

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009

Present:

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| Mr R. S. R James (Town Mayor) | Mr J. Emsell |
| Mr J. M. Ward (Deputy Town Mayor) | Mr S. Freeman-Pannett |
| Mr G. Allison | Mr E. A. Newberry |
| Mr A. J. Barber | Mrs E. C. Laming |
| Mr J. F. Fisher | Miss S. P. Lawn |
| Mr D. E. Eley | Mr I. J. Mackie, |
| Mr N. Shaw | Mr G. Rowe |

Apologies: - Mr D. R. C. Spooner

In Attendance: Mr S. J. Ford (Town Clerk)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mr N. Shaw and Mr I. J. Mackie declared an interest in matters relating to Norfolk County Council as members of the County Council. Mr J. F. Fisher and Mr J. M. Ward declared a personal interest as members of the District Council in item 19 Broadland District Council.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 2nd March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2009, previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

4. Announcements

The Deputy Town Mayor, Mr J. Ward, announced that he had attended a military briefing at the T.A. headquarters that had been very well attended and most informative of military activities at the present time.

The Town mayor, Mr R. S. James welcomed Mr P. Rope, Town Tree Warden to the meeting following his recent illness and stay in hospital.

The Clerk announced that the District Council would be hosting a meeting to discuss the unitary authority proposals that all members were welcome to attend.

5. Public Participation

The Town Mayor then suspended the meeting to enable members of the public to speak.

A resident drew attention to the sale of cars on the roadside and was informed that this was a matter the District Council dealt with. Mr Rope asked if his query regarding the Lord Mayor of Norwich had been resolved and was informed that the protocol had been thoroughly established.

County Councillors

Mr I. Mackie said that the reopening of Yarmouth Road was on schedule and would be open by 1st May 2009. He hoped that further No Cold Calling Zones would be established in the town.

District Councillors

Mr I. J. Mackie said that the District Council was funding free swimming for the over 60's.

Mr J. F. Fisher said that a thermal imaging survey had been conducted, The results would initially be brought to the attention of businesses and subsequently to householders.

Mr J. M. Ward said that Norwich City Council bus passes unlike the Broadland Passes could now only be used after 09.30, Broadland residents could continue to use their passes from 08.30 except for journeys that started in the city of Norwich where the 09.30 ruling would apply. The name for the prison at the former RAF Coltishall was Hre Majesty's Prison Bure.

The Town Mayor then closed the public session and reconvened the meeting.

6. Payment of Accounts

Cheque numbers 003376 – 003439 totalling £58,373.10p, on the 2008/09 payments list were approved and signed.

7. Tree Wardens' Report

Mr P. Rope submitted his monthly report and provided information on works being carried out on trees that were subject to preservation orders. Mr Rope requested information on the planting scheme that was being carried out at Laundry Lane Recreation Ground. Information regarding Tree Preservation Orders was noted.

8. Draft Minutes of Committee Meetings

Finance and Staff

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2009 were noted.

Plans Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2009 were noted.

Recreation and Amenities

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2009 were noted. The new play equipment had been made available at the beginning of March and had been very well received. Mr J. Ward and Mrs E. C. Laming had inspected the allotments and had found about fifteen plots that were not being attended to satisfactorily.

Events Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March 2009 were noted.

9. Norfolk Rural Community Council membership renewal

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of the organisation.

10. Norfolk Association of Local Councils

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of the organisation.

11. Norfolk Parishes Training Partnership

Miss S Lawn and Mr A Barber would attend.

12. River Green Landscape Works

It was **RESOLVED** to sign and return the next design fee stage contract to Su Chisnell, Landscape Architect.

Marshes

The flooding problems were explained.

Community Garden

Meeting with all parties involved, to progress has been arranged.

Roundabout

It was **RESOLVED** that the grass would be mown, there would be a raised bed coming in to Thorpe and plants round the base of Town sign. In the second year there would be another planted area. Cost not to exceed £2500.00.

13. Pumping station – Horsewater, Yarmouth Road

Plans showing the final layout which does not involve the construction of concrete bollards or marker posts were noted.

14. Jobcentreplus

The request for potential temporary sites for use for meetings was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to suggest the committee room at the Village Hall and to request prices they will pay.

15. Donations

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to make a donation to Hillside Animal Sanctuary. Mr J Ward proposed that a donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue should be made, six voted for and six against. The Chairman voted against and the motion was lost.

16. Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Training Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the training policy after a couple of minor amendments.

17. South Norfolk Council, Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document.

This was noted.

18. Greater Norwich Development Partnership. Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk.

It was **RESOLVED** that this would be passed to the Plans Committee to respond.

19. Broadland District Council. Local Development Framework Proposed Site Allocations and Area Action Plan DPDs incorporating the Old Catton, Sprowston, Rackheath and Thorpe St Andrew Growth Triangle.

It was **RESOLVED** that this would be passed to the Plans Committee to respond.

20. Postwick Park and Ride Extension and Access

All welcome extension to park and Ride but have grave concerns regarding the Highway plans. It was **RESOLVED** to invite a representative from Highways to a future meeting to give a full explanation of the plan, Postwick Parish Council would also be invited.

21. Appointment of Trustees to Fuel Allotment Trust

Mr D Eley and Mr J Preus were appointed.

22. War Memorial site enhancement fund details.

These were noted.

23. Broadland District Council Lightbulb Library

Details regarding the library were noted.

24. Change of name from Norfolk County Services to Norse Commercial Services

Change of name noted.

25. Marshland for sale via Savills

It was **RESOLVED** that an expression of the Council's interest should be registered with the agents and that the Council be informed of any sale.

26. The Boundary Committee. Further draft proposals for Unitary local government in Norfolk

It was **RESOLVED** that if status quo is not an option then the Council support the countywide proposal. This Council does not believe there should be any local government reorganisation at this time in the current economic climate. Local media to be informed of the reasons the council are strongly against a Greater Norwich.

27. Future Agenda Items

The Beacon is to put on future agenda.

Date of next meeting Annual Meeting on 18th May 2009 at the Dussindale Centre 7.30pm.