

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,  
THORNE ON TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2006, AT 7.00PM.**

**Present:** Cllr. C.Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. M.Ball, P.Best, A.Brookes, I.Edwards, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, R.Walker, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

**898. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. J. Cresswell - personal  
Cllr. M. Holt-Taylor - illness

**RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.**

**899. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*There were no declarations of interests.*

**900. MINUTES**

**900.1 Consideration** was given to signing the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, pages 3603 and 3605.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.**

**900.2 Consideration** was given to signing the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005, pages 3606 and 3607.

**RESOLVED: To the minutes be signed.**

**901. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Consideration was given to the following report:*

**Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**  
Pages 3608 to 3610.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

**902. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**i) 05/03510/FULM**

*Conversion of existing building to form 4 no. apartments and erection of 9 new dwellings on approx. 0.26 ha of land following demolition of existing nursing home at former Elm House Residential Home, Stonegate, Thorne for Four Seasons Health Care.*

**RESOLVED: That the proposal be welcomed.**

**ii) 05/03512/FUL**

*Erection of detached dwelling on approx. 0.12 ha of land to rear of 109 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr and Mrs K.Hall.*

**RESOLVED: That concern be expressed regarding access to the site.**

**903. NOTICE OF VACANCY**

*It was noted that a vacancy has arisen for Moorends Ward.*

**RESOLVED: That the notice of vacancy be posted within the required timescale. Further that if an election is called polling cards are to be provided.**

**904. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

*Consideration was given to the latest revision of the Councils Risk Management Report.*

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

**905. DATA PROTECTION ACT**

*The Council's data protection policy was reviewed.*

**RESOLVED: That the policy be approved.**

**906. ACCOUNTS TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2005**

*Consideration was given to alterations to boxes 6,7 and 10 of Section 1 of the Annual Return and an accompanying letter following preliminary comments by the external auditor.*

**RESOLVED: That the alterations and comments be approved.**

**907. STANDING ORDER 58**

*Consideration was given to Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.*

**RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be invoked and the press and public be asked to leave.**

**908. SECURITY**

*It was thought that the effectiveness of the current security patrols could be improved if there was more concentration on "hotspots".*

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Clerk would agree changes to the regime with the contractor.**
- 2) That the contractors revised rates be approved from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.**

- 3) That a cost/benefit analysis be attempted in respect of security.
- 4) That a best value check be carried out.

#### **909. STAFFING MATTERS**

*It was reported that there had been a meeting between the Clerk, certain members of staff and the Union at which a number of points had been raised.*

**RESOLVED: That the outcome of the meeting be discussed in detail at the staffing working group.**

End of meeting.