



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

# NEWS

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Summer 2021



## Public Consultations

Help us shape the way our green spaces look, our verges are managed and our streetlights are maintained.

## Events

see inside for our “What’s on” and “Dates for your Diary!”

## Also...

Planning update, no cold calling feedback form, Cafe voucher and much more!

# WELCOME

I should start by introducing myself for those who do not know me, my name is Cllr Sue Lawn and I am the newly elected Mayor of Thorpe St Andrew. I have lived in Thorpe St Andrew for 25 years now and I moved to Dussindale in the Spring of 2001. I live with my wonderful partner of 35 years. My daughter, her partner and my little granddaughter all live close by. As with my predecessor Past Town Mayor Cllr John Fisher, I too have a little white dog called Lexi who is quite a character and has been a treat to have through the past year of lockdown, getting me up and out with her daily walks.



I was elected to be Thorpe St Andrew Town Mayor on the 26th April 2021 at the Annual Town Council Meeting. It was a unanimous vote and I want to say thank you to Cllr John Fisher for proposing me for the post and thank you to my fellow Councillors for agreeing to give me this opportunity. I know I am very privileged to be in this position. I will, over the next year, continue the good work our previous Town Mayors, Councillors and Officers have put in place for Thorpe St Andrew.

One of the Town Council priorities for the coming years is to improve our green spaces for our residents. In Thorpe St Andrew we are very lucky that we have such beautiful areas to walk such as Belmore Woods, Fitzmaurice Park, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Woods, Sir George Morse Park and the Jewel of Thorpe St Andrew; the River Green. There are also numerous cycle paths throughout the area which go out to our neighbouring villages such as Brundall and Little Plumstead. So, we do have good choices for those on foot or cycling.

A priority this year is to focus on the Children's Play areas and we will try to raise funds to upgrade our play areas in the very near future.

When I was first elected as a Town Councillor in 2007, my ambition was to see Thorpe St Andrew grow as a community together. I thought the best way to do that was by organising local events.

As Chairman of the Events Committee which initiated the first Christmas Lights switch on at the River Green, I remember not even having a budget for events like that! But as many of you know what started as a simple Christmas Tree and a string of lights, grew into a big event for thousands; a very special Christmas tradition for all our little ones to look forward to. We hope that we can offer something just as special for future generations too.

We are looking forward positively to a new normal and the opportunities we can offer whilst remaining safe. Many of us have learnt that what we appreciate most is the opportunity to spend time with our families and friends and how lucky we are that we live in a beautiful town such as Thorpe St Andrew.

I look forward to sharing the coming months with you and keeping you up to date with the happenings of the Town Council. I want to congratulate our County Cllrs John Fisher and Ian Mackie on being re elected to represent Thorpe St Andrew on Norfolk County Council and am assured that they will represent us well. Thank you also to our Events Chairman Cllr Jonathon Emsell and all the residents who joined the Council's Giant Litter Pick to clean up our streets.

Despite the hail and the cold it was a fabulous turn out and what an excellent job was done!

Finally, welcome our new Café in the Park the "Little Park Café" and on behalf of you all we wish them well. Please take time to visit them and enjoy our park at the same time.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Streetlights  
Fly-tipping  
Grit bins  
Graffiti

Thorpe St Andrew  
Town Council  
**01603 701048**

Dog bins  
Household waste  
Planning issues

Broadland District  
Council  
**01603 431133**

Potholes  
Drainage/Flooding  
Damage on roads  
Road signs/posts

Norfolk County  
Council  
**0344 800 802**

Cars blocking the  
highway or issues  
on crime

Norfolk Police  
**101 or 999**

If you unsure about who to call please contact us and we can point you in the right direction or even report the issue on your behalf.



Deputy Mayor Cllr Jane Fisher opening the Little Park Cafe in Sir George Morse Park - May 2020



Former Mayor Signing the Armed Forces Covenant March 2020

We are delighted to announce that Thorpe St Andrew have recently signed the Armed Forces Covenant.

This scheme is designed for organisations who want to show their commitment to veterans and their families and children.

We are keen to hear from businesses who are interested in joining us in this commitment.

Do you employ former members of the armed forces or a member of their family? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

## The Little Park Cafe opens!

Congratulations to Natalie and Nick Brewer who last month opened The Little Park Cafe at Sir George Morse Park.

We are delighted to welcome them to the TSA business community and as local residents as well, we wish them every success. The Cafe is open throughout the summer, Tuesday to Friday 9pm- 4pm and at weekends from 10am - 4pm, offering a range of hot and cold drinks, snacks and light meals. Please pay them a visit and enjoy a walk or run in the park at the same time.

## Community Litter Pick - the force was with us!

The community litter pick was a brilliant event and we managed to fill a skip worth of rubbish from around the town. A huge thank you to all who turned out on a miserable day and braved the hail and rain to take part. We were delighted to see so many families turn up and all the children were super enthusiastic - some even borrowing litter pickers to carry on the good work we had started. Look out for more information re: future events and how to take part.



Star Wars inspired Community Litter Pickers

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council support many local business in our area and we are always keen to find out what's going on. If you'd like us to feature your business in one of our newsletters please talk to us. Thought about becoming part of 'Made in Thorpe'? Please contact us on 01603 701048 or email office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk. To see all our MiT listings please take a look at our website www.thorpestandrew.gov.uk. All listings are **FREE**.



(subject to government restrictions)

Please contact us to book your place on 01603 701048 or email community@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

## Dates for your Diary

### 26th June - Jumble Trail.

Sell your wares from the comfort of your own drive, or find some treasure by visiting stalls all over the town. Take the opportunity to get earn a few £'s and declutter your house at the same time. Please sign up to have a stall (proceeds to the Leeway Charity) by emailing office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk. Deadline Friday 20th June. Look out for updates on our Facebook Page.



August - Picnic in the Park - free event to share with friends and family

September - Sensational Streetfood - choice of great food stalls

November - Fireworks - ticketed event at Fitzmaurice Park

December - Christmas Lights Up - events at Fitzmaurice and River Green

# Planning Update

*In this article we hear from Cllr John Fisher, Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.*

Many residents will be aware of recent publicity and planning consultations on a number of important sites across Thorpe St Andrew. Here's a quick update on each.



## Pinebanks



Ocubis Ltd, the company which acts as developments manager for Berliet Ltd, the owners of the old Pinebanks site, recently held 3 online consultation webinars. We understand that approximately 195 residents logged in and the Town Council had officers and councillors join in each session. This was a preplanning consultation, so eventually there will be a formal planning application submitted when residents and the Town Council will have the opportunity to comment formally on the proposals.

At the moment the proposals are for a total of 725 homes to be built across 4 separate sites with the numbers indicated as:

- 295 on the Pinebanks site
- 105 on the Langley School/Thorpe House School playing field and part of the Pinebanks site
- 175 on the Langley South site, where Thorpe House and Langley School buildings currently exist
- 150 homes mainly apartments at the site west of Griffin Lane, between Griffin lane and the Cromer railway line.

Current proposals are for approximately 30% of homes to be affordable which would be a mix of rented and shared equity. Existing woodlands and Weston Pit would be retained and road junctions onto Harvey Lane/Yarmouth Road and Harvey Lane/Gordon Avenue to be improved. A full highway assessment for other junctions in the area is still awaited from NCC Highways. These current proposals vary significantly from the original planning approval of 2013. The final application may differ again so it is important for all residents to keep alert for the actual planning application and submit comments accordingly. The Town Council has responded to the webinar and will consider the full planning applications when they are submitted.

## Thorpe Woods

Thorpe Woods development has also progressed. Hill Ltd. are in the process of purchasing the Woods and will be consulting on their proposals to built 300 units as per the approval granted by the planning inspector after the public enquiry. All of Thorpe Woods are currently designated as commercial forestry. I attended the whole enquiry and made statements supporting Broadland planners in their refusal for any development. However, now, we must ensure that maximum benefits are negotiated to the advantage of all residents. Hill Ltd. are the company currently developing the old Jarrold Print Works site at Barrack Street. They are a family company set up approximately 20 years ago and pride themselves on their quality of build and community involvement. I have requested to visit the Jarrold Print site to witness first-hand their build quality and general ethos. The statement by the inspector included instructions that Belmore Plantation should be opened up to allow easier and increased public access and Browns Plantation be dedicated an environmentally strategic site with limited access. The woods surrounding the 300 home development are to be retained as woodland together with certain specific specimen trees to be retained within the built site. Hill Ltd. have indicated that they will be engaging with local residents prior to submitting their application to Broadland. The full report by the inspector can be accessed here: <https://urlshortner.org/d6BDx>

## Oasis and Griffin PH Sites

Other strategic sites currently being consulted on are the Oasis site and the Griffin Public House site. Both these proposals are for care homes. Residents may recall that the Oasis site has received planning approval for a care home with 19 residential bungalows in the area north of the site and an application by the original owners was approved for 27 units, a mix of large detached houses and flats on the area of the old tennis courts and existing building. A new application has been submitted for the whole site to become provision for elderly care with the original care home complex and bungalows retained but with more bungalows, of 80 sq mtr each. and apartments, where the larger detached houses, of approx. 250 sq mtr each, were planned to the south of the site. This should significantly reduce vehicle movements on to Pound Lane which was a concern of residents when the original application was considered. There has been extensive environmental work carried out so far to provide suitable new accommodation for the bats and newts that currently occupy parts of the site, the bats being predominantly in the roof of the existing building.

The Griffin Public House site is also being proposed as a location for care facilities. The applicants have reduced their numbers of units from original proposals, to reduce the mass of the building and provide a more appropriate design for the site.

We urge all residents especially those living close to these sites to fully engage with the consultations and ensure views are submitted when the planning applications are advertised.

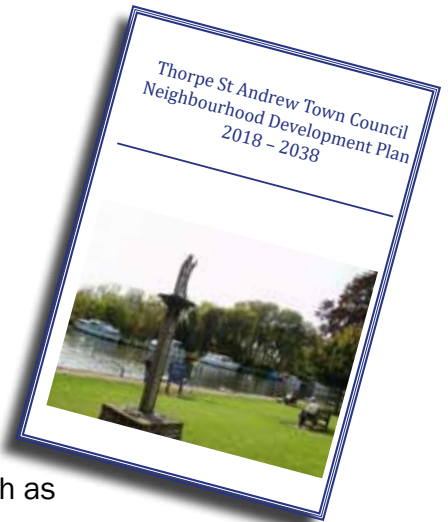
# Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan - we want to hear from you!

As the Neighbourhood Plan nears completion we want to hear from you. Since 2017, Thorpe St Andrew Town Councillors and residents together have been preparing the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Thorpe St Andrew. Now, following some Covid-19 related delay, we are ready to undertake our final consultation before submission to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority.

The six-week consultation will start on Monday 28th June 2021 and we will seek your views on the policies, which have been written following previous consultations and the results of Neighbourhood Plan surveys at events such as St Georges Days and the Summer Fete at Thorpe St Andrew Church.

Once passed, the community will have a document which must be referred to by planners when deciding applications in our town. It will also mean the community gets a greater proportion of developer contributions, meaning greater improvements can be made in the community.

This will not be the end of the road for the Neighbourhood Plan, as updates and changes will then be possible. So, if you are interested in getting involved in working with us to inform future changes, do get in touch and register your support by emailing [office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk).



Take our survey by scanning the QR code or logon to:  
[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSANeighbourhoodplan](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSANeighbourhoodplan)



## Cold Calling Zone Consultation - have your say!

Following successful application for a No Cold Calling Zones across Thorpe, such as Eastern Avenue, Eastern Crescent, Eastern Road, and some roads in Dussindale (Ireton Close, Laud Close and Bunyan Close) the County Council Trading Standards Team welcomes expressions of interest from other areas.

Dussindale meets much of the criteria for No Cold Calling Zones; the area has a strong community spirit and evidence of a desire to have a zone, the area has a history of doorstep selling and Dussindale is clearly identifiable as a single zone.

In order for Norfolk County Council Trading Standards Service to support the setting up of the zone it will need to establish that 75% of residents are in favour of their area being designated a No Cold Calling Zone. If some roads reach the 75% (but Dussindale as a whole doesn't) they will be able to become No Cold Calling Zones. So every response counts! The information required for a successful consultation response is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Yes I would support the proposal to create No Cold Calling Zones within Dussindale
- 2) No I would not support the proposal to create No Cold Calling Zones within Dussindale
3. I would like to propose \_\_\_\_\_ as a No Cold Call Zone

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All responses need to be printed and sent to :**

Norfolk County Council Trading Standards Service, Priory House, Austin Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EB  
or drop them into the Town Hall postbox by August 1st 2021 for us to post.

# Managing urban roadside verges for biodiversity - a new approach



Roadside verges are part of the highway and the majority are owned by Norfolk County Council. Thorpe St Andrew Town Council have contractual arrangements to manage and maintain these verges by mowing them regularly throughout the summer months.

Grass verges make a valuable contribution to the 'green feel' of the town, and we take pride in keeping these looking as attractive as possible; sadly, many

also suffer from damage due to vehicles parking or that are driven over them.

With the support of Norfolk County Highways, we have been able to introduce new tree planting schemes in recent years and replacements for lost trees through damage or disease. Some verge areas have also been planted with native spring bulbs.

We propose to change the way in which we manage some verges to increase the biodiversity of these areas and encourage insects, bees, and flora by using more environmentally friendly management methods. These include raising the height of regular mowing, mowing less frequently or not so early in the year, planting more trees through funding initiatives (utility services restrict certain locations) and setting areas for wildflowers to grow.



To implement these changes, we require the views and support of our residents - the proposal could then go forward to Highways for their agreement. Please fill in our survey by scanning the QR code on your smart phone and have your say, or log on to: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAVerges](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAVerges)



## Streetlight Consultation

Many of our local residents call us to tell us about streetlights not working, or bulbs emitting a low level light. This is particularly an issue in the autumn and winter months when the days are shorter and it gets dark earlier.

As a Council we are keen to meet the needs of our residents and we are always looking to find ways to improve services for our residents money whilst being more energy efficient.

We are therefore consulting on a new proposal for our streetlights and the type of bulbs replaced. The proposal is to swap as many as possible to new LED heads which are significantly more energy efficient and can offer residents the same level of illumination. Thorpe St Andrew would need to apply for a loan to fund this to replace all existing sodium lamps. At the same time we are hoping to install, where appropriate, bat friendly bulbs.

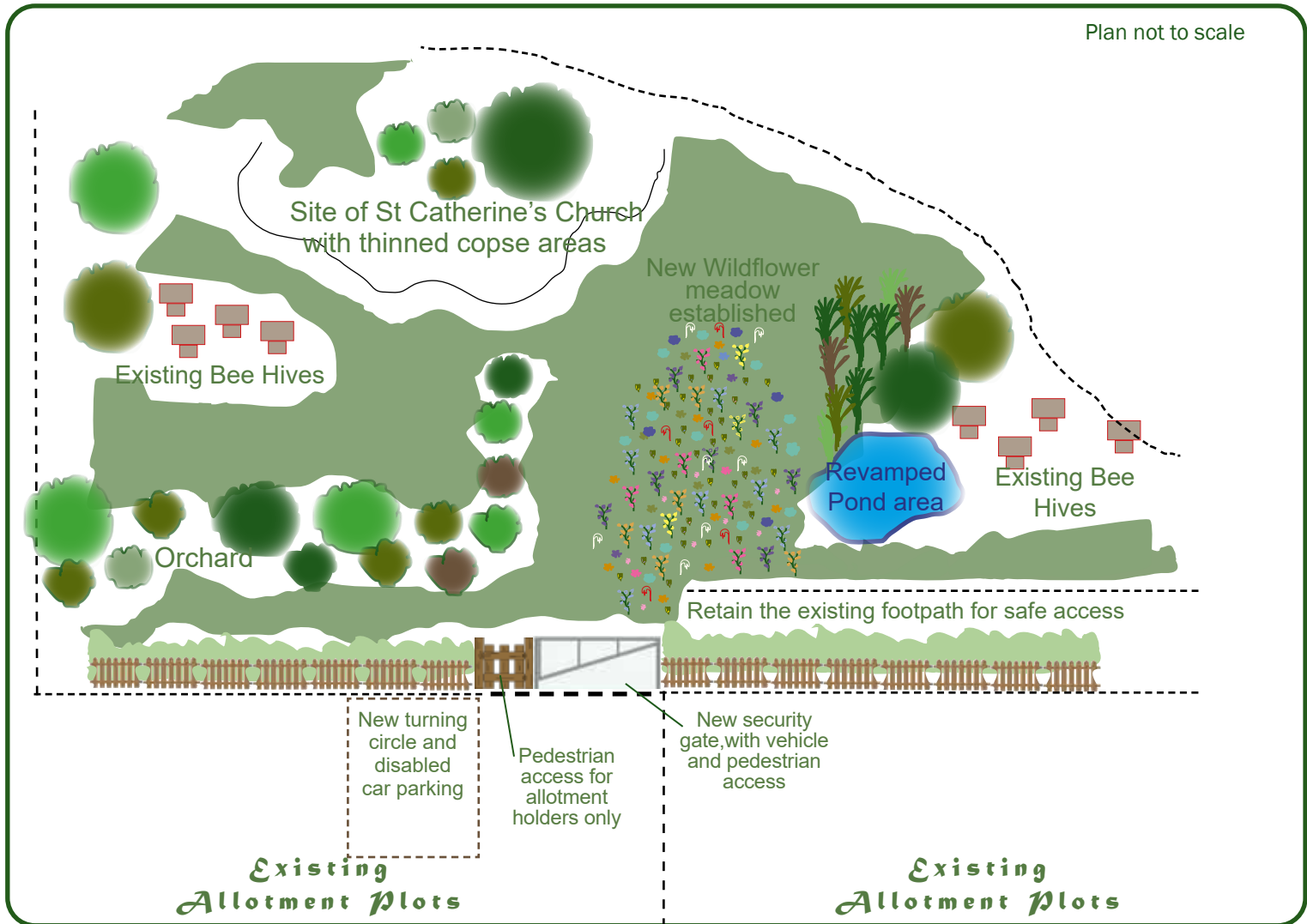
Whilst some of the cost can be covered by the energy saving, a loan would mean an increase in costs for local residents. Please take some time to consider the options and fill in the survey so that your views can be taken into account.

Please use your smart phone to scan the QR code which will take you directly to the survey where you can have your say, or log on to: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAStreetlights](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAStreetlights)



# Churchyard Close - Open Spaces Project

Plan not to scale



Thorpe St Andrew Town Council are delighted to introduce an artists impression of proposed plans for greater access to the open space at the top of Hillside Allotments. The scheme is called Churchyard Close - Open Spaces Project, and builds on a 1999 proposal for the site.

The proposal includes retaining all the important features that currently exist such as the managed beehives and orchard but it intends to re-establish a revamped pond area as well as the planting of a new wildflower meadow. With the creation of a new public open space, it is hoped that many more residents can enjoy this space and the wonderful vista across the town.

In this consultation we are asking that any interested party takes the opportunity to tell us their views. We especially wish to hear from allotment users, the general public, and residents who live nearby, in order to be able to deliver the most appropriate space that can offer the best option for the many.

If you would like to have a say please logon to our online survey by using the QR code below. Or you can log onto: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAHillside](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSAHillside)





### Here For You, Every Step Of The Way

Co-op Funeral Care is working hard with local organisations in our community. We act as a food bank collection point in collaboration with Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church and as a collection point for donations for Leeway, Cllr Lawn, Town Mayor's chosen charity. We are also pleased to announce that we accept donations for Period Poverty.

We hope to be able to see many local people at the Thorpe St Andrew Church Fete where we will be having a stall. It's on Saturday 17th July, please pop by for a chat.

In aid of Co-op's national charities for this year – MIND, SAMH & Inspire we are planning to hold a car boot on a Saturday in August - further details will be available towards the end of July.

**Thorpe St Andrew Funeralcare**  
140 Thunder Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0JE  
01603 432011



We would like to welcome you all to our new Little Park Café.

(on Sir George Morse Park)

We are open throughout the summer  
Tuesday to Friday 9pm- 4pm  
and weekends 10am - 4pm.

Pop in and see us for a hot drink, a cake, a pastry or something more substantial.

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*We look forward to seeing you soon.*



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