

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2007.**

Present: Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, J.Cresswell, C.Dallas, F.Dallas, I.Edwards, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, R.Walker
C.Williams and M.Williams.

1151. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. A. Brookes – work commitment

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – work commitment

Cllr. P. Richardson - illness

Cllr. N. Walsh – personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. R.Walker and C.Williams – personal interest in the Lift Moorends item as members of
Doncaster MBC planning committee.

Cllr. J.Cresswell – personal interest in staffing matters referred to in minute 1150.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted.

1153. LIFT MOORENDS

The Lift project director gave a presentation on the proposed new health centre in Moorends,
the main points being as follows:

- The “Lift” programme was established in 2003 with seven schemes initially; Moorends was
in the second wave of these.
- The facility has been planned around two local GP’s and the PCT nursing staff. The PCT will
also commission some secondary care and there will be a pharmacy on site.
- Programme – the aim is to achieve financial closure in late June and start construction in
July. The build would take nine months.

In answer to a question it was stated that the building could be expanded to meet future needs
and that the old building would be sold.

**RESOLVED: That the Lift Regeneration Director be thanked for his presentation
and asked to keep the Council informed as to developments.**

1154. MINUTES

1159.1 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 14th
November 2006, pages 3708 to 3710.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1159.2 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 21st
November 2006, page 3711.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1155. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

(i) Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 5th December 2006.

Pages 3712 to 3714.

(ii) Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 9th January 2007.

Pages 3719 to 3721.

RESOLVED: That the reports be approved.

1160 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

Consideration was given to correspondence from Hatfield Town Council in relation to the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act. It was noted that Councils now had the power to employ litter wardens and collect and keep the fine income.

RESOLVED: That this matter be deferred for the present time until a meeting in May.

1161 DONCASTER AIRPORT

Correspondence had been received from Doncaster Airport relating to changes in the proposed airspace arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the manager of Air Traffic Services be invited to the next meeting of the Council.

1158. COMET TRANSPORT

Correspondence had been received stating that they had been unable to secure funding to pay the Council's increased charge. Councillors felt that the organisation could find more suitable premises in the longer term and offered to assist in this process.

RESOLVED: That the group be requested to provide a copy of their latest accounts and that the Manager be invited to meet the Mayor and the Clerk to try to resolve the financial issues.

1159. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1159.1 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st December 2006, Vouchers 273 to 308 and 31st January 2007, Vouchers 309 to 330.

Concern was expressed regarding the cost of repairs to the tractor and it was emphasised that proper daily record sheets must be completed.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1159.2 EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2006

The District Auditor had signed off the annual return. It was noted that the accounts were signed off without comment other than a recommendation to consider increasing the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance.

RESOLVED: that the fact that the accounts had been signed off be noted and that the recommendation in respect of fidelity guarantee insurance be put before the staffing and finance working group .

1159.3 RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT 2006-07

Consideration was given to the Council's annual risk management report dated 18th December 2006.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1159.4 FINANCIAL REPORT

Councillors considered the Financial Report for Months 7 & 8 of the current financial year. It was noted that the cemetery income was still well below budget due to a reduction in the number of interments.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports be approved.

1159.5 2007-08 PRECEPT

Consideration was given to the report to the Council produced by the Clerk, which indicated the effect of various increases in the precept from zero to 12%. The Leader of the Council also presented a report based on a 4% increase. A recorded vote was requested.

a) Proposal for a 4% increase in the precept to £278094.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Cllrs. C.Dallas C.Williams M.Williams	Cllrs. P.Best J.Cresswell I.Edwards M.Oldknow	Cllrs. F.Dallas M.Holt-Taylor J.Martland R.Walker

RESOLVED: That the motion be defeated.

b) Proposal for a 9% increase in the precept to £292092.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Cllrs. P.Best J.Cresswell F.Dallas I.Edwards M.Holt-Taylor J.Martland M.Oldknow R.Walker	Cllrs. C.Dallas C.Williams M.Williams	

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2007/08 be £292092.

1160. 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 to allow Councillors to consider confidential matters.

1161. OVERTIME

The overtime summary report to 31st December was considered.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1162. LEGAL ACTION

Councillors heard a report on the legal action against the Council by a potential supplier. The Council's witnesses had made their statements and a date for the hearing in Leeds was awaited.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

End of meeting.