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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Policy & Resources Committee
held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 19:15 at the Town Council Office, Thrapston.**

Present: Cllr Worley (Chairman), Cllr Glover, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr McLuckie, Cllr Wheeler

In attendance: Linda Brodier (Clerk)

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Apologies for absence Cllrs Storey and Twigger had tendered their apologies which were accepted.		
2.	Declaration of Interest None.		
3.	Public Open Time None.		
4.	To approve the Minutes of the Planning and Asset Management Committee meeting dated 7th March 2023 Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning & Asset Management Committee meeting dated 7 th March 2023 be confirmed as a true record.		
5.	To receive Officer's report: to consider the following planning applications and to determine the Council's responses:- (Documents are available to view at https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200155/planning) NE/23/00204/FUL: Change of use at First Floor Level to convert storage area into 3b4p Flat, Restoration of Storage Area at Rear of Ground Floor Level (due to dilapidation of existing area), New rear access into proposed first floor accommodation Location: 22 High Street Resolved: No Objection	Submit No Objection	Officers
6.	To receive notification of planning permissions withdrawn, granted, refused and appealed: NE/22/00507/FUL: Permission refused. Conversion of existing outbuilding and car port into ancillary accommodation, 38 Huntingdon Road.	Noted	

7.	<p>To receive Officer Report to consider consultation on East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 – North Northamptonshire are consulting on proposed modifications to Part 2 of the East of Northamptonshire Local Plan – consultation closes midnight 21st April 2023 and consider response Resolved to not to submit any comments. The main modifications were noted.</p>		
8.	<p>To receive Officer Report with quotes for improving the stage lighting system in the Plaza and agree action Resolved to accept the quotation and proceed with the works to improve the stage lighting system at the Plaza in the sum of £1,412 and to request contributions from the Plaza users who use the stage lighting system.</p>	Proceed with the works and request contributions	Officers
9.	<p>To receive Officer Report and quote for improving the play/green space area and installing goal posts in Windsor Drive and agree action Item deferred until the following clarification is sought:- (i) Please provide a quote to replace/repair the sleepers (or equivalent); (ii) Please provide a quote to repair the grass area; (iii) Please confirm whether the whole area needs to be dug up to remove the green matting; (iv) Please advise why it is stated that the area is now unusable for ball games?</p> <p>In addition to the above alternative locations for goal posts were discussed, including Castle Playing Fields. Officers to contact the Sports Association to determine the following:- (i) How often do they train on Castle Playing Fields and how much of the area do they use? (ii) If TTC purchased removable goal posts could the Sports Association white line the pitches? (iii) Could they recommend goal post sizes (preferably two different sizes)? (iv) Could they store the goal posts when required (i.e. fun fair)?</p>	Seek further clarity and information	Officers
10.	<p>To receive Officer Report and quote for tree maintenance on the Town Walk and agree action Item deferred until the following clarification is sought:- (i) Seek confirmation from Natural England and the Wildlife Trust on how they are dealing with Ash Die Back on their land – what is their strategy? (ii) Has approval been sought from Natural England for the works on the north side of the Town Walk (in the SSSI) classified as “2” as we are only permitted to undertake emergency works? (iii) Confirm that a request will be made for the recommended survey relating to the Ash Die Back to be undertaken during July or August and ask that they be categorised as per Natural England from 1 to 4. (iv) Why is it proposed to undertake works to the canopy of a tree with Ash Die Back? (v) Why are two trees (Nos. 5 & 6) which have fallen and are recorded as being supported by other trees not a No. 1 category? (vi) Nos. G15 & 22 are not recorded as dangerous, although dead, so why is there a request that they be felled?</p> <p>In addition to the above it was noted that works cannot now be undertaken until after the bird nesting season – therefore</p>		

	the matter is deferred until the above information / clarification is provided. It was further noted that approximately one-third of the trees in the wooded area are Ash trees and likely to be affected by Ash Die Back, which the survey in July/August will confirm.		
11.	Officer's report (for noting) 23/00334/LAPNEW Licence Application Extension, Three Hills Brewery Ltd, 5 Cosy Nook: The date for submission of comments had passed and an extension, although requested, was not granted. The item was noted. Request made that in future the licence information be obtained and included as an agenda item as comments can still be submitted, even if after the deadline.	Noted	
12.	Chairman's comments Thanked everyone for attending.		
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:03.		

Signed

Dated