

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2016

82	Present: Mr I Mackie (Town Mayor)	Mr J Ward
	Mr P Berry	Mr L Reeves
	Miss S Lawn	Mr J Emsell
	Mrs T Mancini Boyle	Mr N Shaw
	Mr D Sears	Mr R Robson

Apologies: Mrs J Fisher, Mr J Fisher, Mr R Wooden, Mr M Pickess, Mr N Hancock, Mr F Bowe

In attendance: Mr T. Foreman (Town Clerk), 3 members of the public.

83 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**

Mr T Foreman explained that the report for item 89, the review and allocation of s.106 agreements, included the Sports Hall planned for Thorpe St Andrew High School. Mr I Mackie declared an interest in item 89 as a Governor of Thorpe St Andrew High School and would leave the meeting for the duration of this item.

84 **To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5th September 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

85 **Announcements (For information only)**

To receive announcements from

(i) The Town Mayor- Mr I Mackie provided an overview of his activities during the previous month. He also outlined his attendance at the upcoming Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal launch on 29th October 2016 at 10.30am outside Sainsbury's and the Frostbites Sailing Club Open Day on 30th October 2016 between 10am and 3.30pm

(ii) The Clerk- Mr T Foreman provided an overview of the meetings and activities which had taken place during the previous month including attendance at the Dussindale Allotment Association Annual General Meeting.

86 **Public participation –To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public the opportunity to address the meeting limited to 3 mins each**

The Meeting was suspended following a proposal from Mr I Mackie, seconded by Mr R Robson.

(i) Norfolk Constabulary- The Town Council noted the tabled crime statistics for August to September 2016.

(ii) County and District Councillors – Mr J Ward provided an overview of Leeway Civic Event, and provided an overview of his tabled report. For the County Council Mr I Mackie provided an update on emergency borrowing and reserves being used, in addition an outline of the new County Council carpark was given.

Mr N Shaw provided an update on his work with the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of Local Authorities. In addition, he outlined the City Hall joint Highways Committee and the Library Challenge with a donated cup as a prize.

(iii) Members of the public

Mr M Martins explained that he had a good turnout for the History Group river trips and guided tours. Mr M Martins also gave his support for the Town Council proposal to relocate John Fox Cottage to River Green.

Mr I Newbury expressed his disgust at the developers plans for Thorpe Woods and requested that a public meeting be held in due course. Furthermore, Mr I Newbury had some concerns about car parking on verges near The Cottage public house.

87 Finance

- (i) Payments List: Voucher numbers 477 to 592 totalling £47,382.80 were noted
- (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement was agreed and signed as a true record.

88 Draft Minutes of Committee Meetings.

- (i) Plans Meeting 12th September 2016 - were noted
- (ii) Finance & Staff 19th September 2016 - were noted
- (iii) Events and Media 26th September 2016 - were noted

89 Review and Allocations of Pinebanks and Griffin Lane s.106 Agreement

Mr I Mackie left the room for the duration of this item.

The Town Council considered the report outlining the s.106 contributions agreed as part of the Pinebanks and Griffin Lane housing developments. Mr T Foreman explained that to plan the projects successfully, a decision was required about the split in funding between football and cricket, as well as outlining the other funding for sports in Thorpe St Andrew. The Town Council considered the funding split for cricket and football. After considering the requirements highlighted by both cricket and football teams it was decided to give an indicative split of £38,000 towards cricket improvements and £22,000 towards football improvements. With detailed quotes to be considered by the Town Council in due course. Mr T Foreman provided an overview of the £80,000 earmarked for the skate park which is currently being planned and the £400,000 towards a community building which would need to be considered in the final phasing of the housing development.

The Town Council considered some of the concerns raised about community access to the Sports Hall planned on the school site. This followed some experiences by an existing school user group and several residents whose children had tried to access facilities outside of term time. Miss S Lawn explained that as the school is now a private site as an Academy, there was no public accountability or democratic input which meant the facility would be run by the school with no community powers. Mr N Shaw explained that more than £1million had been allocated to a private site which has not supported community access to its sporting facilities and the public would rightly question this being allowed to occur. Mr T Foreman explained that part of the planning condition was a community access agreement with Sport England, but conceded that if it were not profitable or if acceptable justification could be given, this access policy could be considerably reduced. It was proposed by Miss S Lawn, seconded by Mr J Ward and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** to write to Broadland District Council, Ocubis and Norfolk County Council and request that the sports hall funding be allocated to the Town Council for the building to be on publicly accessible land and managed by a democratically accountable organisation. These concerns arise from experience of residents, the Academy status and the need to ensure public access. If approved, the school would be given preferential access to the facility during school hours.

90 Update on Allotments

Mr T Foreman gave an update on allotment enforcement, explaining that there were 15 enforcements on Dussindale and 8 on Hillside. Mrs A Dady, Chairman of the Dussindale Allotment Association spoke from the public gallery to thank Mr T Foreman for attending their AGM and that there was broad support for the greater enforcement across the allotment site. The Town Council noted this verbal report.

91 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr T Foreman explained that it had been proposed by the Plans Committee that the Town Council form a working group to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan for Thorpe St Andrew.

With the Community Infrastructure Levy incentives, the Town Council were supportive of this proposal and it was **AGREED** for Mr T Foreman to set up a working group to begin the Neighbourhood Plan process.

92 Christmas Card 2016

The Town Council considered the proposed pictures for the 2016 Christmas Card. Mr I Mackie explained that a photograph of the Virgin Mary with Christ the Child statue in the ST Andrews Church was chosen to mark the 150th anniversary of the church. Mr T Foreman explained that the further photo from a local resident had been sought and would hopefully be the second photograph for this year's Christmas card packs. It was **AGREED** for these designs to be used.

93 Request for Storage Compound for Drainage Work

Mr T Foreman provided an outline of the request for a storage compound from a contractor seeking to undertake work on the extensive drainage improvements in Thorpe ST Andrew in the coming year. It was explained that Mr D Sayer (Parks and Estates Manager) had negotiated with the contractor that in return for use of the Recreation Ground for storage, the contractor would be required to install the proposed running track in lieu of payment. Mr I Mackie stated support for this idea, as the running track had been costed to be in the region of £15,000. Mr J Ward explained that previous deals with contractors had been very successful and supported the proposal. It was proposed by Mr I Mackie, seconded by Miss S Lawn and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** to allow the contractors to use the Recreation Ground for storage, on condition that the running track is installed to the required specification.

94 Bowls Club Lease

Press and Public were excluded for the duration of this confidential item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to legal privilege.

Future Agenda Items. (Not for discussion)

Town Council meeting 7th November 2016

Date of next Plans meeting 14th November 2016

Date of next Finance & Staff meeting 21st November 2016