

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, ON
TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2019, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M. WITH THE OPEN FORUM

Present:
The Mayor, Councillor R F W Brame

Councillors:

S J Armes	M P Brindle
C R P Burnett	B J Canham
D M Crawford	C Harvey
J Hollis	J James
T J Jermy	R G Kybird
M S Robinson	M Taylor
S N H Wright	

Officers present:

Tina Cunnell	Town Clerk
Roz Barnett	Deputy Town Clerk
Chris Crimmen	Committee Secretary

OPEN FORUM

A resident asked for full transparency regarding the Mundford Road allotments following a recent meeting of the GTDP. The Town Clerk replied she had not received a formal request to consider this matter and confirmed there would be no moves forward until any request is received. Nothing at all could be done until a suitable land swap had been identified.

Minutes

823/18 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None.

824/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillor F Robinson.

825/18 MINUTES
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th February 2019, excepting those items dealt with following the exclusion of press and public, to be addressed under agenda 833/18, be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialed by the Committee Chairman.

826/18 COMMITTEE REPORTS
To receive the following:

a) Allotment Committee	(dark green paper)	20/02/2019
b) Personnel Committee	(pink paper)	05/03/2019
c) ALP Committee	(yellow paper)	06/03/2019
d) Planning committee	(green paper)	12/03/2019
e) VEM Committee	(orange paper)	13/03/2019
f) Finance Committee	(salmon paper)	19/03/2019

a) Allotment Committee (minutes 732/18 – 744/18) 20/02/2019

RESOLVED: The Allotment minutes were adopted as presented.

b) Personnel Committee (minutes 760/18 – 767/18) 03/03/2019

RESOLVED: The Personnel minutes were adopted as presented.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS AND REPORT

The Mayor reported that he had presented medals and awards to serving RAF personnel at Honington on the 14th March 2019. He particularly enjoyed the refuelling flight seeing the jet fighters taking on fuel mid-air. He reported on Commonwealth day on the 11th March 2019 and he would like to make this day more inclusive with the possibility of the schools being involved.

Events attended since the last meeting

Mayor of Thetford Councillor Roy Brame

February

27 Mayor of St Edmundsbury Charity TAPAS Dinner

March

1 Thetford Christians Together World Day of Prayer Service

3 The High Sheriff of Norfolk Justice Service

Mayor of Diss Civic Service

9 Service and Rededication of Kilverstone War Memorial

11 Commonwealth Day

14 Lunch with the Station Commander of RAF Honington

15 The Mayor of Downham Market St Winnold's Day Parade and Breakfast

20 RAF Mildenhall Orientation Flight

The High Sheriff of Norfolk Illuminating Norfolk Presentation

21 Thetford Grammar Prep School Play

22 Chairman of Broadland District Council Civic Reception

23 Opening the Dad's Army Museum for the 2019 season

24 Mayor of St Edmundsbury Charity Concert

Deputy Mayor of Thetford Councillor Mrs Brenda Canham

March

14 U3A Open Day

List of Forthcoming Events

5 April 2019 Mayor's Ball in the Carnegie Room from 6.30pm

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TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor J James reported on a meeting of GTDP that she attended with Councillor M Robison. Areas covered were:

- Issues of only having one ticket machine at the station.
- They had written to all GP and dental practices regarding current and future needs.
- Issues of car parking at the station.
- Expression of interest in the High Street Fund.
- Market Town Initiative.

Councillor C Harvey reported on the STAG meeting who are currently monitoring wheels on King's Street - cycles/skates and skateboards.

Councillor J Hollis attended the consultation at Drake School on the 20th March 2019 to discuss the proposed changes to the age group moving up from nursery to primary in September. There was not expected to be any

financial loss and there may be a reduction in school sizes. She had attended a litter pick at Castle Park on the National Litter Pick day. Councillor M Taylor had spoken to NCC Highways on the road surface at Cannons Close who will make temporary repairs to the cracks. Councillor B Canham reported that the Charles Burrell Museum will open for the season on Easter Sunday.

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REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor M Taylor reported on STAG and the Cumulative Impact Policy. Councillor M Robinson reported on the Norfolk Jobs and Skill Exhibition. Councillor T Jermy reported the Town Library will close from 6th May 2019 to the 12th May 2019 for improvement works. He confirmed the litter picking equipment on wheels has arrived. Breckland Council had scrutiny meeting on Capita contracts. He reported on the area around three Nuns Bridges where there have been more blue signs installed to steer HGV's away.

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CHANGE TO PLAY AREA – FORMER GAS WORKS

Councillors reviewed the changes to the play area to be completed in the Dove Jeffery Homes under construction on the Bury Road and supported the proposed changes.

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COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE

None.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None.

Chairman.