

THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2007

PRESENT: Mr R. S. James (Town Mayor)
Mr J. M. Ward (Deputy Town Mayor) Mrs E. C. Laming
Mr A. J. Barber Mrs S. P. Lawn
Mrs O. M. Campbell Mr E. A. Newberry
Mr D. E. Eley Mr D. R. C. Spooner
Mr J. F. Fisher Mrs Y. Utting

1. Attendance book and apologies for absence.

The attendance book was circulated and signed by those present. Apologies were received from Mr I. J. Mackie, Mr G. Rowe and Mr N. Shaw.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2007, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed.

4. Announcements (For information only).

The Town Mayor, Mr R. S. James informed the meeting of the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade and service and the two minutes silence ceremony at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th November.

Mr James provided further information on the Sustrans Connect2 project which had been short listed with three other projects for a winner takes all £50,000,000 lottery grant. This would be decided by the public response to a telephone phone in and internet feedback. There would be a television show in December that would provide information on the four projects and thereafter the decision would rest on public response.

The recent Town Mayor's Reception had been well attended and feedback from those who attended. had found that it proved to be an informative and enjoyable evening. At the Reception Mr James had drawn attention to the local businesses that had made donations and offers of sponsorship to improve facilities in the Town.

The Clerk, Mr S. J. Ford, circulated invitations to members to attend meetings that had been organised by a number of outside organisations.

5. Public participation – It was unanimously resolved by a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public, County and District Councillors the opportunity to address the meeting.

Mrs G. Ward of the Norwich Rivers Heritage Group provided information on the Sustrans bid for lottery funding to provide a network of traffic free links for cycle and pedestrian routes. The winner of the bid would be selected by a phone in and web based response. Leaflets would be delivered extensively and members of the public would be urged to register their support for the project.

Residents of Furze Road were present to raise their concerns regarding school parking problems in Furze Road. Correspondence and a petition would be brought to the next Plans Committee meeting.

Members of Norfolk Constabulary informed the meeting of a recent increase in anti social behaviour around the Fitzmaurice Pavilion that was receiving their attention. Training would soon be given to members of the Police team at Sprowston on use of

hand held speed guns as the equipment had now been purchased for use from Sprowston Police Station.

County Council:

Mr N. Shaw provided information on the County Council's proposals regarding the bid for unitary status. Mr Shaw had recently returned from Lithuania where he had been on a fact finding mission regarding the Cilitas eco friendly transport project. Progress was being made on the installation of 20mph signs being installed outside schools.

District Council

Mr J. F. Fisher gave information on the smart card that would provide free national bus travel from 1st April 2008. Mr M. Middleton, Community Safety Officer, had left and his replacement was being sought. Sgt Thrusell was unfortunately on long term sick leave; the recent meeting of the Community Safety Partnership had been poorly attended.

6. Payment of Accounts:

Cheque numbers 002669 – 002712 totalling £28,729.88p, voucher numbers 794 – 885 and 898 – 911 on the 2007/08 payments list were approved and signed.

7. Draft minutes of committee meetings.

Plans committee

The draft minutes of the Plans committee held on 8th October and 29th October 2007 were noted.

Finance and Staffing

The draft minutes of the Finance and Staffing committee held on 15th October 2007 were noted.

Events

The draft minutes of the Events committee held on 16th October 2007 were noted. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the recommendation to close Yarmouth Road for the Christmas Lights Event on 1st December. Local residents would be informed of the closure. All members were requested to attend the event to assist with marshalling and manning the Town Council market stall.

8. Norfolk County Council

(i) Consumer advice regarding Cold Calling Zones.

Further information on the scheme was noted. The creation of zones was supported in principle but the views of residents were needed before they could be introduced. Information would be provided in The Beacon.

(ii) City Unitary Bid – impact on services and innovations.

The views of the County Council on the impact of the City Council's Unitary Bid were noted.

(iii) Response to Norwich City Council's bid for unitary status.

The information booklet was noted.

(iv) Waiting Restrictions – Dussindale Drive

Information that Residents Only parking zones could not be formed at present was noted.

(v) Various roads – waiting restrictions.

The contents of the order imposing further waiting restrictions in St Williams Way, Hillside Avenue and Thunder Lane were noted.

(vi) Bus service variation
Revised timetables for bus routes 124 and 24 were noted.

(vii) Request for parking restrictions.
Information that parking on the footway was not illegal and that marker posts to prevent parking was against County Council policy was noted.

9. Broadland District Council

(i) Review of Post Offices
Information from Broadland District Council and Postwatch regarding the review of Post Office closures was noted.

10. Tree Wardens' monthly report

Contents of the Tree Wardens' monthly report were noted.

11. N.C.A.P.T. – Norfolk Link

Contents of the newsletter were noted.

12 Your rubbish, your choice –Norfolk Waste Partnership Conference and AGM

Mr J. Ward had attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on the conference which he had found to be most informative and useful.

13. N.C.A.P.T. – Broadland area meeting

Information on the conference was noted. Mr J. M. Ward would attend the meeting.

14. N.C.A.P.T. – Notes on Larger Councils meeting on 11th October 2007

The contents of the report were noted.

15. Norfolk Police Authority

Contents of the Local Policing Summary and invitation to attend the Annual Budget Meeting at 7.00pm on 24th January 2008 were noted.

16. Defra – Ways to tackle climate change

Contents of the information booklet "Ways to tackle climate change" were noted.

17. Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Request for s137 donations.

A request for a donation from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £50.00p.

18. Standards Board for England

Contents of the twice yearly newsletter were noted.

19. Initial training for Councillors and Clerks.

Miss S. P. Lawn and Mrs C. Watkins would attend the training course at County Hall.

20. s137 Donation to British Heart Foundation

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation put forward to make donation of £100 to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Councillor Brooks Simpson who had died suddenly the day after his 36th birthday.

21. C.P.R.E. – Membership renewal request

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of the pressure group.

22. District Valuer's Report

Contents of the District Valuer's report on an area of marshland were noted.

23. Broadsheet Issue 50 and 52

Contents of the Tree Warden newsletters were noted.

24. Future Agenda Items

Mrs E. C. Laming requested that the Council should consider applying to the District Council for a restriction on the consumption of alcohol to be imposed on all the Town's public recreation space.

Date of next meeting 3rd December 2007 at the Dussindale Centre 7.30p.m.