

**Thorpe St Andrew Town Council
Minutes of the Finance and Staff Committee Meeting
held on 18 November 2019 at 7.30pm**

1 Present:

Miss S Lawn (Chairman)

Mr F Bowe Mr J Emsell Mr L Reeves Mr S Snelling Mr Fisher

Apologies: Mr I Mackie and Mr N Shaw

In attendance:

Dr T Foreman (Town Clerk) Mrs J Fenn (Deputy Clerk & RFO)

Two members of the public were present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4 PUBLIC SESSION (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Two representatives of Dussindale Rovers Football Club provided an overview of the letter they had written to the Committee regarding the current and future of the football club.

5 LETTER FROM DUSSINDALE ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Members considered the letter from Dussindale Rovers Football Club, along with comments made by its representatives during the Public Session. The Members discussed the matter at length, specifically the requests to have fencing installed at the Sir George Morse Park and restricting dogs on the main field.

RESOLVED

To set-up a meeting early 2020 with Councillors, Officers and Dussindale Rovers Football Club, St Andrews Football Club and Thorpe Village Football Club to discuss current and existing needs.

6 INSTITUTE OF GROUNDSMAN

Members considered information provided by the Parks and Estates Manager relating to Membership of the Institute of Groundsman. The Town Clerk explained the increase in staff and the need for specialist training meant membership for the whole team was now cost effective. Members were keen to see greater training on cricket and sport pitch maintenance.

RESOLVED

For the Town Council to take Local Authority/Public Body member for the Parks and Estates

staff.

7. GRANT APPLICATION – THORPE PLAYERS

The Members considered in detail the grant funding application for the hire of lights by Thorpe Players. The Committee considered the audited accounts, constitution and details of the productions undertaken in recent years.

RESOLVED

To award £200 to the Thorpe Players for the hire of lighting equipment, on condition that this is a one-off payment.

8. BUDGET 2020/21

The Members considered in detail the draft budget prepared for the Committee. There was significant discussion regarding the ambitions of the Council over the next 12 months and understanding that many of these priorities are time sensitive.

RESOLVED

To recommend that the Town Council approve the draft Budget 2020/21

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: