THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PUBLIC TOWN MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 19 MAY 2025 AT 6PM

Present:

Mr F Bowe (Town Mayor)
Mr S Snelling (Deputy Town Mayor)
Mr D Buck
Ms C Ferris
Ms L Barrett
Mrs M Friend
G Allison
I Munday
A Sabol
M White
Father James
L Davis
S Heybourne
E Skinner
M Zsepin
4 Permission to publish not granted

Mr S Court
Mr J Fisher
Ms J Bailey
Mr J Emsell
Mr C Eden
Mr P Berry
T Barber
J Carter
P Ford
J Mogford
K Shalders
R Cawdron
D Birrell
N Green
I Mackie

In Attendance:
Mrs S Bristow (Locum CEO), Mrs L Weston (Administration and Committee Officer),

1. **To Elect a Chair for the Meeting:**

Members of the Public were invited to elect a chair for the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Buck and unanimously **agreed** to elect Cllr Bowe as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Ward and Cllr Garner.

3. **To Approve the Minutes of 13 May 2024**

The Minutes of the Annual Public Town Meeting held on 13 May 2024 were agreed as a true record.

4. **Annual Report of the Thorpe St Andrew Town Council from the Town Mayor, Cllr Fraser Bowe.**

Cllr Bowe read his report, which was circulated prior to the meeting, providing an overview of the civic year 2024/25, mentioning the highlights, and the challenges of the year. Standing down as Mayor, Cllr Bowe gave thanks for all the support received from councillors and the community, ending with a sincere thank you to Sarah (Locum CEO) for her help, work ethic and experience over the last 6 months.

5. **Town Council Annual Accounts for 2024/2025**

The Locum CEO gave an overview of the annual Income and Expenditure for the year, Annual Return, Balance sheet and the Schedule of Borrowings.

6. **Questions from Parishioners**

6.1 **Fitzmaurice Park condition** – The concerns raised by Mr Mickleburgh were addressed, the park grass was cut as per the cutting schedule.

6.2 **Plymouth Brethren Christian Church** – A member of public spoke on Mr Ford's behalf, addressing the length of time it is taking to get the bench on Thunder Lane reinstated and how it is invaluable to the elderly. Cllr Fisher informed members that the Brethren will sponsor a replacement bench, and the Council is waiting for confirmation from Power Networks, who owns the land, to support the setting of a replacement.

6.3 **Baby Changing Facilities at the Morse** - The baby changing facility is in the disabled toilet, which isn't easy to access without going through the building, or signposted. There is a Morse Working Group, looking at the potential of the building and ways to improve it. An immediate improvement to help users would be to clearly signpost the facility.

6.4 **Installation of Basketball Hoops at Fitzmaurice Park** – Yassin Idrissi made a request to the Town Council for provision of basketball hoops on the Muga, to support the growing interest in the sport of all ages. The Muga location being more accessible to all of Thorpe St Andrew residents. The Locum CEO will investigate funding/grant opportunities available to support this.

6.5 **Parking on South Avenue** – Mr Allison and several residents of South Avenue all have the same concerns about the ongoing inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Further concerns were raised about future pressures on parking, with new businesses opening. Mr Allison has also made contact with Norfolk County Council (NCC) concerning the issue. Suggestions offered by members of the public were painting yellow lines, reviewing waiting areas, and the provision of a town car park. A member of the public who lives near Hillside Primary School, which has double and single yellow lines, advised that it doesn't solve the issue, as the lines are ignored. Cllr Snelling added that yellow lines can move the problem, not solve it. A business owner commented that he wouldn't want to lose the 30 minutes parking as that does support his business. Another member of the public added another area, further along Yarmouth Road, next to the Town House Hotel, is also affected by inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

Father James added a balanced viewpoint to the discussion, wanting to support residents of South Avenue, businesses, the church and visitors. Reminding all about an entry in the Neighbourhood Plan concerning the piece of land close to River Green

as a suitable town car park, it was suggested that this should be put as a future agenda item.

6.6 **Speeding Through River Green** – Mr Allison repeated his concerns expressed at previous meetings about speeding vehicles driving far above the 30mph limit. Asking members if there are any police speed checks taking place and suggesting areas suitable for SAM signs. The markings around the zebra crossing are appalling, a hazard for road users unfamiliar with the road and crossing, although NCC has confirmed that the lines are on the painting schedule but not when. A member of the public raised another issue with speeding cars when the area outside Richmond Court is flooded and would be in favour of a speed camera and traffic-calming ideas suggested by Cllr Snelling. Another member of the public thinks the road is a death trap for cyclists. Cllr Mackie informed members of the public and councillors that he had spoken with Norfolk Highways and the Police. Firstly, the Police will undertake a full survey and then, using their findings, a Norfolk Highways safety review will follow, at a cost of £8,000. To ensure this takes place Cllr Mackie is willing to use his councillor allowance on behalf of the Town Council and Thorpe St Andrew residents. Cllr Berry welcomed the support and thanked Cllr Mackie. He also asked that the Council look to the future, all the building development that could happen in Thorpe St Andrew should be taken into consideration too.

7 **Update from Local Organisations – Reports attached.**

i) Lime Tree Nursery – Nursery owner Elizabeth Skinner read her report to attendees. Having had another successful year and fully subscribed for next year, the report covered some ideas for expansion and extending hours to fully support the needs of working parents.

ii) St Williams Way Primary School – The Locum CEO read an email repeating the thanks to the Town Council for the donation received in memory of Anthony Hill.

iii) Park Run – The Locum CEO read the attached report about the success of the Park Run in it's first year at Fitzmaurice Park.

iv) Dementia Support Group – Cllr Snelling read his report, highlighting all the good work achieved and well attended outings the group has enjoyed, with the help and support of the volunteers and carers. In April 2024 a management committee of volunteers was created and at the recent AGM it was agreed the committee had fulfilled all the aims and objectives set.

v) Thorpe History Group – The Locum CEO read the report as attached, giving a summary of the past year's events including supporting the Thrope Rail Crash 150th anniversary.

vi) Royal British Legion – Report read by the Chairman of the RBL, Cllr Snelling, summarising the past year. Thorpe St Andrew residents donated over £15,000 for the 2024 Poppy Appeal, Cllr Snelling paid thanks to the community and to the volunteers collecting.

vii) Thorpe Village Football Club – A report attached was read by the Locum CEO. Having narrowly missed out on promotion again, the club hopes to play in the south division next year.

viii) Dussindale Centre – No report but Cllr Emsell gave a summary of the good year the Centre has had; it is frequented by many clubs and groups and has a very successful community fridge.

ix) Thorpe Players – The Chairman, Phil Ford, gave an overview of the past year, the successful performances, a pantomime and events. Thanking the Town Council, and Cllr Berry in particular, for getting a grant for a new community piano. One of the most enjoyable and most successful productions was written by Thorpe Players, Crossed Lines,

about the 150th anniversary train crash. Next year, there are several productions planned, including charity events and possibly a quiz night.

x) **Norfolk Police** – Report attached; PC Jennings was unable to attend the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 11 May 2026 at Roxley Hall

The meeting closed at 7.15.pm

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

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THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC TOWN MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024 AT 6PM

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Ms C Ferris
Ms L Barrett
Mrs M Friend
Mr J Ward
Mr S Snelling (Deputy Town Mayor)
Mr S Court
Mr J Fisher
Ms J Bailey
Mr J Emsell
Mr C Eden
Mr P Berry

Apologies: Mrs L Skinner

In attendance:
Mrs M Barron (CEO), Mrs R McCarthy (OM and RFO), Mrs D Wheatley (Administrative and Communication Officer), Mrs L Weston (Administration and Committee Officer), Mr J Calver (Parks and Estates Manager) and six members of the public were present

1. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the Annual Public Town Meeting held on 17 May 2023 were agreed as a true record.

2. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, COUNCILLOR FRASER BOWE.**
The Town Mayor's report was circulated and read prior to the meeting.

3. **FINANCE**
(i) Financial Statement 2023/24 – members noted the Financial Statement 2023/24
(ii) Variance Report 2023/24 – members noted the Variance Report for the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

4. **UPDATE FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**
a) Norfolk Police – A detailed update on the work which had taken place during the past year, was received from PC Jennings and distributed prior to the meeting. The CEO read the report aloud and points were raised by some members regarding the anti-social behaviour. Cllr Bowe asked the CEO to pass on our thanks to PC Jennings for the report.
b) Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church – A report was tabled which was welcomed by members. Father James added a brief verbal report noting the small hamlet of Thorpe Next Norwich which had a church in it dedicated to Saint Andrew and from that this Town became known as Thorpe St Andrew. Life of the church and the community is inextricably linked and continue to be in 2024. The church involves itself in its community, schools, nursing homes and other groups. Being grateful to the Town Council, working together for

the community, meeting regularly with the CEO. Father James also wanted to mention the Cemetery support, without wishing to offend, as the finance papers showed it had gone from £2,000 to nothing and hoped this wasn't the case. The RFO explained that it was an accounting change and that the cemetary budget is now allocated to section 137, a more appropriate line for the funds to sit.

c) Royal British Legion – Cllr Snelling, as the Thorpe Branch Chair, provided a detailed annual report. Highlighting to members the grateful appreciation of all the support from residents on the £18,000 raised from the poppy appeal. Sadly numbers are declining, through illness and some deaths, therefore anyone with association and support for the work of the British Legion, please come and join the group.

d) Thorpe History Group – Cllr Wiseman tabled a report but wanted to emphasise the hard work of the secretary, Nick Williams, also acknowledging the work of Malcolm Martins, who has been engaged with the neighbourhood plan for the last 6 years.

e) Thorpe Dementia Support – A report was tabled summarising the past year. Cllr Snelling wished to thank all the volunteers, the force behind the group. Also, to the people, organisations and councillors who have donated substantial funds to the group, which enables the group to function and is appreciated. The work is emotional for the volunteers, there has been a few deaths recently, which is hard on everyone. There has been 42 events and outings and new couples are joining, so it's important to continue. Thanks also to the council for everything it's done.

f) Dussindale Centre - Mr Ford tabled a report which was forwarded a couple of days ago. Nothing to add but mentioned the effect of covid on the bookings, which are now back to pre-covid levels. Operational costs have soared however they are working hard to maintain the position and improve financially in the coming years.

g) Community Groups – no verbal reports.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked on behalf of the History Group, if they could have access to the parish records from 1895 to 1945, believed to be in the Roxley cellar. If they could be made accessible to view, it would be a help.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

Town Mayors Report – Annual Public Meeting 19th May 2025

The last 12 months have been eventful to say the least. It started in June 2024 with a beacon lighting as part of the national commemorations for the 80th anniversary of D-day, which was attended by several hundred residents and despite some initial sound system issues, Cllr Friend spoke about her father's experience of D-Day and the beacon was lit by Ray Parke a RAF veteran of WW2. It was followed by a very good D-Day Saturday event, which despite getting soaked early, the sun came out and so did the crowds. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended.

Unfortunately, we then had some issues with staff, that caused me to be largely engaged in managing that and never losing sight that we are all here, as councillors, to serve the interests of our residents. We parted company with our CEO/Clerk and several other staff moved on to new roles and we wish them all every success in whatever they do in the future.

We had a very successful fireworks event, which was enjoyed by everyone. It also helped to fund all of our other events, at no expense to residents from their much valued council tax contributions.

I'm pleased to say that we eventually were lucky to have Sarah Bristow, our current locum CEO/clerk, join us, who is very experienced and has helped us find our feet again and identify a number of areas where we needed to make improvements, and those have either been put in place, or are in the process of being put in place. My hope is that current & future staff and Mayors will be able to deliver a more modern, efficient, cost effective and better service for residents, as a result of these changes; and I hope that we will be able to deliver that better service while limiting or removing the need to increase council tax; but that is a matter for council in the future.

Despite the ongoing issues with some staff, we were able to put on a Christmas event, with a fully booked Father Christmas, and something that was to have many food and craft vendors selling the wares at stalls and a fun fair. However, the weather had other ideas, and the wind and rain kept many vendors away and we had to curtail the weekend when bad weather went to worse weather. Unfortunately, we are always at the mercy of the weather, especially in the winter, so while everyone was disappointed, we were not entirely surprised.

Our last event this May, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), started with a beacon lighting, led by Father James and lit by our Deputy Mayor, on my behalf. A large crowd attended at River Green, which was more compact and intimate than last year's beacon lighting for the D-Day 80th anniversary and I felt the better for that. We remembered the sacrifice of 5 years of "Total war" of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and of our people in general, who had to endure bombing, rationing and doing essential work that they would never have considered before the onset of the war, to keep our military and society in general working. My own grandma made artillery shells in what had been a glass factory, before returning to look after her family at the end of the war.

VE Day was, by and large, a celebration of the end of the war in Europe (3 months more fighting was to continue in the Far East, until Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) on 15 August 1945), and it was right that we marked that with an event on 10 May 2025. The weather this time was glorious, and the crowds came out from the very start and continued throughout the day, into the musical event in the evening. We have had universal praise for this event from residents, with several writing to the town council to thank us. On behalf of the council, I would like to thank the staff and councillors that volunteered their time on the day, the singers, stall holders, vendors and community organisations for coming along, and the re-enactors led by Ethan who gave us that WW2 experience that I'm sure those that joined in the drill thoroughly enjoyed. On a personal note, I had a very good day on the Royal British Legion (RBL) stall, with my small 'Models For Heroes' display; it was great to have so many young people engage with me about model making and likewise some older people relay their experiences of models and some of their military experiences. Our Deputy Mayor, as Chair of the local RBL branch also had a successful day with their Tombola, almost clearing all of the prizes.

As I stand down as Mayor, I would also like to thank those councillors and our Deputy Mayor, who have made my term as Town Mayor as enjoyable and eventful as it has been. All anyone can hope for in this role, is to leave the council in a better place than that in which they found it. I can honestly say that things are better than they were, though more work remains to continue that improvement. I'd also like to thank our community for its support and the support of the many good people that we have in Thorpe St Andrew. I'd also like to wish my successor the very best for their success in the role, whom ever that may be.

Finally, I'd also like to sincerely thank Sarah for her help, work ethic and experience, that has seen us through the last 6 months. I feel that she has been a huge asset to us during that time and hope that she will stay with us for a while yet, if not on a more permanent basis.

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council
Income & Expenditure Account
01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2024		*(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2025*
	Income	
	Street Furniture	41.67
	Verge Cutting	21,370.23
	Precept	605,870.00
	S137 Payments and Donations	25.00
	Events	39,022.99
	Allotments	8,978.27
	Grants	6,752.00
	Legal Fees	-7,700.63
	Community Infrastructure Levy	2,472.43
	S106 Payments & Donations	564.12
	Sir George Morse Park & Pavilion	12,552.16
	Fitzmaurice Park/Town Hall	16,961.66
	Town Council Office	13,646.47
	Roxley Hall	15,842.69
	River Green	23.00
		£736,422.06
	Expense	
	Town Council Office	42,973.66
	Roxley Hall	21,661.54
	River Green	11,191.16
	Fitzmaurice Park/Town Hall	12,389.60
	Sir George Morse Park & Pavilion	58,812.47
	Capital Spending	131,738.03
	Allotments	4,396.11
	Tree Management	500.94
	Cemetery	12,545.99
	Street Furniture	1,937.59
	Street Lighting	50,087.06
	Verge Cutting	11,723.22
	S137 Payments and Donations	756.98
	Website	540.00
	Events	43,763.20
	Loan Repayment	26,345.25
	Salaries	302,115.78
	Legal Fees	7,366.35
	Leases	339.46
	Building Maintenance	8,286.51
	Newsletter	1,806.00
		£751,276.90
	General Fund	
184,722.07	Balance at 01 Apr 2024	**178,975.75**
687,468.15	ADD Total Income	736,422.06
872,190.22		915,397.81
677,124.37	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	751,276.90
195,065.85		164,120.91
16,090.10	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	10,331.71
£178,975.75	Balance at 31 Mar 2025	**£153,789.20**

Reserves:
Capital Reserve Balance £56186.84
Earmarked Reserve Balance £186250.00

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council

Annual Return

Accounts for Year from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on an INCOME and EXPENDITURE basis.

Box No.	Description	Last Year £	This Year £
1	Balances brought fwd	400,737.10	411,080.88
2	Annual precept	550,654.00	605,870.00
3	Total other receipts	138,814.15	141,967.45
4	Staff Costs	291,692.97	248,385.98
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	26,806.50	24,469.98
6	Total other payments	358,624.90	483,645.36
7	Balances carried forward	411,080.88	402,417.01
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	389,619.49	376,007.68
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	3,535,030.06	3,683,640.21
10	Total Borrowings	255,868.07	238,415.05

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council

BALANCE SHEET

31/03/2025

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2024		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2025
£	**CURRENT ASSETS**	£
	Stocks and stores	
	Work in progress	
15,983.27	Debtors (Net of provision for doubtful debts)	11,360.39
4,268.00	Prepayments	
12,507.76	VAT Recoverable	20,273.36
	Temporary lendings (investments)	
389,619.49	Cash in hand	376,007.68
422,378.52	**TOTAL ASSETS**	407,641.43
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
11,297.64	Creditors	5,224.42
411,080.88	**NET ASSETS**	402,417.01
	Represented by:	
178,975.75	General fund Balance	159,980.17
	Reserves:	
56,005.13	Capital	56,186.84
176,100.00	Earmarked	186,250.00
	Adjustments	
411,080.88		402,417.01

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2025

Signed _____

Responsible Financial Officer

Date _____

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council

Schedule of All Borrowings

Date	Description	Original Amount	Oustanding Amount	Notes
31/03/2023	Community Renewables Project		7,160.50	Confirmed via email 27/03
31/03/2025	River Green Lights	56,226.00	40,835.73	
31/03/2025	Roxley Hall	305,000.00	186,734.69	
31/03/2025	Town Hall	35,000.00	3,684.13	
		396,226.00	**238,415.05**	

Sarah Bristow

From: Lime Tree Day Nursery <[redacted]>
Sent: 19 May 2025 12:19
To: Sarah Bristow
Subject: Lime Tree Nursery Update

Lime Tree Day Nursery is based at the Pavilion on Dussindale Park, and has now been open for nine years!

We are open weekdays, 8am to 4pm, and currently have 63 children on role. We have 11 members of staff including two fully qualified reception teachers, seven Level 3 Early Years Educators and two apprentices. We also host childcare students from both Thorpe St Andrew High School and Norwich City College.

Each summer roughly half of our children leave us to transition to primary school; this year 30 of our children will be moving to the three schools in Thorpe St Andrew, as well as further afield to Sprowston, Blofield, Brundall and Little Plumstead. At our recent annual open day we filled all of these upcoming spaces for September, so we will once again be completely full from the start of the academic year.

Unfortunately, we were not able to offer every family a space who wanted one for this September, and we continue to receive multiple enquiries for childcare per week. However, we have been in talks with the Town Council about potentially having use of one of the disused changing rooms at the pavilion, which means we would be able to offer an early education space to a few more families. We have also expressed an interest in extending our opening hours in September to help better meet the needs of working parents.

Kind regards,
Elizabeth Skinner
MA, EYTS, PGCE, BSc Hons
Nursery Owner
Lime Tree Day Nursery

Sarah Bristow

From: Sarah Shirras <[redacted]>
Sent: 18 May 2025 11:44
To: Sarah Bristow
Subject: Annual Town Meeting

Dear Sarah
Thank you for the invitation sent to St William's Primary School to attend your Annual meeting tomorrow. I am sorry but none of us is able to attend.

I would, however, like to repeat our thanks (previously expressed in a card) for the donation from the town council to our school in memory of our teacher, Anthony Hill, who died last year. This money has been spent on books for our library as reading was Ant's biggest passion. The kindness of this donation and the thoughts expressed with it are really very much appreciated.

Take care

Sarah Shirras
Executive Headteacher
St William's Primary School

Fitzmaurice Park parkrun 2025

In the twelve-month period since the 2024 Town Council AGM a brand-new community weekly event is in place. The parkrun idea was to provide a sporting activity and to make good use of a large green space on the edge of the Dussindale housing estate. Parkrun is open to all ages and abilities. The 5km course can be walked, jogged, or run and offers a great opportunity to volunteer or spectate. The event happens every Saturday morning at 9am depending on availability and condition of Fitzmaurice Park.

Thorpe Town Council have granted permission for the land use and have been very supportive of this project from the beginning. Broadland Council have funded the start-up costs and there funding was essential to provide the parkrun start up kit. The parkrun team consists of an Ambassador Dan Goodwin, supported by Ian Edwards, and two Event Directors, Calix Eden and Dale Wiseman supported by seven Run Directors. This structure is then supported by a rich list of volunteers from Thorpe and outlying areas.

This team have been working closely with the Council staff to make sure that all is being done to protect other park users. An Inaugural event was held on Saturday 29/03/25. This was a massive success with a total of 349 participants being counted back and given a time and recorded. We have had another five events since then, with a total of 1,755 participants over the six weeks helped and cheered along by 112 volunteers.

This is so far proving to be a successful and friendly event. We are confident that this can be a good community event and are now looking forward to putting on this kind of morning on a weekly basis. If you would like any more information, please check the main parkrun website or contact the team at Fitzmaurice Park on fitzmauricepark@parkrun.com

Thorpe History Group

Town Council AGM

19/5/25

Thorpe History Group have had another busy year including supporting the 150th anniversary of the Thorpe Rail Crash. The group fully supported the application and the unveiling of a Memorial Plaque in Thorpe St Andrews Church. A special service was held on Sunday 15th September 2024 to unveil this bronze plaque. In the week leading up to this event several walks, successful talks and a display in the church were carried out by the group.

We had another successful Heritage Open days walk in September and are finding that it is a good way of widening the net for the group.

The Group held its first talk of 2025 learning about John and Henry Patteson the brothers who have a blue plaque in their honour on the front wall of 151 Yarmouth Road. This was well attended afternoon talk of which this is only the second by the group.

The next talk was carried out by Caroline Jarrold telling us about the Jarrolds family and their business, and shops that have always been a big part of all of our lives.

The group welcomed a new committee member in the New Year, local author Helen Murrey. This year's forthcoming events include a real variety of historical subjects including 'The Wherry Maud' in May, 'Thorpe Plantations' in July, '100 Years of Primrose Crescent' in August, 'The Red Cross' in September and 'Paintings of Thorpe' in October.

The group have an active archive and we holding an Archive Day in June 2025 to display some of these items, as well as showcasing a

documentary about Ray Parke, a World War 2 veteran alongside videos of Thorpe and the surrounding area. The group are working with the Town Council with the potential of having an archive room in the future so that items can be displayed properly for the people of Thorpe St Andrew.

The group would like to thank Nick Williams for all the work he does as the secretary, and if you want any information about what we do or to contribute please email him on spinney72@aol.com

Sarah Bristow

From: Matthew Riches <[redacted]>
Sent: 10 May 2025 08:30
To: Sarah Bristow
Subject: Thorpe Village FC

Hello Sarah.

I'm afraid we won't be able to attend the annual town meeting as our committee meeting is scheduled for the same evening.

In terms of next season, we will continue with our one side in the Anglian Combination. Currently, we are playing in the North division of division 4 but as this involves us playing the vast majority of our fixtures in the west of the county, we've asked the league if it would be possible to play in the south division. For the second season running, we narrowly missed out on promotion.

Further down the line, we would like to get back to running a reserve team as well but realistically, we would want the first team to earn promotion first. This would also be subject to being able to bring in new local players. The appeal of 11 a side football at adult level is still declining overall, less so on Saturdays than Sunday football.

Hope that helps for your meeting.

Matt Riches, secretary, Thorpe Village FC

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council – Police Report. Monday 19th April 2025

Please see report from the Thorpe St Andrew Beat Manager, my apologies for not being able to make the meeting this evening.

Team Members:

PC 855 Al Jennings.

Sgt 841 Steve Knightley.

We have welcomed our new Sgt to the team at the beginning of March this year. He is very keen on getting out and about on patrol with us so hopefully you will get to meet him at one of our community events or when generally patrolling.

We can be contacted on SNTthorpestandrew@norfolk.police.uk

I have enclosed a Team Poster that can be displayed locally for information.

Broadland Beat Team Priority Setting Meeting:

Our next Priority Setting Meeting is at 18.00hrs on June 11th 2025.

Our current Priority is Road Safety.

As outlined at the last Priority Setting Meeting, we held on the 13th March, there is a desire within the Force to have a consistent approach to priority setting across the county.

As a result, moving forward we will fall into line with what is taking place in the rest of the county and we will hold 1 meeting for the Sprowston, Old Catton, Thorpe, Wroxham and Acle policing areas and all the Parishes in between.

The meetings will be held in person at an advertised venue with a facility for people to also join the meeting online.

In addition, the Beat Managers will continue to work locally running engagement events across the District to listen and deal with local concerns.

Once the priority setting meetings have taken place, we will meet with partner agencies to discuss the priorities raised and then formally set the policing priority following that consultation to ensure that all agencies are working towards a shared goal.

Crime figures (snap shot) January 2025 to May 2025

This is for Thorpe St Andrew only.

A total of **323** investigation have been recorded.

Most serious crime categories:

Burglary - 1 Burglary Dwelling. Coat stolen from an unlocked address.

1 Theft from shed.

1Burglary from a building site.

Possession of Offence Weapons – 1 only which occurred in a Dwelling.

Robbery – 1 Stranger.

1 incident between youths who know each other.

Drugs – 6 x Drug stops in public spaces. Found in possession of both Class and Class B drugs.

We have had 2 incidents of separate youths causing criminal damage to multiple properties in the area. These were not linked but both have occurred in the last few months. The first group of youths were identified and have been dealt with.

The second incident, where fences and green houses have been damaged. Some victims have been targeted on more than one occasion. Evidence is still being gathered, but two suspects may have been identified.

Road safety work:

Day of Action -We held a joint traffic operation with Student Officers and colleagues from the Road Policing Department where we targeted the Fatal Four. Speeding, Seat Belts, Mobile phones and Drink Driving.

YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS

Your safer neighbourhood team

Your Local Officers



Inspector Mike AUSTIN

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