

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Full Town Council  
held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Cribb (Chairman), Cllr Baden, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Carter,  
Cllr Charles (7.02), Cllr Draycott, Cllr Latimer, Cllr Read, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Wheeler**

**In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk)**

| No. | Item   | Action   | By Whom |
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| 1.  | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>Cllrs Winter, Strode-Willis and Boydell had tendered their apologies which were accepted.<br>Cllr Charles had advised that she would be late.  |  |         |
| 2.  | <b>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b><br>None.   |  |         |
| 3.  | <b>To receive any issues from members of the public</b><br>None.   |  |         |
| 4.  | <b>To discuss and determine the Council's position with regards to Stage 2 of the Independent Library Application as received: the pro's and con's to the Council and whether the Council will submit an application</b><br>Members discussed at length the requirements of the Stage 2 Application and concluded that as a Council they have not agreed to run an independent library but would still wish to purchase the building and surrounding land and seek to develop a community hub for the benefit of the whole community and surrounding villages. On this basis it was agreed that the Council would not submit the Stage 2 application but would instead ask the County Council if they would consider selling the building separately so the Council could seek to develop a community hub, which may or may not include a library provision. Members agreed that if the County Council does agree to progress in this way then an independent survey and valuation of the building will need to be undertaken. | Put question to NCC as to whether the Council can purchase the building separately | Clerk   |

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| 5. | <p><b>To discuss and determine whether the Council should now seek Independent Legal Advice with regards to making the Stage 2 Application to run an Independent Library if so determined in Item 4 above</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Council would not submit a Stage 2 application but would instead continue to seek to purchase the building/land separately. Independent Legal Advice isn't sought at this stage.</p>  |  |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Welcome Representatives of Friends of the Library Sub-Action Group for discussion and to agree future action</b></p> <p>The Council welcomed Richard Swindle, Peter Gout, Anne Gilbert, Andy Gibney and Joe Garner to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cribb proceeded to explain the Town Council's current position, in that the Stage 2 application had been received but that from discussions the Council would not be completing this application but would instead contact the County Council and ask if they would consider selling the property separately. The Sub-Action Group confirmed that they had not received the Stage 2 application despite having registered their interest, although Andy Gibney confirmed that he would check his emails.</p> <p>Various discussions took place regarding the County Council's position, including the judicial reviews which are due to be heard in the High Court w/c May 21<sup>st</sup> and the CILIP objections which detail that if the libraries are closed the County Council will be acting directly against the 1964 legislation. The Sub-Action Group also spoke of Alison Richards who is the representative of the Group of 21 Libraries.</p> <p>Discussions continued regarding the potential running costs of a library provision.</p> <p>The Sub-Action Group felt the more important factor in everything was that the Town retained the building. It was concluded that the Town Council would contact the County Council to investigate purchasing the library building/premises and that in the meantime the Sub-Action Group would continue to research more information and would start looking at ways of setting up a library provision from scratch.</p> <p>It was noted that the next Sub-Action Group meeting was on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.</p> |  |  |
|    | <p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40</b></p>   |  |  |

Signed .....

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