

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R.Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. M.Ball, A.Brookes, I.Edwards, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

948. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. P.Best – personal

Cllr. J.Cresswell – personal

Cllr. M.Oldknow – personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

949. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs.M.Ball and I.Edwards declared a personal interest in the Coulman Road Bungalow as a friend of the tenant.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted and that the members would not speak on this item.

950. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

951. PLANNING

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Change of use of existing barn and outbuilding to dwelling at 29 Bridge Street, Thorne for Mr C.Bratby.

RESOLVED: No observations.

952. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to signing the Statement of Accounts Payable to 28th February 2006, Vouchers 329 to 361.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

953. QUALITY TOWN STATUS

Consideration was given to information from NALC regarding the Quality Council Scheme, achievement of which could bring benefits to the community. It was noted that, though the Council already met the requirements in most areas, communications issues may need special attention.

RESOLVED: That the Council apply for quality status as soon as all the necessary requirements appear to be met.

954. COULMAN BUNGALOW

Consideration was given to a request from Comet Transport for a long-term lease or other arrangement to enable them to secure funding.

RESOLVED: That the advice of the District Valuer be sought regarding the renting, lease or purchase arrangements that might be appropriate.

955. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

955.1 *Consideration was given to a letter from Doncaster MBC regarding their policy, in respect of street naming etc.*

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

955.2 *Consideration was given to a consultation letter from Doncaster MBC dated 10th February 2006 in respect of the new housing development off North Eastern Road where the developer has put forward the suggestion Station Court.*

RESOLVED: That to avoid confusion North Station Court be recommended.

956. LAND REGISTRATION

Consideration was given to a letter dated 8th February 2006 from the Land Registry regarding a scheme for voluntary first registration of title.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Chair of Policy research relevant sites and register them. Also that the Council adopt a policy to register all its land as soon as possible.

957. DONCASTER LIBRARIES SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a letter dated 15th February 2006 from Doncaster MBC Libraries Service requesting a financial contribution to their summer events programme.

RESOLVED: That the Council contribute £150 towards events in Thorne and Moorends.

958. MOORENDS ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Consideration was given to a letter dated 21st February 2006 from the Moorends Allotment Holders Association regarding the access road.

RESOLVED: That users of the Welfare Ground be requested to park so as not to obstruct the allotment holders access and that signs be put up.

959. INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Consideration was given to a request from Doncaster MBC for nominations to the Mayor for representatives to various Internal Drainage Boards.

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be proposed:

Black Drain - **Cllr. M.Williams**
Cllr. C.L.Taylor-Hatem

Dun Drainage - **Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor**
Cllr. S.R.Walker

Tween Bridge - **Cllr. M.Ball**
Cllr. I.Edwards
Cllr. N.Walsh
Cllr. C.Williams

96017. 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.

961. STAFFING MATTERS

It was reported that

- i) All field operatives had signed their new contracts.*
- ii) That both cleaners/caretakers were still on sick leave.*
- iii) That staff member was coming back to work on 3rd April 2006.*

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted and that the Staffing Working Group be convened to discuss methods of achieving best value for the Council.

962. CCTV

It was noted that the volunteer CCTV operator had logged 827 hours last calendar year.

RESOLVED: That the CCTV operator be thanked for his considerable contribution to the safety of the Town and granted a honorarium of £1500 for the year to 31st March 2006 to be paid in April 2006.

End of meeting.