1 burglary dwelling, 3 theft-handling, 1 violent offence and 1 burglary other.

Members queried the recent theft at the jewellers and asked if CCTV had captured any images of the incident. The Police will be contacted and the question asked.

**Action Clerk**

**05 Minutes of the last meeting:**

**Resolution:** To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 18 December 2012 proposed by Cllr. E Sewell and seconded by Cllr. H McCormack With **all in favour R506/153**

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

Cllr. H McCormack proposed that the PLA report dated 02 January 2013 be approved, seconded by Cllr. K Draycott with **all in favour**.

**07 Community Youth Committee Report:**

Cllr. E Sewell proposed that the Community Youth report dated 07 January 2013 be approved, seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**.

**08 Finance and Strategy Statement:**

Cllr. R Jakeman proposed that the Finance report dated 08 January 2013 be accepted, seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**.

**Resolution:** To accept the Finance Statement for the month of December 2012 and approve the required payments; proposed by Cllr. P Pike and seconded by Cllr. P Baden with **all in favour**. **R507/154**

**09 Contract for Public Conveniences – Thrapston:**

Information from East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has been received to inform the Council that TUPE is no longer an issue in the employment of person/s for the maintenance of the public conveniences. The present contract has been extended to 31 March 2013; when it will expire and the cleaner has been given notice to allow the consultation period to end in line with this date.

As the time scale is so short the Clerk has prepared a tender document and advertised the requirement for receipt of tenders with the contract period set at one year with the option to review at the end of that time. Cllr. A Winter proposed that tenders be sent out inviting responses and this was seconded by Cllr. S Haynes with **all in favour**.

It was noted that further discussion should take place at a future date concerning the Service room and the equipment stored there at present and the current signage which states the toilets belong to ENC. **Pass to February PLA**

**10 CCTV Draft Report from ENC:**

Cllr. Sewell and the Clerk attended a recent CCTV workshop when Mike Greenway from ENC outlined the various options now that the grant funding from ENC will cease at the end of March 2013.

He has now issued a Draft report (issued to all councillors) and has asked for a decision as soon as possible to allow ENC to accommodate all that has to be done before 31 March. The final decisions will go to the P&R Committee in March where authorisation will be obtained to prepare the legal documents for transfer.

However members felt that there had been no real results evident from the present CCTV system which is now over ten years old and was not helping the town or the Police to catch criminals. Cllr. A Winter proposed that East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) should be informed that Thrapston Town Council wish to withdraw from the current agreement at the end of March 2013, seconded by Cllr. E Sewell with **all in favour**. **Clerk to write to ENC**

As previously agreed the Council would request information and a quote/survey from Force3 Security who had already attended the Council to give a favourable presentation. Members of the Council had visited one of the towns where their system was installed and agreed it to be a good, less expensive option with better clarity of pictures. The Clerk will contact Force 3 to ask if they have progressed with other councils since they were last contacted and to ask for a firm quote for Thrapston. **Action Clerk**

**11 Councillor for the Youth Committee:**

Cllr. D Read has asked if he can be replaced on the Youth Committee as he is struggling to attend meetings due to commitments at the District Council.

It was noted that there were four councillors on this committee, Cllrs. V Carter, E Sewell, A Winter and K Draycott and as the constitution states four then this number is sufficient at present.

**12 Working Party:**

John Rivett from Barnes Noble Edwards has visited the Council owned buildings and will send a report on his findings. There are empty buildings in the town, one of which the Council has visited and together with the buildings already owned a working party is needed to work out the best use of the buildings and the capital set aside for building projects. It was agreed to form a 'Land' working party with Cllrs. D Read, A Winter, S Haynes, E Sewell and C Thorp. The first meeting will take place once the information is received.

**13 Internal Audit:**

Due to the recent bad weather David Linnell, internal auditor postponed his visit. He now plans to audit the books on Tuesday 29 January 2013 so any information will be reported at a later meeting.

**14 Training Courses:**

Cllr. Sewell and the Clerk attended a CCTV workshop (see item 10 and Appendix one)

The Clerk attended a SMT and Town Clerks meeting at ENC (see Appendix two)

Cllr. V Carter and the Clerk attended a Larger Councils Partnership meeting (see Appendix three). Cllr. Carter reported that she found this one particularly interesting and useful.

**15 Clerk's Report:**

1) A business road show is planned for 31 January 2013 at ENC between 8.30 am and 11.30 am.

2) Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance has sent a letter of thanks for the money donated from the firework display.

3) Jim Cosford has recently retired from his post as Rights of Way Manager. The position will be filled temporarily by Richard Woodhouse.

4) The County Council has responded to the Council's letter concerning the Sainsbury's traffic mitigation plans. They say that they correctly followed the consultation process prior to the application for the store being submitted to the Planning Authority. They carried out the statutory consultation stage before moving on to the public notice stage. Once these stages are complete the public will have 21 days to view the proposal and make formal representation.

The County Council recommend that any comments relate specifically to the highways improvement and not to the development which has already been before East Northamptonshire Council.

5) The Circus due to come to the town in March has been warned that the Sports Field may not be able to accommodate them if the bad weather continues however they are keen to come and have offered deposit against damage

**16 District Councillors Report:**

Cllr. W Brackenbury reported that:

- Waste collections in the ENC area had not taken place this week due to the weather and it is doubtful they will now take place until the next scheduled collection.
- The Nene Centre remedial work is well on the way to be finished on the agreed date.

Cllr. D Read reported that:

- The Scrutiny Committee at ENC were keen to encourage improved relationships with the town councils in their area and had chosen Thrapston as a pilot one to meet with and discuss various issues. They hope to meet with the Council prior to the Full Council on Tuesday 26 February 2013.  
**Cllr. Read to confirm**
- As the planning consent for Sainsbury's development has not yet been issued the recent application to amend the delivery conditions will be submitted and go before the Development Committee on 28 February 2013 after a discussion with Sainsburys.

**17 Chairman's Comments:**

Cllr. Carter reminded members to give the Clerk any thoughts /issues they had with the Community Plan.

Cllr. Carter's chosen charity – Kettering and District Stroke Association - has been given the opportunity to be one of Waitrose's charities for the month of February and Cllr. Carter encouraged those who shop in Waitrose to put their tokens in the slot provided for the charity.

The Civic Service will take place at **10.30 am at St. James' Church, on Sunday 27 January 2013** and Cllr. Carter asked for the support of all members.

Following a recent visit to a Holocaust Service Cllr. Carter reported that she had been very moved by what she had learned and encouraged everyone to be 'good neighbours' and to 'build bridges' wherever possible.

**18 Items for Future Agendas:**

- 1) Position of play equipment in the Peace Park – **Feb PLA**
- 2) Meeting with businesses in the town to forge better relationships – **ATM April**

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