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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.15pm remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllr Draycott (Chairman), Cllr Baden, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Carter, Cllr Charles, Cllr Cribb, Cllr George, Cllr Otterwell, Cllr Strode-Willis, Cllr Wheeler, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Winter, Cllr Worley

In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk)

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
Part 1			
1.	Apologies for Absence Cllr Brackenbury had tendered her apologies.		
2.	Co-option of Daniel Worley and Chelsea George and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Resolved to co-opt Daniel Worley and Chelsea George to the Council. Cllrs Worley and George read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.		
3.	Declaration of Interest Cllr A Winter – Item 21. Cllr V Carter – Item 21. Cllr C Wilcox – Item 17. Cllr D Boyd – Item 21.		
4.	Public Open Time None.		
5.	To approve the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 11th August 2020 This item is incorrect, it should state the September minutes. To be carried forward.		
6.	To approve the Terms of Reference for the Thrapston Market Working Party and the Virtual Events Working Party Resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for both working parties.		
7.	To appoint Members to the following committees/working parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events & Community Engagement Committee (2) • Angling & Moorings Working Party (2) It was noted that there was also one vacancy on the Planning & Asset Management Committee. Resolved that Cllrs Carter, Otterwell, Cribb and Worley form the Angling & Moorings Working Party; that Cllrs George and Carter join the Events & Community Engagement Committee and that Cllr Worley joins the Planning & Asset Management Committee.		

8.	<p>To receive a report (if available) from the last JAG meeting; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future</p> <p>Report taken as read. Cllr Carter was concerned to note the increase in crime in Thrapston and wishes to know what police presence we now have and what the police's thoughts are on it.</p>		
9.	<p>To receive a report (if available) from attendance at the Police & Crime Commissioner's Surgery; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future meeting</p> <p>No report available.</p>		
10.	<p>To receive a report (if available) from attendance at Plastic Free Thrapston Steering Group meetings; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future meeting</p> <p>No report available.</p>		
11.	<p>To receive a report (if available) relating to the Thrapston Youth Forum, to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration</p> <p>No report available.</p>		
12.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning & Asset Management Committee</p> <p>Cllr Otterwell briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Planning & Asset Management Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
13.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Finance & Devolution Committee</p> <p>Cllr Winter briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Finance & Devolution Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
14.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Events & Community Engagement Committee</p> <p>Cllr Cribb briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Events & Community Engagement Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website.</p>		
15.	<p>To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Personnel Committee</p> <p>Cllr Boyd briefed the meeting on key points arising from the recent Personnel Committee meeting. To be noted that Minutes giving a detailed account of meetings are available on the Council's website</p>		
16.	<p>To receive a recommendation from the Thrapston Market Working Party that the Council enter negotiations with Bletsoes regarding taking over the management of the market and agree action</p> <p>Resolved to accept the recommendation of the working party that the Council enter negotiations with Bletsoes regarding taking over the management of the market.</p>		
17.	<p>To receive a recommendation from the Finance & Devolution Committee that the Council commits to supporting the Souster Trust within its annual budget by contributing towards the cost of a Key Worker in the sum of £10,000 per annum for years 1, 2 and 3 and agree action</p> <p>Resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Devolution Committee that the Council commits to supporting the</p>		

	Souster Trust in the sum of £10,000 in the next financial year and the following two years thereafter.		
18.	To receive a recommendation from the Finance & Devolution Committee to proceed with the purchase of a company van up to a maximum spend of £15,000 to be taken from general reserves Resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Devolution Committee that the Council commits to the purchase of a company van, to be taken from general reserves, at a maximum cost of £15,000.		
19.	To receive a recommendation from the Finance & Devolution Committee, having reviewed the budget for the Peace Park project, that with the balance held (circa. £15,000) we proceed with (i) moving the beacon; (ii) replacing the cradle swings; (iii) installing an electrical supply to the permitter and agree action Resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Devolution Committee that the Council proceeds with the works as set out above.		
20.	To receive and determine approval of a quotation from HJ Horticulture for extensive tree work required along the Town Walk Resolved to accept the quotation from HJ Horticulture for the extensive tree work along the Town Walk.		
21.	To receive a Grant Application from Thrapston Foodbank and determine if to award a grant Resolved to award a grant to Thrapston Foodbank in the sum of £1,000.		
22.	To determine whether to hold the Christmas Pantomime 2020 Resolved to cancel the 2020 Pantomime due to Covid-19.		
23.	To consider the public consultation on proposed changes to Local Council Tax Support Schemes in North Northamptonshire and determine a response The consultation paper was discussed. It was agreed that individuals should respond and that it should be advertised to the wider community for the public's response, to incorporate figures directly relating to East Northamptonshire to show how Thrapston might be affected.		
24.	District Councillors' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Carter reported that East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) are trying to get the Local Plan Part 2 to fruition before unitary. • Cllr Carter reported that at Planning Policy next week they will be focusing on their responses to the White Paper. • Cllr Carter reported that at the shadow authority meeting a couple of task and finish groups had been set up. • Cllr Brackenbury had informed on the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards scheme. 		
Part 2			
25.	Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public and press are to be excluded on the grounds that the following items to be discussed are of a confidential and sensitive nature		
26.	Lancaster Drive: To receive advice from the solicitor and agree action. Resolved to instruct the solicitor to write to the residents concerned in the terms suggested.		
27.	Re-opening of meeting following closed session It was resolved to re-open the meeting.		
28.	Clerk's Report (for noting)		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk advised that other local towns are looking into a Town App for local businesses and residents; she will report further once more information is available. 		
29.	<p>Chairman's comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman organised an induction session with Cllrs Worley and George, with the Clerk. The Chairman wished to thank the staff on behalf of the whole Council for their continued support and hard work during these challenging times. 		
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:31.		

Signed

Dated