



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL
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ANNUAL PUBLIC TOWN MEETING

ALL WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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Agenda of Annual Public Town Meeting

You are hereby invited to attend the Annual Public Town Meeting of Thorpe St Andrew to be held at Roxley Hall on 9th May 2022 from 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Dr Thomas Foreman
Locum Clerk to the Council

Sue Lawn
Town Mayor

AGENDA

- 1 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26th April 2021
- 2 Annual Report of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council from the Town Mayor, Councillor Sue Lawn
- 3 Finance – to follow
 - i. Finance Statement 2021/22
 - ii. Variance Report 2021/22
- 4 Update from Local Organisations
 - a) Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church
 - b) Norfolk Police – report to follow
 - c) Royal British Legion - verbal
 - d) Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Armed Forces Champion - verbal
 - e) Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Dementia Support Champion - verbal
 - f) Community Groups - verbal
- 5 Public Participation
- 6 Close

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church worked hard to assist isolated members of the community during the pandemic and raised funds through a plant sale and the publication of a recipe book. Work on the church wall and cemetery extension will continue this year and social events are planned from June.

(b) Norfolk Police – PC Andy Mason discussed the changing role of Beat Managers due to Covid and the further new initiatives, including the “Park, Walk, Talk” scheme. He discussed current issues involving Thorpe High School, speeding and River Green but reported that the only rise in crime figures in the area was with graffiti.

(c) Royal British Legion – Mr Snelling discussed the current work of the Royal British Legion both nationally and locally. Whilst all events had been banned due to Covid, the Thorpe Branch, in conjunction with the Town Council and Early Help Hub, co-ordinated a response for residents needing assistance due to the pandemic, receiving nearly 100 requests per week at the peak. Funds of £1,300 had been received during the year with £500 donated to the Poppy Appeal and £500 to the Legion Nursing Home in Cromer.

(d) Thorpe History Group – The group had been unable to meet since February 2020 but had kept in touch with members using newsletters and social media. They had published their first book and outlined their talks scheduled to take place from June.

(e) Thorpe St Andrew Dementia Café – a written report had been circulated with any questions to be submitted to the Communities Officer.

(f) Thorpe St Andrew Trust – a written reported had been circulated.

A written report from the Dussindale Community Centre will be circulated after the meeting and be added to the website.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A question was asked relating to the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and concern raised as to standards at the River Green. The Town Mayor explained the next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan, including community engagement and consultation with statutory bodies, and confirmed that River Green remains a priority matter for the Town Council, with regular meetings with fellow stakeholders ongoing.

The meeting closed at 8:04pm

Signed:

Dated:

Thorpe St Andrew Annual Community Meeting

Monday 9th May 2022

Police Report: PC 855 JENNINGS Local Policing Neighbourhood Team.

Crime Figures – From 01/01/2022 to 20/04/2022.

There have been 151 Crimes raised in total.

Crimes of note -

3 x Arsons.

1. Oasis Leisure Centre.
2. Approximately 100m² of Woodland on Racecourse Plantation.
3. Skirmish Paintball outbuilding.

1 x Cannabis grown found in a Dwelling.

13 x criminal damages.

In relation to the Arson at the Oasis. We have received calls about youths getting into the building, before the fire and since the Arson occurred. This is still under investigation.

Myself and my colleagues have patrolled the area as often as possible over the Easter holidays. I have spoken to the owners of the Oasis, who are now going to look at demolishing the building as soon as possible.

Speeding –

Speeding is once again our Priority. We have been carrying out speed checks and will continue to do so, on St Williams Way, Thunder Lane, Harvey Lane and Dussingdale Drive.

We are aware of the near miss at the Zebra Crossing on Thunder Lane. We have carried out our own risk assessment of the crossing and feel some improvements could be made. We have filed a report to the relevant department highlighting our recommendations.

Initiatives being targeted for this year –

We held our Priority Setting Meeting for the area on 28th March.

The following priority was set:

Speeding and Road Safety.

On March 16th we spent 2 hours in the entrance of Sainsburys on Pound Lane in Norwich conducting a Street Surgery engaging with members of the public face to face and answering any concerns they had. We will be holding another community engagement day at Salhouse Garden Centre on the 21st May 2022. Please follow Broadland Police Facebook page for any details of any future engagement events in your area.

The next Priority Setting Meeting will take place at 6pm on 28th June 2020 via Microsoft Teams, please get in contact with us on SNTThorpeStAndrew@norfolk.police.uk for any further information or to raise any concerns.

I have been carrying out regular foot patrols at Sir George Morse Park, Fitzmaurice Park and streets surrounding the High School.

It has been confirmed that I will now be working on Thursday 2nd June 2022, so I can attend the Jubilee celebrations. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all at Thorpe Rec in the afternoon.

Please see the enclosed promotional posters for Community Speed watch and Neighbourhood Watch.

Dussindale Park Community Trust report for 2022 Annual public Meeting

The Trust owns and hires the Dussindale Community Centre, Pound Lane to provide its income. The last financial year 2021 – 2022 saw the community centre open every month following the previous year when it had only been open for three months in all due to the covid lockdown.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God was the largest individual source of income to the Trust for many years but during the lockdown they secured a long held ambition of establishing the church elsewhere in premises that were exclusively for their church's use.

A government restart grant of £8000 offset some of the loss of church income in the short term and the Centre has attracted a number of new users. Rising energy costs are a concern that will inevitably lead to an increase in hire charges.

A bus shelter that was erected on the Trust's property by Sainsbury's some 12 years ago was demolished by a First bus. After a year of wrangling with Sainsbury's caretaker manager Jonathan Emsell took ownership of the shelter from Sainsbury's to the Trust which then enabled First Bus insurers to erect a new bus shelter which has been much appreciated by the community.

In summary there is a difficult year ahead but with a string user base the Community Centre expect to provide a comprehensive range of facilities that appeal to users of all ages from parent and baby groups, aerobic groups, dancers through to activities that appeal to retired people. Not forgetting our large number of badminton players that increase in numbers every year.

Steven Ford, secretary Dussindale Park Community Trust.