

THORPE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th September 2006

PRESENT: Mr R. S. James (Chairman)
Mrs J. Baker
Mrs O. M. Campbell
Mr D. E. Eley
Mrs S. E. Eltringham
Mr J F Fisher
Mrs W. M. Howes
Mr I. J. Mackie
Mr E. A. Newberry
Mr G. Rowe
Mr D. R. C. Spooner
Mrs Y. Utting
Mr J. M. Ward

1.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr P. J. Harwood, Mr N. Shaw

2.) ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr J. M. Ward was proposed by Mr I. J. Mackie and seconded by Mrs W. M. Howes. There being no other candidates Mr J. M. Ward was elected Vice-Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr E. A. Newberry declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 28, Spinney Road traffic problems. Mrs W. M. Howes declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in matters relating to agenda item 12 Community Buildings grant.

4.) COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2006, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

5.) Announcements

Chairman:

None.

Clerk:

The Clerk announced that invitations were available to members to attend a conference to launch the Fly-Tipping Protocol for Norfolk. Mr J. M. Ward would attend a meeting of the Dussindale Action Group. Norfolk Matters magazine and Broadsheet Tree Wardens Newsletter were available for information.

Future Agenda Items

None.

6.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parish Constables:

The Parish Constables were in attendance and informed the meeting that crime figures had shown an increase but was being provided with additional policing to raise the police profile and tackle known problems such as under age drinking and anti social behaviour.

Items Raised by District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Mr I. M. Mackie announced that he had recently visited the new primary school that was currently being constructed. Work was progressing well and it was possible that members of the Parish Council could make similar visits by contacting him. It was possible that a clock could be mounted on the lift shaft at the front of the school and that would present an opportunity for the Parish Council to be associate itself with the new school by facilitating its purchase.

Members of the public

Members of the public were in attendance to raise their concerns regarding speeding vehicles and school coaches using Spinney Road.

7.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Cheques numbered 001922 to 001964 to 001921 totalling £18,647.99p, vouchers 572 – 677 on the 2006/07 payments list were approved and signed.

8.) COMMITTEES

Plans Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 21st August were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher, and noted.

Finance and Staffing

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mrs W. M. Howes, and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Committee's recommendation that a donation of £500 should be made as a contribution towards the cost of repairs to the cemetery wall provided that it was repaired with flints to match the original design. The vicar would be informed that payment would be made when details of the contractor were received.

9.) Morse Pavilion

The Events Committee had organised a celebration for the first anniversary of the opening. It was **AGREED** that Mr D. E. Eley would contact Sir Jeremy Morse regarding his offer to make a gift to mark his official opening of the Pavilion in 2005.

10.) Broadland District Council

(i) Building Resilience for Broadland

The contents of the newsletter were noted.

(ii) Broadland Housing Forum

The date of the meeting was noted and Mr G. Rowe intended to attend.

(iii) Annual Parish and Town Meeting

Mr R. James, Mrs S. E. Eltringham and the Clerk, Mr S.J. Ford would attend the meeting on 3rd October 2006.

(iv) Local Development Framework Core Strategy

A revised response put forward by the Plans Committee would be submitted.

11.) Norfolk County Council – Cycle path to Heartsease Roundabout

Information on the cycle route currently under construction was noted. There were concerns regarding shared facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Letters would be sent to Dr Ian Gibson M.P. and Norfolk County Council raising concerns and requesting any relevant accident figures that were available.

12.) Lottery Community Buildings Grant

Lottery funding of up to £500,000 for new community halls was available until April 2007. It was **RESOLVED** to form a research group to draw up proposals for a new village hall. A meeting would be called with existing users to ascertain their views and requirements of a new village hall.

13.) St Andrews Park / Yarmouth Road roundabout

It was **AGREED** to seek further information on costs and practicalities of taking out a Licence Agreement with the County Council to design, install and maintain the planting on the roundabout.

14.) Town Council Public Consultation

Information on the decision to adopt town council status would be published in the October issue of The Beacon. A letter had been received from a resident who fully supported the proposal.

15.) Vitalise – request for funding

A donation would not be made.

16.) Encams – Local environment quality

Information on the guide to Local Environment Quality was noted. Further details would be requested from the organisation.

17 BA Festival of Science

Information on the event was noted.

18.) Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

It was **RESOLVED** that, in pursuance of the power conferred by the Local Government 1972 s137 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section; the Council approved the payment of £50.00p to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

19.) NCAPTC – Nomination of Officers 2006/2007

The information was noted.

20.) NCAPTC – AGM 2006 – Resolutions for Debate

It was **AGREED** to suggest that the Association formerly reject any moves to change the current local government structures in Norfolk.

21.) List of Members

The contact details of members were noted.

22. Deal Ground and Utilities Site

The statement by Norwich Rivers Heritage Group in response to the DG & U stakeholder consultation was noted.

23. NCAPTC/Broadland D. C. – Raising the Standard

Mr R. S. James and Mr G. Rowe would attend the area meeting on 7th September 2006.

24. NHS Walk In Centre

An acknowledgement of the Council's letter had been received indicating a reply from the Chair of Broadland PPI Forum would follow.

25. Norwich City Council – Local Government Re-organisation

The questionnaire being used to ascertain the views of 800 residents of the Broadland District Council area was noted.

26. Thorpe History Group Archive Material

The group had disbanded and the Miss Janet Smith had asked if the Parish Council or the Record Office should store the archive material that had been collected. It was **AGREED** to contact the Record Office for further information and to establish if a Thorpe St Andrew section could be created.

27. Camping on Thorpe Marshes

It was **AGREED** that action would be taken to move on the unauthorised camper at Thorpe Marshes. Mr J. F. Fisher would contact the District Council to establish the appropriate action to be taken in view of the camper's homeless status.

28. Speeding traffic Spinney Road and St Williams Way

Following concerns raised by a number of residents regarding speeding traffic the County Council would again be requested to introduce 20mph speed limits in a number of roads in the parish near schools and to look at the coach routes currently used by coaches to access the High School to see if alternative routes were a possibility. Residents had also complained of the speed of the coaches. Copies of the letter would be sent to the Governors, Head Teacher and Mr Nigel Shaw, County Councillor seeking their support.

29. Christmas Card

The card would bear the message "Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

30. River Green posts and rails

Philip Pank and Partners had provided budget costing of £60,000 for the reinstatement of the posts and rails on the green. Further information would be obtained before final proposals were put forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Parish Council on 2nd October 2006 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre.