

# THORPE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2006

**PRESENT:** Mr D E Eley (Chairman) Mr B P Fitzmaurice (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs J Baker Mr R S James  
Mrs O M Campbell Mr E A Newberry  
Mrs S E Eltringham Mr N Shaw  
Mr J F Fisher Mr D. R. C. Spooner  
Mrs W. M. Howes Mrs Y Utting  
Mr P J Harwood Mr J M Ward

**1.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr I. J. Mackie, Mr G. Rowe

### **2.) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr R S James declared an interest in Agenda Item 10, renewal of advertisement in Parish Life magazine, as a member of the Church.

### **3.) COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

### **4.) Announcements**

#### **Chairman:**

The Chairman announced that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm and would be followed by a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

### **5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **Tree Warden**

Mr P. Rope, Parish Tree Warden, raised concerns regarding fly tipping of garden waste at Dussindale Park by adjacent properties boundary fences. Mr Rope had inspected the tree belt at the Park and considered a maintenance programme of the Parish Council owned trees was a priority.

#### **Parish Constables:**

The Parish Constables were in attendance and informed the meeting that crime figures for the previous month were low. Regular action had been taken, particularly on Friday nights, to curb under age drinking which had resulted in about fifty cans and bottles being confiscated.

#### **Items Raised by County Councillors:**

Mr Mackie had been in contact with highways officials regarding waiting restrictions at the Business Park which were progressing well and would be paid for by the developers of the Business Park. Mr Mackie was also pursuing the provision of bus shelters. Plans for Dussindale School had been passed subject to an increase in parking space provision.

Mr N. Shaw informed the meeting that plans for the Thunder Lane pedestrian crossing had been agreed and that the adjacent maple tree would remain in place. The road surface would be raised slightly as part of the revised scheme.

### **6.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Cheques numbered 001686 to 001715 totalling £27,002.37p on the 2005/06 payments list were approved and signed.

## **7.) COMMITTEES**

### **Plans Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher, and agreed. The Committee's recommendation to support in principle proposals for a solar powered chain ferry to Thorpe Island was **AGREED** and the boatyard would be informed.

It was **AGREED** to support the Committee's recommendations with regard to the proposed telecommunications mast at Dussindale Park and further negotiations would take place with the company.

Mr J. F. Fisher and Mr E. A. Newberry had attended a meeting at the District Council to consider the new Local Development Framework. The meeting had been extremely informative and it was considered that the Parish should stay closely involved with the finalisation of the L.D.F.

### **Recreation and Amenities**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr B. P. Fitzmaurice, and agreed. The committee's decision to relocate the water supply to Dussindale allotments was noted.

Installation of the youth shelter at Dussindale Park had been completed. It was considered that the official opening should involve young people who had been involved throughout the project and Mr P. J. Harwood would make contact to enable proposals to be drawn up.

## **8). Morse Pavilion**

The quantity surveyors, Philip Pank & Partners, had agreed a final account with the builder of £281,880. The final valuation and fee account would be drawn up as soon as the builder had remedied the outstanding items which would then complete the project.

## **9) Norfolk County Council**

### **(i) Development of Little Plumstead Hospital**

No strong views were held on traffic matters on local roads arising as a result of the development of the site. It was considered the local parish council were best placed to comment on the proposed traffic schemes as they would be affected to a much greater degree.

### **(ii) Bishops Close/Yarmouth Road Waiting Restrictions**

It was noted that the recommendation for the scheme was for the Order to be made as proposed.

### **(iii) Footpath – Plumstead Road East**

A resident of Thorpe End had raised their concerns regarding the condition of footpaths along Plumstead Road East. The path was well used by pupils attending Thorpe St Andrew School and in principle there was support for improvements to be made to the path.

Construction of the new Dussindale School could further increase use of the path. This would be drawn to the attention of the officers dealing with the new school and the County Councillor, Mr I. J. Mackie.

## **10). Parish Life – Advertising renewal**

It was **AGREED** to advertise in the magazine for a further year.

### **11). Norfolk County F.A.**

A letter of thanks for permitting guests of N.C.F.A. to park at the Recreation Ground on the occasion of the opening of new offices at the Meridian Business Park was noted.

### **12). Restart – Request for use of facilities**

As a result of a recent meeting of the group a request had been made for use of the Dussindale Centre as a youth venue offering refreshments and other facilities had been received. The Parish Council was not responsible for the Dussindale Centre although it was understood the Centre had no free space for such a purpose.

The Fitzmaurice Pavilion was available however earlier attempts to provide a similar facility had not been successful. The newly erected youth shelter would be brought to of the organisation suggesting a focus on youth activities in that area.

### **13). Norwich Fringe Project**

It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £100 under s137 of LGA 1972 to Norwich Fringe Group. The group would be informed that a report of their work in the parish and a formal request for a donation should be made in future years.

### **14) Photo copier maintenance contract**

The supplier of the new photocopier had offered a maintenance contract however a decision on whether to go ahead would be deferred for a month to enable an accurate forecast of monthly use to be ascertained.

### **15) Thorpe St Andrew School – Request for donation**

A request for a £5000 donation towards the cost of installation of an all-weather sports pitch was considered. Whilst the project was fully supported for its community involvement financial support would not be offered.

### **16) Broadland Home Watch Association AGM**

Information on the meeting was noted.

### **17) Norfolk County Association of Parish & Town Councils**

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of the Association for a further year.

### **18) Thorpe Marshes**

The next site meeting would be held at 2.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 meeting at the railway crossing in Whitlingham Lane. Mr D. E. Eley, Mrs Y. Utting, Mrs J. Baker, Mr J. Ward, Mr R. James and Mrs S. E. Eltringham would endeavour to attend together with the Parish Clerk and Parish Amenities Officer.

### **19) Arqiva Transmitting Station, St Williams Way**

Information on an additional radio dish antenna that would be erected at the mast that did not require a full planning application was noted.

### **20) New Chairman – C.P.R.E.**

Information on the new Chairman of Broadland Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Annual General Meeting of the organisation at Buxton Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm was noted. Mr E. A. Newberry expected to attend the AGM.

## **21) Freedom of Information Act**

A resident had requested specific information that was not held on record. The information could not therefore be provided under the Freedom of Information Act.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre**

***Please note the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (the public meeting) will be held at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 prior to the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting.***