

THORPE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th June 2006

PRESENT: Mr R. S. James (Chairman) Mr B. P. Fitzmaurice (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J. Baker Mr E. A. Newberry
Mr J F Fisher Mr G. Rowe
Mrs W. M. Howes Mr N. Shaw
Mr I. J. Mackie Mr D. R. C. Spooner

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs O. M. Campbell, Mr D. E. Eley,
Mrs S. E. Eltringham, Mr P. J. Harwood,
Mr J. M. Ward, Mrs Y. Utting

2.) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.) COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May 2006, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

4.) Announcements

Chairman:

(i) The Chairman Mr R. S. James commented that the Spring Fayre at River Green held on 28th May 2006 had been a good event that was well organised and supported.

(ii) Mr R. S. James considered that a transition to Town Council status should be considered at the next meeting and would be placed on the agenda for the July meeting. If it was resolved to adopt the status of a town it was suggested that it should take effect from 1st October 2006 to allow time to put in place any changes necessary due to the name change.

Clerk:

The Clerk, Mr S. J. Ford, informed the meeting that a request had been received from Thorpe St Andrew School to reconsider the previous request for a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of an all-weather sports pitch. Standing Orders state that the request could not normally be reconsidered for six months and the school would be informed of this.

5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parish Constables:

The Parish Constables informed the meeting that there had been no problems at Laundry Lane Recreation Ground during the previous four weeks. Overall calls to the Police had reduced since the youth shelter had been erected and it was considered that it was being used as expected. Under age drinking was tackled vigorously; a large cache had been confiscated the previous week. New powers had come into force that enabled officers to issue £80 fines on the spot with 28 days to pay.

There had been increased manpower in the parish in the last month. The youth shelter would continue to be regularly policed and speed checks would be carried out in the next four weeks on Thunder Lane, Yarmouth Road and Dussindale Drive.

Items Raised by District and County Councillors:

Mr Mackie reported for the District that he had attended training for hearing housing appeals. A new group had been set up to review restructuring of local government in anticipation of the government White Paper recommendations due in the autumn.

For the County Council Mr Mackie said work on constructing the new school had commenced and it was set to open in July 2007. As a result of the school new 20mph speed restrictions would be introduced on part of Dussindale Drive together with other traffic calming measures and waiting restrictions. Parish involvement with the school was a possibility; possibly with regard to landscaping.

Mr N. Shaw, County Councillor, said the orbital bus service was planned to re-route by turning left out of Booty Road, reaching Thunder Lane via South Hill Road.

6.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(i) Cheques numbered 001766 to 001706, 001721 to 001817 and 000057 to 000058 totalling £60,674.62p on the 2006/07 payments list were approved and signed.

(ii) The contents of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2006 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the contents were approved for submission.

7.) COMMITTEES

Plans Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher, and **AGREED**. Mr E. A. Newberry would not be able to attend the Planning Conference at Swaffham on 15th June; Mr J. M., Ward had previously indicated that in that event he might be able to attend instead.

Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr R. S. James, and **AGREED**.

Recreation and Amenities

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr B. P. Fitzmaurice, and **AGREED**.

Committee Membership

The current list of Committee Members was circulated and **AGREED**.

8.) Morse Pavilion

The O & M Manuals were still awaited for the building and the final payment would become due when they were received.

9.) Norfolk County Council

(i) New Dussindale Primary School

The requested improvements to the path on the south side of Plumstead Road East would not be carried out as part of the new school development. A request for a foot wear survey would be sent to Mr S. White, Highway engineer.

(ii) New Dussindale Primary School – Decision notice

The content of the decision notice for the planning application for the school was noted.

(iii) Gordon Avenue – Tree re-planting scheme

Details of the tree felling and re-planting works that would be carried out were noted.

(iv) Proposal to stop up part of the U51487 Old Chapel Way

There were no objections to the proposals.

(v) Woodfuel in Norfolk Booklet

Contents of the booklet promoting the use of wood as fuel were noted.

10.) Broadland District Council

(i) Empty Homes Service Delivery Plan 2006 - 08

Information on the Service Delivery Plan was noted. There were long term empty properties in the parish that would be brought to the attention of the District Council.

(ii) Review of Conservation Area

A review of the conservation area in the parish had been carried out and it had been proposed that the South Avenue area and a further part of Yarmouth Road. It was **AGREED** to ask if Harvey Lane up to White Farm Lane and Hillcrest Road Pits could also be bought into the conservation area.

(iii) Broadland Communique Community and Business Resilience

The content of the newsletter was noted. A link from the website to enable the Parish Council to be a source of information in the event of emergency would be requested.

(iv) Consultation for Nominating households to live in affordable homes on exception sites

Information on the guidelines for prioritising households for offers of exception site properties was noted. Information on the criteria for exception sites would be requested.

(v) Local Plan Replacement – Notice of Adoption

Information that the Broadland District Local Plan (Replacement) had been adopted was noted.

(vi) Review of Polling Arrangements and Polling Stations

A review of polling stations to ensure good access for disabled voters had led to a proposal to no longer use the village hall as a polling station and a possible transfer to Dussindale Centre. This was strongly opposed; almost 2000 voters would be affected and with the general apathy of the electorate it was feared that such a move would lead to a reduction in votes cast.

11.) N.C.A.P.T.C. – Larger Councils Meeting 12th July 2006

The Clerk, Mr S. J. Ford, and Mr G. Rowe would attend the meeting.

12.) Hutchison 3G – Voluntary Consultation Notice

Information on the voluntary consultation notice for the proposed telecommunications mast at Dussindale Park was noted.

13.) Local Authority Byelaws – Discussion Paper

Information on the Discussion Paper was noted.

14.) Macmillan Cancer Support

Acknowledgement of the £90 donation that had been made in March 2006 was noted.

15.) Norfolk Constabulary – Strategic Forces/Amalgamation

Information on the proposed merger of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire police forces was noted. It was **AGREED** that the merger was not supported, it was preferred to retain the existing policing arrangements and Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk Police Authority would be informed of the Parish Council's views.

16.) Planning Application 20060155

A resident had sent a copy of a letter to the District Council regarding the business at 34 Yarmouth Road. It was understood that the development was being examined by the enforcement and planning department. The County Council were not willing to introduce further parking restrictions at present in Yarmouth Road.

17.) Mobile Phone Mast – Association Way

Details had been provided of a proposed O2 mobile phone mast on the highways verge adjacent to Association Way. The proposal was not supported and it was **AGREED** that the agent and O2 would be informed of the proposed mast at Dussindale Park which could be considered as an alternative to a proliferation of masts on the highway.

18.) Dussindale Park Youth Shelter

(i) Youth Shelter

The youth shelter had been in use for two months and in general was being used as was envisaged. A resident had contacted the parish council and blamed the existence of the youth shelter for a number of incidents of anti social behaviour.

That view was not shared by other residents who had spoken to the parish council or by the Police who regarded the shelter as being an appropriate facility for youth that was well used and easy to police.

(ii) Anti-Social Behaviour

Broadland Community Safety Partnership had provided information on their powers with regard to dealing with anti-social behaviour. Information on the procedures followed when a case was brought to the attention of the Safety Partnership were noted. An article regarding the work of the Community Safety Partnership would be published in The Beacon.

19.) Footpath Pound Lane – Acacia Road

The District Council had received complains regarding fly tipping on the footpath. On investigation the majority of the material appeared to be garden waste from neighbouring properties. The path was owned by the neighbouring properties who had every right to place material on the banks provided they did not obstruct the public right of way in the centre of the path.

20.) Information on proposed waste incinerator

Information on the proposed Recycling and Energy Centre at Longwater Industrial Estate was noted. It was **RESOLVED** to write a letter of support for the incinerator and recycling project.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Parish Council on 3rd July 2006 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre.