

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Sports Association Advisory Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Boyd (Chairman), Cllr Boydell, Cllr Draycott, Cllr Latimer (7.30pm) Cllr Read  
Cllr Wheeler**

**In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk), Sports Association Representatives (7.30pm)  
Mick Tate, Teresa Tate, J Wisniewski, Leigh Morris**

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Latimer had tendered his apologies from 7pm-7.30pm which were accepted. Cllr Cribb had tendered her apologies which were accepted.		
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.		
3.	<b>Public Open Time</b> None.		
4.	<b>To recap the current Lease terms, proposed Lease terms and Grounds Maintenance in relation to the Sports Field</b> The Committee reviewed the current Lease terms together with the three options which had been put before the Sports Association for consideration. In view of the Sports Association's response that they couldn't afford any of the options discussions took place to find a fourth option. Following discussion it was agreed to negotiate Option 4 in the following terms: to increase the rent to £1,000 from April 2018; to prepare a new Lease commencing April 2019; new Lease to include 50% contribution towards grounds maintenance costs; new Lease to include provision for use of sports field for fireworks and to update the terms generally regarding hours etc.; rent and grounds maintenance contribution to be frozen until April 2021 at which time it will be reviewed; Town Council to bear the		

	legal costs of the new Lease.		
5.	<p><b>7.30pm To welcome members from the Sports Association:</b>  M Tate – Vice chairman  T Tate – Committee  J Wisniewski – Committee  L Morris – Secretary</p>		
<b><i>This part of the meeting is Private &amp; Confidential. Any press and public are asked to leave.</i></b>			
6.	<p><b>To discuss and review with Members of the Sports Association the terms of the Lease, particularly with regard to future rent and maintenance of the playing field</b></p> <p>The correct Lease by which the Sports Association have been working from was established. It was remarked that the differences in the other copy Leases were not significant. It was stated that under the current Lease the Sports Association are to pay rent at £825 per annum with a maintenance charge of £1 per week. It was noted that the rent had not been reviewed since the commencement of the Lease in 2003.</p> <p>Members of the Sports Association acknowledged the three options which the Town Council had put before them and confirmed that they could not afford any of the options, although they do understand the Town Council's position. They confirmed that the Lease is actually for the club grounds and car park and doesn't in fact include the playing field. They further confirmed that they are a not for profit organisation and although they have had a successful couple of years they are mindful that things could change at any time.</p> <p>Discussions took place and the Committee's Option 4 was put to the Sports Association. They advised that they were more than happy with the increase in rent but would not be able to commit to 50% of the grounds maintenance charges, being approximately £800. They noted that they had spent £1,400 on repairs and maintenance to the grounds in the past year.</p> <p>Further discussions took place and it was acknowledged what a tremendous facility they provide to the town and that they have the full support of the Town Council.</p> <p>Following further discussions a variation of Option 4 was put to the Sports Association, in the terms as listed above but with an amendment to a 25% contribution towards the grounds maintenance costs.</p> <p>The members of the Sports Association felt that they would be able to accept this revised Option 4, but of course they would need to take it back to a meeting first for approval by their committee. The Committee confirmed that it would also need to be taken to Full Town Council for approval.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Sports Association would discuss the revised option at their meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, with the Town Council discussing it at their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and that a further meeting be held thereafter.</p>		
7.	<p><b>To request further information from the Sports Association with regards to materials to be used and location of the proposed new memorial score box.</b></p> <p>Those present requested that we speak with Les about</p>		

	the scoreboard as he will have all the information. They advised that he would be arriving after this meeting.		
8.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ 7.30pm.		
9.	<b>Items for Future Agendas</b> None		
	<b>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.17pm</b>		

Signed .....

Dated .....