

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council meeting
held on 3 February 2020 at 7:30pm

103 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 I Mackie	Mr S Snelling	Mr T Fordham

Apologies: Mrs T Mancini-Boyle Mr N Shaw Mr J Boast

In attendance:

Dr T Foreman

Five members of the public and PC Mason were in attendance

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member/Officer	Item
Dr T Foreman	110 – Asset of Community Value Nomination. As a Member of a different Rowing Club, but will offer no advice on the nomination.

105 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Town Mayor updated the Council on his activities over the past month, including meeting with the Environment Agency, and attending a public meeting regarding Thorpe Woods.
- (ii) The Town Clerk provided an overview of his monthly meetings, including discussions with the Broads Authority, NP Law, owners of Thorpe Island and the Lime Tree Day Nursery.

106 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 – PC Mason was in attendance and provided an overview of the crime statistics for the previous month. The Town Councillors asked a number of questions regarding the statistics and how these are recorded. The Councillors thanked PC Mason for attending.
- (ii) Members noted the report from Cllr Ward. The District and County Councillors provided an overview of their work over the previous month. Cllr I Mackie provided an overview of his work related to bus shelters, boundary changes, Thorpe Woodlands, and meeting at Thorpe Cemetery. In addition, Cllr I Mackie explained he had been appointed a

Governor at Dussindale Primary School. Cllr J Fisher provided an overview of his work as Cabinet member for Children Services, particularly the work towards Councillors working closer with centres in their areas.

- (iii) A resident raised concerns about the appearance of the car wash on Girlings Lane and requested an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. This was provided by the Town Clerk. A resident explained that the first blue plaque is to be installed in Thorpe St Andrew related to Patterson family. Also, it was explained that a working group was planning to do some work at the cemetery and requested some assistance from the Town Council. The Town Mayor explained this would be taken up by the Town Clerk and could go to the Finance and Staff Committee if needed.

A representative from Frostbites Sailing Club spoke to object to the Community Asset Nomination. After provided a background to the Club and its history, the representative challenged some of the details of the proposal. Two representatives from Broadland Paddlesport spoke with concerns about the nomination, but explained that they are happy to work with and support recreation on the Broads. In addition, they were unhappy with the process of the Nomination.

107 FINANCE

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

108 Minutes from Committees

- (i) Plans and Environment Committee – noted
(ii) Events Committee – noted
(iii) Finance and Staff Committee - noted

109 Social Media Policy

The Town Clerk provided an overview of the proposed social media policy which had been circulated with the meeting papers. There was significant discussion about the need for the policy and whether it was required. It was explained that The policy was a template, prepared specifically for matters which had arisen in the last few months and been mentioned to the Town Clerk who had discussed the concerns with the Town Mayor.

It was proposed by Mr J Fisher, seconded by Miss S Lawn and

RESOLVED

That the policy be adopted, but reviewed in May at the Annual Meeting following further discussions on possible improvements with Mr T Fordham.

110 Asset of Community Value Nominations: Thorpe St Andrew

The Town Clerk introduced the legislation background and guidance from Broadland District Council relating to Asset of Community Value Nominations. The Town Clerk explained he would be unable to provide advice on this matter, but the guidance from

the District Council was comprehensive. Councillors considered the information provided as guidance by the District Council, as well as the arguments made by members of the public earlier in the meeting.

It was proposed by Miss S Lawn and seconded by Mr J Fisher and

RESOLVED

Not to support the Asset of Community Value nominations.

As there has been no identified need for the nomination, and that the sites already have sufficient protection through existing planning policies. The Council cannot foresee any changes on the sites or locally which would require the nomination to be approved

111 Broadland Boat Club

The Town Clerk updated the Council on a meeting with Broadland Boat Club. It was explained that the Town Council may be written to, along with both the Broads Authority and Broadland District Council seeking support for their plans to merge with Yare Boat Club. The Council noted this report

Future Agenda Items

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed:

Dated: