

10 September 2018 to reiterate the views of the Town Council in its support of the desire to see no residential moorings in this location.

- Meetings had also taken place with other parish clerks and with the highways authority.

64 PUBLIC SESSION (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

It was proposed and duly seconded that the meeting be suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

- (i) Norfolk Constabulary – the Town Clerk displayed the latest crime statistics received from Norfolk Constabulary for the Town. In total, 41 logged reports had been included on the crime system and 112 calls taken by the control room. Concern was expressed that the Safer Neighbourhood team meeting had been cancelled because of illness and that, despite an undertaking that a representative of the Police would attend a Town Council meeting, this had still not happened. Sgt Youd had given an undertaking to members that there would be a Police presence at the meeting and that issues raised with her about Policing in the Town would be addressed. Members were disappointed this had not happened. They agreed to approach Sgt Youd again to request a Police representative attend the next meeting.
- (ii) Members noted the report from Cllr Ward
- (iii) Cllr Mackie reported on the following County Council matters:
 - He congratulated Cllr Ward in his role as Chairman of the Museums Committee in securing £9.2m of heritage lottery funding for investment in Norfolk.
 - Work had now commenced on Yarmouth Road.
 - Efforts continued by the County Council to find savings with all committees now considering their budgets and representations were being made to central government to reinstate the reduced revenue support grant.
 - Planting work along the NDR would now continue following delays because of the hot summer.
 - The next rollout of Better Broadband for Norfolk had now started.
 - A project to build a number of housing schemes was being considered which could see additional housing for young people.
 - A new Head of Communications had recently been appointed.
- (iv) Cllr Fisher reported on the following matters
 - The County Council was currently consulting on its proposals for children's centres. The current contracts were ending and the opportunity was being taken to review the service. There were concerns the service was not reaching those most in need and the proposal included closing some centres and delivering the support needed by way of home visits.
 - There had been a delay in the decision relating to the Thorpe Woods planning application whilst consideration had been given to the changes to national planning policy.
 - The Griffin had been purchased by developers who would be consulting

- the Town Council on its proposals.
- The County Council was bidding for funding from the Transforming Cities fund which could be used for enhanced transport links into the City.
- (v) Cllr Shaw reported on his attendance at the Department of Transport meeting at which he had raised the issue of helicopter noise together with concerns about the focus on major airports and the lack of consideration for smaller airports.
- (vi) A local resident expressed their alarm that the Broads Authority appeared to have commissioned a report referring to a public staithe and now contradicting that by issuing an addendum to state this was not actually the case. He questioned why they had not just withdrawn the report which it appeared was an inaccurate and poorly researched report. He commended the work of the Broads Society, stating that many members of the Society had a great deal of experience and knowledge of the Broads. He felt the Town Council should join the Society as they had many common interests.
- (vii) A representative of the Broads Society addressed the Town Council and expressed support for the work being undertaken by the Council in relation to River Green. He wished to encourage the Council to develop its proposals further and enhance awareness and use of the stretch of the Yare between the two railway bridges at Thorpe St Andrew, particularly having regard to the number and range of facilities and businesses in the River Green area which could be used more by tourists, hire craft users and boat owners. They were keen to reverse the decline of hire craft use in the southern rivers system of the Broads and the overuse of the northern rivers. There was a wonderful range of facilities at River Green which were currently under-utilised and not publicised. Tourists relied heavily on signs and on publications such as the “Broadcaster” and there was a need to move forward to enhance signage and publicity for the area, in conjunction with local businesses.
- It was noted that the Town Council was currently exploring options for signage on or near the railway bridge and was looking to promote the “Made in Thorpe” theme on its new website including a range of publicity for the pubs along this stretch of the river. Data was also being collected on boat usage at River Green to provide a baseline of information.
- (viii) Representatives of the Dussindale Allotment Association thanked the Town Clerk for working with them on recent proposals. They were now seeking permission for the siting of a portacabin and, if approved, asked for assistance from the Estates Team to stake out the area for the portacabin.

65 FINANCE

- (i) Payments List – voucher numbers 593 to 715 totalling £43,141.24 were approved and signed.
- (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement – the statement as at 30 September 2018 was noted and approved.

- (iii) Report and Certificate of the External Auditor - the External Auditor report for 2017/18 was noted. Concerns had been raised centrally about the performance of the newly appointment external auditors and it was agreed to urge the association of Town and Parish Councils to address this matter.

66 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (i) Plans Committee – 10 September 2018 – noted.
- (ii) Events and Media Committee – 26 September 2018 – noted. The Chairman of the Committee advised on the arrangements for remembrance Sunday as follows:
- 10 am arrive Broadland District Council offices
 - 10:30 commence parade
 - 10:45 arrive at memorial gardens
 - 11:45 church service
 - BDC had donated a life-size “tommy statue for the start of the parade
 - 2 buggies had been requested for delivery to BDC offices for the start of the parade
 - The road would be closed from 10:15 to 12:15
 - Beacons would be lit at 7pm

67 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BROADS SOCIETY SOUTHERN RIVERS COMMITTEE

Members considered correspondence from the Broads Society and the representations made earlier in the meeting by the Broads Society representative, requesting that the Council work with them to raise the business use and profile of the Thorpe River Green section of the River Yare. The Town Clerk commented that officers would be happy to work with the Broads Society if members were minded to support the request. Members welcomed the approach from the Broads Society and

RESOLVED to support the request from the Broads Society to work with them to raise the business use and profile of the Thorpe River Green section of the River Yare.

68 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BROADS SOCIETY

Members considered an invitation from the Broads Society to become a Member of the Society. The Society’s interests lay in the protection and understanding of the Broads and its exceptionally important landscape and ecology. It monitored environmental pressures and planning applications and worked independently to safeguard the area. It was happy to consult and advise parish and Town Councils whenever required. Membership was £16 per annum. Members stated they would be happy to support the Broads Society and that there would be merit in coming together to work collaboratively in relation to consultations and representations on national policies and proposals.

RESOLVED that the Town Council agrees to become a member of the Broads Society for an annual membership fee of £16.

69 BROADS AUTHORITY REPORT – PROPOSED CHANGES

Members considered the report of the Clerk requesting approval of changes proposed by the Broads Authority to the Staithes Report. The Clerk outline the history relating to this matter. In accordance with the decision taken at the Town Council meeting in September, a complaint had been made to the Broads Authority about their actions in relation to the mismanagement of the Staithes Report matter. The Broads Authority had now proposed the following addendum to the report (to be placed directly under the Thorpe St Andrew entry in the research) as it claimed to have no editorial rights over the report:

“The Broads Authority is not determining or designating Thorpe St Andrew River Green as a ‘public staithe’ or ‘common’ in history, law or practice. This report is the opinion of the author and, having taken legal advice, the Broads Authority is unequivocally satisfied that Thorpe St Andrew Town Council has the powers in both statue and byelaw to control access, mooring and to charge for all moorings at River Green.”

Members thanked the Clerk and all staff for their hard work and persistence in seeking to resolve this matter. Whilst they welcomed the offer to include the addendum in the report, they commented that it was still hard to understand the Broads Authority’s actions in commissioning a report it had so little control over. They remained very frustrated by the considerable amount of time and expense the Town Council had incurred in securing some form of resolution to the matter and confirmed they wished to continue to pursue the formal complaint to the Broads Authority about its handling of this matter.

RESOLVED to welcome and accept the addendum to the report as set out above but, in view of the serious mishandling of this matter by the Broads Authority, they wished to continue to pursue the Town Council’s complaint against the Broads Authority.

70 VEHICULAR TRACKERS

The Clerk requested that consent be given to install vehicle trackers in the Council’s vehicles to provide essential data regarding use of the vehicles in the event that this might be needed – for example speeding, theft or accident.

RESOLVED to invite tenders for the provision of trackers in the Council’s vehicles to be considered by the Finance and Staff Committee.

71 DUSSINDALE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION – PROPOSED BUILDING

Members considered the report of the Clerk inviting them to consider approval for a proposed allotment association building. At the last meeting, the Town Council had agreed to make available a plot for use by the Association. Following this, an area of the carpark had been made available for the Association to use. The Allotment Chairman had now requested permission to install a hub building on the allocated area. The building would be cleaned and repainted after siting.

If approved, “terms of use” of the building needed to be approved by the Town Council.

In supporting the request, members asked that appropriate signs be included on the

building. It was noted that the apple tree would now not be removed.

RESOLVED that consent be given for the proposed siting of a hub building as proposed in the report and the terms of use be approved.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Town Council	12 November 2018
Plans Committee	15 October 2018
Finance and Staff	22 October 2018

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

Signed:

Dated:

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