

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council meeting
held on 6 January 2020 at 7:30pm

94 Present:

Mr J Fisher	(Town Mayor)		
Mr P Berry	Mr F Bowe	Mrs J Fisher	Mr J Emsell
Mr T Garner	Mr M Lake	Miss S Lawn	Mr L Reeves
Mr J Ward	Mr N Shaw	Mr S Snelling	

Apologies: Mrs T Mancini-Boyle Mr I Mackie Mr T Fordham

In attendance:

Dr T Foreman

Three members of the public were in attendance.

95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member/Officer	Item
None	

96 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Town Mayor welcomed Councillors and the public to the first meeting of the Council in 2020.
- (ii) The Town Clerk provided an overview of the meetings and discussions which had taken place. Particular mention was given to a meeting with the Broads Authority and meetings with the landowners on Thorpe Island which was an item on the agenda.

97 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 – no police representative was in attendance..
- (ii) Members noted the report from Cllr Ward.
The District and County Councillors provided an overview of their work over the previous month. The Town Clerk read an update from Cllr I Mackie who was unable to attend the meeting.
- (iii) A member of the public wished all the councillors and staff a happy new year. A

number of questions were raised to the Council, in particular relating to the mooring of abandoned boats at River Green and that sewage appeared to be pumping out into the river from the island.

98 FINANCE

- (i) Payments List – approved and signed.
- (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement was approved and signed.

99 St Williams Way and Thunder Lane area consultation

The Town Council considered the consultation documents for the proposed changes to St Williams Way and Thunder Lane. There was significant discussion about the merits of the proposals, with many members commenting on the use of the cycle path and the installation of yellow lines.

It was

RESOLVED

To write to the project team in support of the proposals

100 River Green Mooring Scheme

The Town Clerk updated the meeting on the proposed start date of the mooring scheme and explained there had been a request to delay its implementation to allow for a meeting between the Council and landowners on the island to take place. The Council noted this request and the Town Clerks approval of it to demonstrates the good will of the Council in its dealings with landowners. It was agreed that a representative from NP Law should join the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Town Clerk to any of meeting regarding the mooring scheme.

101 Grounds Maintenance Tenders

An overview of all the tender documents was given, referencing the information circulated in the confidential papers previously circulated.

There was unanimous support for the need to continue the high quality service provided on the parks and open spaces and this was balanced against the need to gain best financial cost. In considering all the due diligence, services required, size and reputation of the companies, along with the pricing it was

RESOLVED

To appoint Contractor B for a period 2020 to 2023.

102 Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments

The Home Office consultation document for the strengthening of police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments was considered by the Council. There was strong feeling that powers for land-based prosecutions should also extend to those on water, as the Broads Authority have previously stated that the issue on the Broads network is increasing. Therefore, the it was

RESOLVED

To delegate power to the Town Clerk and Town Mayor to complete a consultation response outlining the views provided at the meeting.

Future Agenda Items

The meeting closed at 8:22pm

Signed:

Dated: