

**THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 9 February 2010
6.30pm**

Present: Councillor's G Green, Steve Walmsley, E Craggs, M Eddy, R Mosley, Tina Large, M Moore, Pat Large.

Officer: Debbie Rudd

Members of the Public: Three.

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk

FC/10/01: Apologies: Councillor's Allison Trainer, M Trainer, I Dalgarno, D Kennington, Sylvia Walmsley.

Apologies Accepted.

FC/10/02: Declarations of Interest: None.

FC/10/03 Clerks Report: The clerk gave an update report on matters/issue since last meeting. Please see Appendix 1.

FC/10/04: Minutes of Full Council - Tuesday 1 December 2009 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/05: Minutes of Full Council - Tuesday 8 December 2009 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/06: Minutes of Environment Meeting - Tuesday 12 January 2010 - Approved as a correct record. **It was noted that the date on the minutes did not include the year. The clerk will correct before publication.**

FC/10/07: Minutes of Special Full Council - Friday 15 January 2010 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/08: Minutes of Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting - Tuesday 26 January 2010 - Approved as a correct record. Clerk informed of mistake rectified re amount of community chest applications.

FC/10/09: Town Council Polices - The clerk presented to members the following polices for consideration and adoption.

1. Financial Regulations
2. Risk Schedule
3. Freedom of Information Policy
4. Complaints Procedure
5. Bulling & Harassment Policy
6. Equal Opportunities Policy
7. Information Technology Policy
8. Declaring an Interest flow chat.

The clerk also explained that she had included a 'Declaring an Interest Flow Chat' that would be helpful to members when considering if they need to declare an interest on agenda items.

All policies agreed and adopted.

FC/10/10: Pride of Thornaby Award – Members discussed the Pride of Thornaby Award, criteria and type of award. Members decided the award would be presented to a Thornaby or 'adopted' Thornaby person who has over many years helped other Thornaby people, usually but not always, without pay or award.

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Members agreed on a crystal salver engraved with the Town Council Crest, Town Hall, Five Lamps and details of award. Members agreed on the first person to receive the award. The clerk was given delegated powers to source a salver for the first presentation to take place on 4 March 2010. It was agreed to use the Civic Budget to fund the award and presentation evening.

FC/10/11: Yorkshire Day: - Fr Mark Catherall explained to members that due to other events taking place at the same time as the Yorkshire Day event he believes this has an effect on attendance. He also made comments that the event was not advertised enough. Members discussed venue for the event, with two proposals made:

1. Cllr R Mosley proposed the event be held on Thornaby Green.
2. Cllr P Large proposed the event be held in Thornaby Town Centre.

The merits of both proposals were discussed with a vote taken, all voted in favour with the exception of Cllr Mosley for Thornaby Town Centre. Cllr Pat Large and Mrs Pat Bell to approach Town Centre management to request holding Yorkshire Day event on Sunday 1 August 2010.

FC/10/13: Thornaby Pride – Town Clerk informed members of deadline for articles - Monday 8 March 2010. Cllr Mosley to write a draft article on bulb planting in Thornaby, also to provide pictures. An editorial meeting is to be arranged.

FC/10/14: Thornaby Choir - Cllr Craggs informed members that she had spoken with a music teacher from a Thornaby School who had suggested a TS17 choir to include Ingleby Barwick schools. She also informed that a choir master had moved to the area who may be willing to work with the choir should it be formed. She suggested the town clerk write to Ingleby Barwick Council enquiring if they would be willing to support the choir. The town clerk recommended Cllr Craggs attend a meeting of Ingleby Barwick Council to present the proposal in person as this would give her the opportunity to provide full details and answer any questions members may have.

Town Clerk to contact Ingleby Town Clerk requesting dates of meetings, and to enquire if it would be possible for Cllr Craggs to attend.

FC/10/15: Projects – Cllr Craggs explained the importance of adopting new projects to continue building the profile of Council. A play area and fencing for the Harold Wilson field was one suggestion received. Another was placing the Thornaby Crest around Thornaby. It was agreed that a questionnaire be placed in the next addition of Thornaby pride asking for suggestion from residents.

FC/10/16: Correspondence – The following correspondence was discussed.

- Letter received from Dari Taylor in reply to TTC's Letter regarding Thornaby First leaflet. **It was agreed the clerk should write to Mr Cook, the person responsible for printing and promoting the leaflet enclosing a copy of the letter received from Mrs Taylor.**
- Members were each given copies of letters received from Martin Callanan MEP, James Wharton Conservative Candidate, Fiona Hall MEP and copy of letter Dari Taylor wrote to Bob Gibson re TTC's letter regarding proposed sale of Town Hall.
- Letter received from Westlands School in reply to TTC's letters requesting the return of the Totem Poles on closure of school. **It was decided to work towards placing the Totem Poles elsewhere in Thornaby, members were asked to come up with ideas of where they could be placed and be appreciated. Town Clerk to inform school that as soon as a site has been identified and arrangements made for placement TTC would like to arrange collection.**

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- Email received from A Railroad re Thornaby Community School and naming of new Academy. **Members agreed the name of the new academy needs to get away from TCS.**
- Email received from Carol Straughan re Thornaby Place. **As the email contained a lot of information it was agreed for Mr D Jackson to take the email home to study and bring back to the next meeting of Environment Committee.**
- Two emails received from Val Clingo SBC informing of two planned events for Thornaby and asking for member's comments. The first is for a small medieval event planned to take place in August 2010 on Thornaby Green. **Members had no objection to this event taking place.**

The second event was a request from Crows Amusements to place a fun fair on the Harold Wilson playing field. The proposed date to arrive on site is 6th June 2010 vacating Monday 14th June 2010. **Town clerk to inform SBC of objection, pointing out that the Harold Wilson is a playing field that has benefited from substantial investment to improve drainage and members fear this may become damaged due to heavy equipment. Members also voiced concerns for residents and the noise nuisance.**

FC/10/17: Any Other Business:

Cllr Green read a letter received from the NSPCC requesting help to raise awareness of the NSPCC Helpline.

Meeting Closed:

Signed.....Dated.....

**Thornaby Town Council
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1. **Sale of Thornaby Town Hall:** Replies received were included with your agendas. Yesterday we received a letter from Fiona Hall MEP copies are available for all.
2. **Bus:** Cllr Walmsley and I had a meeting with the community travel team from SBC, issue/ideas were discussed. It was agreed by all that the bus seems to be a success, suggestion for a slight route change was made to take out unused stops. Also discussed was the possibility of changing a day to incorporate Stockton market on a Wednesday. Elizabeth Bird (SBC) made a suggestion of the driver giving out questionnaires to passengers asking what changes if any they would like.
3. **Cutting of Trees on River Bank:** I wrote to Tees Valley Wildlife Trust about the trees/shrubs that have been cut down along the river bank. The Trust does own the land, but fishing rights have been leased to the Lower Tees Angling Consortium who, the trust believes are responsible for the damage. The trust informs us that they have met with representatives of the anglers to discuss the matter and to identify a means of making repairs and to ensure that it does not happen again.
4. **Headwrightsons Roundabout.** A meeting was held on Friday 29 Jan, Rachel Willis SBC's arts and development officer attended along with residents from Rochester Court and two members of TTC. Ideas were discussed with the outcome that Rachael agreed to provide TTC with names of artists who could provide drawings of possible sculptures from ideas put forward. The general consensus is people are in favour of something depicting the work of Headwrightsons around the world. Although one Rochester court resident would like to see something that includes swans.
5. **Thornaby Show:** A meeting took place on Thursday 28 Jan with only one member from council attending. Jo Robinson informed that we need a judge for the horticultural entrants; we have contact a Mr Raymond Orme who is a member of the federation of National Vegetables Society, also a Royal Horticultural judge who judges at the Harrogate show. Mr Orme has agreed to judge at the show this year. It was decided to cancel one of the marquees as it will not be needed due to not having the disco/music tent. Thornaby Football club is to organise a football tournament, Asda has agreed in principal to sponsor the refreshment tent for charity, splitting the proceeds 50-50 with the mayor's charity if the new mayor agrees. Attractions were agreed. Marquees, Security, First Aid, Falconry Display, Yorkshire Regiment Assault Course, Irish Dancers, Fly Ball Dogs, Go-Karts, Punch and Judy and Tom Rolfe are all booked. We are waiting for a quote from ATM Audio. We are also awaiting confirmation from the Gymnastics and Cleveland Army Cadets who have been approached to help with setting up the tables. Next meeting to take place on Tuesday April 13 at 6.30pm.
6. **Thornaby Crest;** Application for transfer of crest has now been completed and returned to the Richmond Herald.