



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

Death of Councillor Nigel Shaw

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council is saddened to announce the passing of Councillor Nigel Shaw

We regret to announce the sad passing of our friend and colleague, Councillor Nigel Shaw. Nigel was first elected to Thorpe St Andrew Town Council in 2002, and at the same election was elected to Broadland District Council as one of three members for the North West ward of the town. From 2004, he also served as the County Councillor for the Woodside ward on Norfolk County Council for 12 years.

His professional background was in the private sector, working across the entertainment, financial, and latterly the IT industries.

He was a Councillor with a strong moral purpose, championing issues around domestic violence, anti-social behaviour, highway safety, protecting the environment, and social justice. He held what he would describe as traditional conservative views, focused on low taxation, but with support for those most in need including pensioners and those on low incomes.

During his time serving the three tiers of local government, he achieved significant gains in his areas of interest.

He championed the zebra crossing on Thunder Lane, the pedestrian refuges on Plumstead Road and St Williams Way, and in splitting the 24 and 24A bus routes to provide greater access to public transport across the town.

He advocated for lower speed limits, especially outside schools and in housing estates. As part of this vision, he was a strong proponent of the Northern Distributor Road and saw its western link as essential to move cars and heavy vehicles away from the locality and enhance the road structure within Norfolk, with the economic benefits this would bring.

He was a staunch opponent to the Thorpe Woods development and campaigned actively with his Councillor colleagues to push housing to brownfield sites instead of woodland areas within the town.

Councillor Shaw felt strongly that actions speak louder than words, and his achievements in public service therefore speak for themselves.

His participation in meetings often triggered debate and therefore his premature passing will be a loss to this Council, as well as Broadland District Council and Sprowston Town Council where he also served.

Cllr Sue Lawn, Town Mayor

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