

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Barton (Chair)

Cllrs. A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, M.Green, K.Redmile, A.Want, J.Walker and M.Williams.

**1605. APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. P.Richardson – illness

Cllr. C.Williams - illness

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.**

**1606. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr. J.Walker declared a personal interest in the item on Coulman Bungalow as a family member was involved with the Church.

Cllrs. M.Williams declared a personal interest in the street cleaning item as a member of DMBC.

**RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted.**

**1607. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

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

**1608. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010, Vouchers 282 to 300. Councillors asked that the cost of buying in salt in bulk be investigated for next year.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.**

**1609. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**i) 08/03469/CON**

Consultation by Doncaster/Sheffield Airport on Amended Variations to Agreement under Section 106 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to upgrade noise provisions at Robin Hood Airport, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster for Doncaster Sheffield Airport Ltd.

**RESOLVED: That the Council supports DMBC's action in approving this application.**

**ii) 09/03114/FULM**

Erection of 60 bed nursing home, 18 no dwellings and car parking facilities following demolition of existing school on Land at former Northfield First and Middle School site, North Eastern Road, Thorne for Castle Heights Ltd.

**RESOLVED: No objections on the basis that this is a village type development.**

**iii) 10/00029/FUL**

Erection of dental surgery (18.2m x 13.04m overall) with car parking to the rear at former Fieldside Adult Centre, Fieldside, Thorne for Mr and Mrs Khehra.

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**1610. STREET CLEANING**

Information provided by the DMBC team leader for street cleaning for Doncaster East was discussed.

The services currently provided were:

- Pavements cleaned fortnightly by a team of 6 according to a schedule. Two days each fortnight in Thorne/Moorends.
- Every second fortnight the team is backed up by a large mechanical sweeper which does the gutters at the same time.
- A high amenity team of two cleaning some areas on every week day and empties bins at the same time according to a schedule.
- A response team of two does country roads generally monthly as well as dealing with emergencies such as spillages.

DMBC were about to employ a team of summer casuals and is hoping to man the Town Council machine again.

Certain roads such as Dunstan Drive have not yet been adopted so are not yet dealt with.

Several Councillors expressed the view that some roads on the list were rarely if ever cleaned.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That a street cleaning working party be set up comprising Cllrs. D.Barton, M.Green, J.Walker and A.Want to meet monthly generally at 2.00pm on the first Monday of the month. The DMBC team leader to be invited to the meeting.**
- 2. That under the terms of the Charter DMBC be requested to provide details of the cost of providing the current service.**

### **1611. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the financial report for month 9 which showed income and expenditure to be essentially on budget with the exception of the Cemetery and Market income which were 25% over budget and the energy costs of the halls and changing rooms.

Rigorous cost saving measures had been taken and these were being monitored by the staffing and finance working group.

**RESOLVED: That the report be accepted and that a press advert be issued advertising the rooms that the Council had available in an effort to increase utilisation and the income in this area.**

### **1612. 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.**

### **1613. STAFFING AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP**

Consideration was given to the report on the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 including the employment item in detail.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that the Clerk be instructed to pursue the employment item in accordance with legal advice.**

### **1614. COULMAN BUNGALOW**

Consideration was given to a communication dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 from a small Christian Church interested in using the Coulman Bungalow which was surplus to requirements.

**RESOLVED: That the Council agree to an annual fee of £5000 payable monthly, to be reviewed and extended by mutual agreement annually.**

### **1615. GRAZING LAND, THORNE**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010 requesting use of a piece of land on the edge of Buntings Wood for grazing.

**RESOLVED: That the Council did not wish to enter into such an arrangement at the present time because Friends of Buntings Wood will need to extend the adopt-an-area plot in the near future.**

**End of meeting.**