

**THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 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
Mrs S. E. Eltringham	Mr D. R. C. Spooner
Mr D. E. Eley	Mrs Y. Utting

1.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr J F Fisher, Mr P. J. Harwood,
Mr I. J. Mackie, Mr N. Shaw

2.) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R. S. James declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 as a Trustee of the Dussindale Park Community Trust and left the room when the matter was discussed.

3.) COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2006, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

4.) Announcements

Chairman: The Chairman, Mr R. S. James, informed the meeting that he had attended the prize giving at Thorpe St Andrew School and a very good standard had been achieved by students. As a personal prize Mr James had donated £60.00p which had been used to provide a prize to a member of each of the six houses in the school for community service.

Future Agenda Items – Mr J. Ward, Deputy Town Mayor, requested that the seat that had been provided by 15th Norwich Air Scouts outside Thunder Lane Post Office be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parish Constables:

The Parish Constables informed the meeting that there had been a spate of car crime on Dussindale and Taverham with satellite navigation units being a frequent target. Neighbourhood Policing would commence on 1st April which would see a team of police officers dedicated to Thorpe St Andrew and two additional Community Support Officers.

Members of the public

Mr Townshend requested that public rights of way be discussed at the public meeting that would be held on 20th February 2007 and this was **AGREED**. Mr P. Rope, Parish Tree Warden praised the Council for publishing the 2006 Christmas card and for ensuring that a public copy of the papers to be considered at the meeting was available during the meeting. Mr Rope expressed gratitude to Councillor Laming for the comments she had written regarding improving communications with the Tree Wardens. Mr Rope was also in contact with the District Council as he considered council tax payers might be not getting best value from his services because of poor communications. Mr Rope was concerned that a public meeting that had been expected to take place in December had not been held.

Mr C. Hill, Head of Business Support and Leisure Services at Broadland District Council presented information and answered questions from members regarding changes that would take place if it was resolved that the Town Council became Custodian Trustee of the Dussindale Park Community Trust.

6.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Cheques numbered 002091 to 002137 totalling £21,482.68p, vouchers 1135 – 12236 and 1229 – 1237 on the 2006/07 payments list were approved and signed.

7.) COMMITTEES

Plans Committee

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 11th December 2006 and 3rd January 2007 were presented by the Vice Chairman, Mr J. M. Ward, and noted. Mr J. F. Fisher drew attention to a number of applications that there had been objections to.

Finance and Staff Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th December were presented by the Chairman, Mrs W. M. Howes and noted.

8.) Dussindale Park Community Trust

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Thorpe St Andrew Town Council should become Custodian Trustee of the Dussindale Park Community Trust. The current management committee would become Managing Trustees and the number of Management Trustees may be increased to include existing Trustees and new members. The title would be transferred to Custodian Trustee from the current Trustees.

9.) Confirmation of Revised Budget

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the revised budget that had been prepared following a forecast reduction in the number of Band D properties. The budget for 2007/08 had increased by 5% overall.

10.) H3G Telecommunications mast

A letter confirming that the solicitors acting for H3G had been informed that the Town Council had resolved to withdraw from negotiations for the lease of the site of the proposed telecommunications mast.

11.) Electricity Substation lease, River Green

It was **AGREED** that the District Valuer recommendations should form the basic terms for renewal of the lease with EDF Energy Networks.

12.) Norfolk County Council

(i) Local Transport Plan

The contents of the summary leaflet were noted.

(ii) Grass Cutting Agreements 2006 - 2008

Details of the payment for the current season were noted.

(iii) Woodside Road Pedestrian Refuge

Information on the new pedestrian refuge was noted.

(iv) Waiting Restrictions – Broadland Business Park

Information on the proposed Traffic Order was noted. A representation that the entire length of Memorial Way should have parking restrictions to ensure safe access for

the numerous heavy goods vehicles that serviced the businesses in that part of the Business Park would be sent.

(v) Gritting Routes Leaflet

Contents of the information leaflet were noted.

(vi) Norwich City Council Unitary Council meetings

Mr E. A. Newberry would attend the Parish Council Consultation meeting at City Hall and Mr G. Rowe would attend the workshop at County Hall.

13.) Public Consultation Meeting

It was **AGREED** to hold a public meeting on Tuesday 20th February at the Village Hall, Yarmouth Road. Suggested topics for discussion included rights off way, the proposed community building, mobile phone masts, improvements to the recreation grounds and facilities and feedback on whether the Town Council is operating effectively for residents. Possible formation of a Youth Council would be explored with the District Council.

14.) Donation from Sir Jeremy Morse

Sir Jeremy Morse had made a £1000 donation which had been used to purchase a "snake play seat" at Laundry Lane Recreation Ground. He had provided wording for a commemoration plaque; the Events Committee would be asked to consider a special event to celebrate the donation.

15.) Town Sponsorship Working Group

The first meeting of the group would take place on 23rd January 2007.

16.) Web Site

A quotation for production of a town website was considered and on a show of hands there was unanimous support for it to be put in hand as soon as possible. Mr G. Rowe would contact another local company for a further quotation. The Events Committee would consider making a substantial donation towards the costs.

17.) Thorpe Marshes Picnic Area

Norwich Union were considering selling the freehold of the marshes that had previously been leased by the council for many years. A meeting would be held with their land agents to establish the extent of the marshes that would be sold and terms and conditions of the proposed sale.

18.) Norfolk Police Authority

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

19.) Donations

A request for a donation by the Norwich Fringe Project would be held until the next financial year. Correspondence from a resident regarding Motor Neurone Disease was considered. A donation had not been requested but a letter supporting their request for £7.5 million for MND research would be sent to the Prime Minister.

20.) Broadland Home Watch

The contents of the newsletter was noted.

21.) Norfolk County Association of Parish & Town Councils

Various items of correspondence were noted including a request from Norfolk Deaf Association who were seeking monthly venues for their support bus. Use of the patio adjacent to the Dussindale Centre meeting room would be put forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Town Council on 6th February 2007 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre.