

**THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 23 March 2010
6.30pm**

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

Officer: Debbie Rudd

Members of the Public: Two.

Mr John Fletcher and Mr Chris Nestor, members of Stockton's Standard Committee, attended to observe proceedings.

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk

FC/10/18: Apologies: Councillor's Allison Trainer, M Trainer, I Dalgarno, D Kennington, M Moore. Apologies Accepted.

FC/10/19: Declarations of Interest: None.

FC/10/20: Clerks Report: The clerk gave an update report on ongoing issues since last meeting. Please see Appendix 1.

FC/10/21: Minutes of Full Council -Tuesday 9 February 2010 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/22: Minutes of Environment Meeting -Tuesday 23 February 2010 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/23: Minutes of Special Full Council – Monday 1 March 2010 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/24: Minutes of Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting - Tuesday 9 March 2010 - Approved as a correct record.

FC/10/25: Town Hall: Members agreed this item needed a more in-depth discussion with all members present. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that a Special Full Council meeting was needed. The meeting will take place on Thursday 8th April 2010.

FC/10/26: Past Mayor/Mayoress and Honorary Freeman Badges: Members discussed the options available for designs of badges and medallions. It was agreed to change from 'Past' to 'Former' on Mayor and Mayoress Badges if possible. The town clerk to enquire with suppliers. To take advantage of a large discount, it was agreed to purchase five Mayor/Mayoress badges and four Honorary Freeman medallions.

FC/10/27: Thornaby Choir: Cllr Craggs informed members of the outcome of her meeting with Ingleby Barwick Town Council. The Town Council agreed in principle to the suggestion of forming a TS17 Youth Choir. As the majority of secondary school children from Ingleby Barwick attend schools outside of the town, Ingleby Barwick town clerk will write a letter of enquiry to each of the schools to obtain their views and initial comments on the proposal, highlighting that membership of the choir would be restricted to those pupils who live in TS17 i.e. Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick.

FC/10/28: DVLA: The town clerk informed members of concerns received about the DVLA vehicle recognition van that parks on the triangular traffic island situated at the entrance to Railway Terrace. Staff and visitors have difficulty seeing oncoming traffic when trying to pull away from the junction whenever the van is parked. It was agreed a letter be sent to DVLA explaining the problem.

FC/10/29: Fishing Competition: This item deferred until next meeting due to none attendance of Cllr Moore.

FC/10/30: Rock Concert: This item deferred until next meeting due to none attendance of Cllr Moore.

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

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FC/10/31: AGM/Town Meeting: Members discussed possible venues for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Two proposals were received one to hold the meeting in the Old Peoples Welfare Hall; the other suggestion was to hold the meeting within the Pavilion. The town clerk informed members of the rules of meeting venues as stated in the Local Council Administration hand book. A vote was taken with 2 in favour of the Old Peoples Welfare Hall; 6 in favour of the Pavilion. The AGM will be held in the Pavilion on the 12 May 2010 at 6pm.

FC/10/32: Staffing Report: Due to this item being confidential it was agreed to defer until end of meeting to allow the public to be present for the remainder of the meeting.

FC/10/33: Correspondence – The following correspondence was discussed.

- **Email received from VPRA:** The email is a copy VPRA have sent to Ian Garrett regarding the Junior Neighbourhood Watch programme.
- **Email received from VPRA Re Thrive Team:** Invitation to members of town council to attend meeting that is due to take place in April. Cllr Green agreed to attend.
- **Glasdon U.K Limited:** Invitation to attend a product exhibition. It was agreed not to attend as a catalogue is available.
- **Cleveland Police:** Letter received from Superintendent Darren Best introducing himself as the new District Commander for Stockton Police. It was agreed to invite Superintendent Best to a meeting later in the year to discuss law and order.
- **SBC's Assistant Director/Head of Service Children, Schools and Complex Needs:** Members discussed the placing of both Thornaby secondary schools Special Measures. Cllr Eddy requested the following statement be minuted: ***“What Stockton Council need to take on board, they overruled an appointment of a Head and used their Veto to appoint the gentleman they did, at the behest of the diocese and now they suffer the consequences”.***

It was agreed to invite Julie Morrison to the next meeting of Full Council to discuss the placing of two Thornaby schools onto Special Measures. It was also agreed to write to the Evening Gazette voicing concerns about report in the paper.

FC/10/34: Staffing Report: Members of public were asked to leave due to the confidential nature of this item. Members were informed of results from staff appraisals, and of any concerns staff had. Members agreed to take on board concerns. The clerk made a request for Thursday afternoons to be allocated as training hours so that she may continue with her training. Members agreed the clerk will not be available to members or public during this time.

FC/10/33: Any Other Business:

Meeting Closed:

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

**Thornaby Town Council
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Yorkshire Day: A meeting took place yesterday, it was agreed to hold the event in Thornaby Town Centre on the first Saturday of August which will be the 7th. It will be a smaller event with a band, Punch and Judy, face painters/stilt walkers and two stalls: Remembering Thornaby and Yorkshire Society. Oliver Westley town centre manager to help source face painters/stilt walkers and will allow us to put up a banner in the Town Centre preceding the event

Yorkshire Quiz with Asda donating goods for a hamper as the prize.

Declaration that has to be read at 11.35am exactly on Sunday August 1st is to be done in Asda by the Mayor – tbc

Dog Bins: Two dog bins have been ordered for the Beechwood Road/Poplar Road area. I have requested that TTC's Crest is placed on the bins; the cost for the bins; £940.00 (no extra charge for crest).

Bus: Thornaby Town Centre management have stopped the bus from dropping off and picking up in the lay-by that runs behind Wilkinson's etc, due to health and safety reason, there is no footpath and they are concerned they would be liable should anyone fall. As the bus is quite large it is unable to turn round or reverse anywhere else in the centre. To ensure the service continues SBC are now using a smaller bus, and will drop off and pick up within the car park. It means a loss of one seat but is still accessible to wheelchair/mobile scooter users. A survey of passengers has been conducted to receive feedback suggestion of routes, days available etc. This is due to be completed by the end of March when a meeting with the community transport team along with Cllr Walmsley and myself will take place to decide on any changes. Also we have received feedback from a passenger who was turned away as the bus was full.

Thornaby Show: Plans for the show are well underway with the field booked along with marquees, entertainers, fairground rides, Judges, first aid etc. The army cadets have agreed to help on both days Saturday and Sunday to get things ready and clear up. We have booked an Army Band and corps of drummers along with an inflatable assault course. Next meeting to take place on Tuesday April 13 at 6.30pm.

Headwrightsons Roundabout. A meeting has been arranged for 15 April 6.30pm. Rachel Willis has now sent the details of artists. It was agreed at the last meeting that an artist would be chosen to send all ideas to in the hope they would come up with a suitable suggestion.

Five Lamps: The lamps are now in place and we are awaiting confirmation of official opening. I have contacted Andrew Rigg re SBC's crest and whether it is to be included onto the lamps structure. Still awaiting a reply.

Thornaby Schools; The schools have been contacted to remind pupils to included Thornaby on address and not just Stockton.

Honorary Freemen and Freewomen Notification of council's plans to award Thornaby residents for their dedication and commitment by awarding an Honorary Freeman/Freewomen award has been placed in the Thornaby Pride. No nominations received as of yet.

Bank Account: I am in the process of opening a Mayors charity account with Yorkshire Bank. I need to provide identification of signatories (Cllrs Walmsley & Eddy). All monies now raised for charity will be banked separately.