

**THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2007**

PRESENT:

Mr R. S. James (Town Mayor)	Mrs W. M. Howes
Mr J. M. Ward (Deputy Town Mayor)	Mrs E. Laming
Mrs J. Baker	Mr E. A. Newberry
Mrs O. M. Campbell	Mr G. Rowe
Mr D. E. Eley	Mr N. Shaw
Mrs S. E. Eltringham	Mr D. R. C. Spooner
Mr J F Fisher	Mrs Y. Utting

1.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr P. J. Harwood, Mr I. J. Mackie

2.) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.) COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2007, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

4.) Announcements

Chairman: The Chairman, Mr R. S. James said that he had attended a meeting with the Clerk at the District Council regarding their Youth Council; however it had been of little value and would not help in formulating proposals for a Youth Town Council.

5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public

Mathew Davies of the Norwich Fringe Project attended the meeting and made a presentation of the work that the Project had carried out in the town at Carey's Meadow and the South Avenue Dell which was now open to the public on specific dates through the year.

A resident raised concerns regarding a dispute at a Bridleway Open to All Traffic that the Police had been called to attend; he was informed that as the B.O.A.T. was on private property the Town Council had no powers to intervene.

County Councillors

Mr N. C. Shaw reported that the Thunder Lane pedestrian crossing had come into operation two weeks earlier. Mr P. J. Harwood advised the meeting that the new Head teacher had been appointed at the Dussindale School and that he had attended a public exhibition held at the Fitzmaurice Pavilion to enable members of the public to put forward their views on the two traffic management schemes that had been prepared.

6.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Cheques numbered 002134 Parish Council and 002281 - 002319 Town Council totalling £22,372.91pp, vouchers 1242 – 1364 and 1373 on the 2006/07 payments list were approved and signed.

7.) COMMITTEES

Events Committee

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 15th January 2007 were presented by Mr J. M. Ward noted. It had been **AGREED** by the committee that the balance of funds in the current budget would be used to establish a Town Council community web site.

Plans Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher and noted.

Town Business Sponsorship Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January were presented by Mr G. B. Walker and noted. Mr D. E. Eley raised a point of order regarding members of the committee who were not Town Councillors speaking at a Council meeting. As a member of a committee or sub-committee appointed by the Town Council it was lawful.

8.) Dussindale Park – Encroachment of land

The recommendations of the County Council's solicitor were noted and would be followed to take forward the proposed sale of the land.

9.) Meadow Lane – B. O. A. T.

Correspondence regarding the right of way was noted.

10.) Unitary Status for Norwich

The bid for unitary status was not supported and letters of opposition would be sent to all interested parties supporting the County and District Council's opposition to the proposals and to Ruth Kelly M. P. and Dr Ian Gibson M. P. Norwich City Council would be requested to provide a copy of the bid they had submitted.

11.) Norfolk County Council

(i) Broadland Business Park – Waiting Restrictions

The further restrictions in Memorial Way were supported but a request would be made for waiting restrictions to include Old Chapel Way in addition.

(ii) Dussindale Primary School

Two proposals for traffic management were considered and it was **AGREED** to support Option 2 that extended restrictions to Cavalier Close and Mary Chapman Close.

12.) Broadland District Council

(i) Parish Plans

An invitation to a Parish Plan Information Event was noted; the Clerk had attended a similar meeting last year.

(ii) Car park – Laundry Lane Recreation Ground

Confirmation had been received that it was lawful to use the car park for parking of vehicles whether incidental or ancillary to the surrounding area.

(iii) Children's Play

Information on £200,000 Government funded scheme to improve or develop local play provision in partnership with the District Council was noted. Mrs O. M. Campbell and the Clerk, Mr S. J. Ford would attend the inaugural meeting of partnership.

(iv) Provision of additional glass recycling banks

The District Council were willing to provide additional glass recycling banks but the current sites were considered to be adequate.

13.) Town Council Web Site update

Further quotations from two further parties would be brought to the next meeting. It was noted that the Events Committee had made funding available and that the profit from the sale of Christmas cards could be used to cover expenses involved in setting up the project.

14.) Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils

(i) Workshops for people considering becoming Town Councillors

Information on dates and locations of the training sessions was noted.

(ii) Larger Councils meeting - Thetford

Town Mayor, Mr R. S. James and the Clerk would attend the meeting on the 12th March where the guest speaker would be Cllr John Williams – parish tier representative on the East of England Regional Assembly.

15.) Donations

A request for a donation to Balloons4hearts was considered; it was **AGREED** that a donation would not be made. Information on the appeal would be published in The Beacon.

16.) St Andrews Football Club

It was **AGREED** that the club could hold their annual 7 a side football tournament at Laundry Lane Recreation Ground on the 10th June 2007.

17.) Visits by the Mobile Police Station

The dates when the Police Station would be at Sainsbury's car park between January and March were noted.

18.) Norfolk Police Authority

Information on the Annual Public Meeting to discuss the Police budget for the 2007/08 financial year was noted.

19.) Thorpe St Andrew School

Acknowledgement of the £50.00p donation towards the cost of prizes was noted. An invitation to an Open Evening at the new all-weather sports pitch was noted but as the date clashed with the Town Council meeting it was not possible for any representatives of the Council to attend.

20.) Smoke free legislation

The content of an information leaflet on the new legislation was noted.

21.) Dussindale Park tree belt

A resident from a resident acknowledged the tree work that had been carried out to date at the rear of Naseby Way and pointed out that some birches still remained to be felled.

22.) River Green – request for wild life warden

A resident voluntarily fed and took care of the wildlife at River Green and asked if funding could be found to pay for warden services of 25 hours a week. There was no

budget available but publicity would be given to encourage other volunteers to come forward possibly to form a group.

23.) Norfolk Constabulary – Invitation to visit Contact & Dispatch Centre

The Clerk would contact the Centre for times and dates.

24.) Sir Jeremy Morse - Donation

The seat had been installed and the commemorative plaque was on order.

25. Future Agenda Items

The Broads Authority would be contacted regarding fishing on River Green.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Town Council on 5th March 2007 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre.