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**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Thrapston Town Council
held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 6.15pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Wheeler (Chairman), Cllr Baden, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Carter, Cllr Charles, Cllr Cribb,
Cllr Draycott, Cllr Strode-Willis, Cllr Winter**

In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk)

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Otterwell and Read.		
2.	Declaration of Interest None received.		
3.	Public Open Time None.		
4.	To receive Councillor Resignation and note course of action to be taken The Chairman advised that Cllr Latimer had resigned from the Council. The Clerk advised that the statutory notice will be displayed giving electors the opportunity to call an election, following which if no election is called the Council will be free to co-opt.	Noted.	
5.	To note that in accordance with s.85 of the Local Government Act 1972 a vacancy has arisen and to note the course of action to be taken The Chairman advised that in accordance with s.85 of the Local Government Act 1972 Cllr Vaughan no longer qualifies to be a councillor due to his failure to attend meetings for a consecutive period of more than 6 months. The Clerk advised that the statutory notice will be displayed giving electors the opportunity to call an election, following which if no election is called the Council will be free to co-opt.	Noted.	
6.	To receive an initial proposal from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) relating to the proposed sale or lease of the library building. To consider matters and agree action.		

<p>Discussions took place about the principle terms of agreement that had been received from the County Council with regards to the sale or lease of Thrapston Library to the Town Council. There was concern over the restrictive covenants that they intend placing on the title if a sale was achieved stating that the property is to be used for library and ancillary purposes only.</p> <p>It was felt that the 25% discount offered by the County Council wasn't really a discount, just a deferred payment, as if at some point in the future the Town Council wished to have the restrictive covenant lifted then the 25% would need repaying.</p> <p>It was felt generally that the proposal offered in its current terms would not prove good value for our community.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that we should write to NCC advising that whilst we wish to continue a positive engagement with them we cannot accept the terms of their agreement as they are too restrictive but will be open to a meeting and further discussions and negotiations.</p> <p>It was noted that the Barclays building is now on the market for lease.</p>	<p>Write to NCC as directed</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:01</p>		

Signed

Dated