

THRAPSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Supermarket Consultation

**Please note that the
Cattle Market/Sainsbury's
card consultation is now
closed.**

Losing a loved piece of the Thrapston Landscape

It was with great sadness that the Town Council received the report saying that the much loved 200 year old sycamore tree in the Peace Memorial Park known as the 'Elephant Tree' was found to be in a dangerous state of health. Members were alerted by the groundsman that there was large amounts of fungus growing from the open cavities in the main trunk of the tree. This was an indication of severe decay and a tree surgeon was called to inspect the tree.

The decay was found to be extensive and the general appearance of the tree in full leaf is most deceiving so it was with heavy hearts but with no option that an order to fell the tree was made as it is in danger

of collapse at any time. It will be hugely missed as it has been a delight and a challenge to many generations of children who have climbed and sat in the canopy of this marvellous tree.

If you have an interesting story or any fond memories surrounding this tree please submit them to the Town Council Office and we will publish the best one in the next addition of the newsheet.



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Thrapston News and Views

Summer 2011



Special points of interest:

- Summary of income and expenditure
- Loss of the 'Elephant Tree'
- Supermarket consultation



Your Elected Councillors

Only 10 members were successfully elected at the Elections in May. The Town Council has advertised the vacancy and is in the process of co-opting a further 3 Councillors. Details of those co-opted will be in the next issue of the newsheet.

Chairman: Cllr Eddie Sewell 22 Scotney Way NN14 4SA 01832 735248	Vice Chair: Cllr Valerie Carter 8 St. Paul's Gardens NN14 4FE 01832 735879
Cllr Prudence Goss 129 Springfield Avenue NN14 4TN 01832 731670	Cllr Shirley Haynes 79 Oundle Road NN14 4PB 01832 731471
Cllr Eric Franklin 3 Fisher Close NN14 4UB 01832 732950	Cllr David Read 43 Springfield Avenue NN14 4TL 01832 733407
Cllr Peter Baden 62 Springfield Avenue NN14 4TN 01832 733186	Cllr Roy Jakeman 11 Beech Court NN14 4NE 01832 730596
Cllr Karen Draycott 10 Fair Lane NN14 4TD 01832 733642	Cllr Kevin Fouhy 8 Nene Court NN14 4NY 01832 735021

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 MARCH 2011

2009/2010		2010/2011
165,000	Precept	170,000
1,020	Cemetery fees	2,032
355	Rental	500
12,994	Grants	5,255
4,067	Sales	1,295
2,336	Interest at Bank	944
200,000	Sale of Land	-----
<u>11,501</u>	Hire of Plaza	<u>15,669</u>
397,273		195,695

N.B. The above figures are exclusive of VAT

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EXPENDITURE

2009/2010		2010/2011
980	Adverts and publishing	700
1,708	Training and conferences	1,711
7,495	General Administration	7,450
1,352	Audit costs	1,772
58,788	Staff salaries and pensions	62,220
447	Chairman's fund	310
10,566	Utilities including street lights	9,355
5,493	Insurance	5,971
11,277	CCTV maintenance costs	11,590
30,094	Groundsman	31,415
2,684	Grass cuts – verges	2,811
1,777	Dog Bags	1,490
9,260	General repairs	5,882
8,471	Capital Projects*	22,751
6,520	Plaza refurbishment**	14,553
3,964	Meadow Lane/youth projects	3,819
4,001	Equipment	2,204
10,940	Christmas lights	10,918
2,390	Firework display	2,462
1,482	Travel tokens	-----
<u>4,346</u>	Grants	<u>1,500</u>
184,035		200,884

N.B. The above figures are exclusive of VAT

*Cemetery Building refurbishment and play equipment (Peace Park)

** Lighting Bar, new central heating boiler, repair of windows and new sign