

# THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.15pm at The Town Council Office

**Present: Cllr Wheeler (Chairman), Cllr Cairns, Cllr Cribb, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Latimer,  
Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Twigger, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Winter, Cllr Worley**

**In attendance: Linda Marshall (Clerk), Wendy Brackenbury (Unitary Councillor)  
Michele Storey**

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	<b>To Receive Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr McGovern had tendered his apologies which were accepted. Unitary Councillor Geoff Shacklock and David Brackenbury had also tendered their apologies.		
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.		
3.	<b>Public Open Time</b> None.		
4.	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> <b>Resolved</b> that the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting dated 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a true record.		
5.	<b>To receive and note Minutes of Committee Meetings held during May</b> Minutes of the Planning & Asset Management Committee meeting dated 7 <sup>th</sup> June, the Personnel Committee meeting dated 28 <sup>th</sup> June and the Events & Community Engagement Committee meeting dated 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 noted.		
6.	<b>To receive reports (if available) from representatives on external bodies; to discuss and agree any items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at future meetings</b> JAG – no report. Police Liaison – circulated today. CHAT – meeting 22/07/22. Volunteer Action – will be presenting to Council in August.		
7.	<b>To receive a report and presentation from the Nene Valley Park Project's Management Team; to discuss and agree any</b>		

	<p><b>items requiring consideration; to identify any items to be raised at a future meeting</b></p> <p>Report noted. There will be a presentation at the next meeting following an on-site meeting with the Facilities Manager.</p>		
8.	<p><b>To receive, review and approve the Financial Reports for June 2022</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the Financial Reports for June 2022 be accepted, as attached at Appendix 1.</p>		
9.	<p><b>To receive and authorise the payments due in July 2022</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the list of payments due in July 2022 be approved, as attached at Appendix 2.</p>		
10.	<p><b>To receive applications and fill vacancies on the Council by co-option</b></p> <p>Each vacancy was dealt with separately. All six candidates were proposed and seconded. A co-option voting process followed. <b>Resolved</b> to co-opt Michele Storey for the first vacancy and Stuart Glover for the second vacancy. Both candidates to attend the next meeting at which they will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	Advise all candidates of results	Clerk
11.	<p><b>To receive and note NN Journal Article entitled “Inflation busting allowances of leading Conservatives revealed” and agree any action to be taken</b></p> <p>Following discussions it was <b>carried by majority</b> with one vote against and two abstentions to respond to the article via a social media statement setting down the Town Council’s disappointment that Unitary Councillors voted in favour of such a high percentage pay increase, circa 11%, when their own workforce were awarded just 1.75% and the town, county and country are struggling with cost of living. Clerk to draft a statement for approval.</p>	Draft Statement	Clerk
12.	<p><b>To receive and consider draft Strategic Plan 2022 v.5 following the strategic meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June and agree action</b></p> <p>The Strategic Plan was discussed, with several amendments being made. An amended copy to be brought back to the next meeting for final approval.</p>	Amend draft Strategic Plan	Clerk
13.	<p><b>To receive solicitor correspondence relating to the Hydro Easement, to note the matters outstanding and agree action</b></p> <p>The easement and solicitor correspondence were discussed at length. It was <b>resolved</b> that the Council will not accept any amendment to the easement giving unrestricted access. The easement as drafted stands.</p> <p>It was proposed that a separate Licence be offered to the landowner giving unrestricted access for personal use, at a cost of £1,000 per annum with the landowner being requested to pay the Town Council’s legal costs in relation to the Licence. This motion was not seconded and therefore was not moved to a vote. As such the proposal was set aside.</p>	Advise solicitors accordingly	Clerk
14.	<p><b>To receive a request from a volunteer resident that the Council provides a garden waste bin for maintenance of the garden area at Windsor Drive, at a cost of £55 per year, and agree action</b></p> <p>Following discussion it was <b>resolved</b> that the resident should bag the garden waste (provided by the Town Council) and leave it for HJ Horticulture to collect who cover the area within its ground’s maintenance contract.</p> <p>It was agreed that a thank you letter should also be sent to the resident.</p>	Arrange collection with HJ Horticulture  Write Letter	Facilities Manager  Clerk

15.	<p><b>To agree to the creation of a Climate Action Working Party and approve the Working Party's Terms of Reference and to appoint members to that Working Party</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to create a Climate Action Working Party and accept the Terms of Reference as drafted. Working Party members appointed: Cllrs McLuckie, Twigger, Wheeler, Wilcox, Worley, and a representative from the Youth Forum. Newly co-opted Michele Storey also expressed an interest in sitting on the Working Party.</p>		
16.	<p><b>To receive a resident request for permission to erect a memorial bench at Water's Edge and agree action</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to allow the erection of a memorial bench at Water's Edge subject to a policy being drafted and agreed by Council giving specification for three options of memorial bench from a local provider. The resident to be informed accordingly and advised that the policy with specifications will be sent to her after the next meeting in August.</p>	Draft policy	Clerk
		Inform resident	Clerk
17.	<p><b>Unitary Councillor's Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the last scrutiny meeting the KGH (Kettering General Hospital) Trust Plan was presented which was good. The outline business case is going to the Trust's Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> July for approval. Redevelopment will be in two phases.</li> <li>• Newlands and IM Developments have been submitted their applications – it is believed it will go to the November Strategic Planning Committee.</li> <li>• Cllr Brackenbury wished to express her disappointment that the Town Council have agreed to put out a statement in response to the NN Journal without first reading the Independent Review Panel report.</li> </ul>		
18.	<p><b>Clerk's Report (for noting)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impex protestors are back; the clerk has been informed that they will regularly be protesting in Thrapston.</li> <li>• Resident of Cross Keys Drive wishes Council to know that her complaint about the siting of the dog waste bin at Nine Arches still stands.</li> <li>• The Clerk expressed concern regarding the lack of response to emails from Councillors and asked that they please respond so that the office can progress with tasks.</li> </ul>		
25.	<p><b>Chairman's Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman advised that he was recently invited to Rockingham Castle with the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sherriff, he was also invited to St Neots Armed Forces Day and RAF Alconbury Independence Day Celebrations. He has been invited to the official opening of Chester House at which Princess Anne will be attending, and Cllr Wilcox will officially open The Squirrels Thrapston Day Nursery at the end of July.</li> <li>• Cllr Twigger noted that the tree planted in the Peace Park for the Queens Jubilee is recovering well.</li> </ul>		
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:00.</b>		

Signed .....

Dated .....

**APPENDIX 1**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE**

**APPENDIX 2**

**LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY**