

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2006, AT 7.00PM.**

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

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, L.Taylor-Hatem, R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

963. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. M.Ball – personal

Cllr. N.Walsh – personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

964. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As members of the Authority, Councillors R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams all declared a personal interest in the item where tenders for Doncaster MBC might have been submitted.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted.

965. CISWO – FACING THE FUTURE PROJECT

A representative of CISWO presented details of the new Facing the Future Project for former miners welfare grounds, the essence of which was that they were able under the project to bring together agencies and stakeholders where the trustees and users are seeking to bring about regeneration of welfare grounds. There was a seminar being organised for 7th April 2006 to which nominated representatives of the Council were invited.

RESOLVED: That the CISWO Project Co-ordinator be thanked for her informative presentation and that the Council pledged to lead a scheme to regenerate the Moorends Welfare Ground if there was appropriate support from the users of the ground.

966. MINUTES

i) Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 31st January 2006, pages 3624 and 3625.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed subject to a minor amendment to Clause 922.

ii) Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 27th February 2006, pages 3634.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

967. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

(i) Planning, Environmental, Amenities & Leisure – 14th February 2006.

Pages 3630 to 3633.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

(ii) Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 7th March 2006.

Pages 3635 to 3637.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved subject to minor amendments to clause 948 and Vouchers 377 and 388.

968. PLANNING 06/00216/WCC

Erection of 20 new dwellings on approx. 0.5ha of land at the rear of 138-154 Marshland Road, Moorends for Whelmar Homes.

It was noted that approval had already been granted, this application being in respect of a condition regarding the drives of the properties.

RESOLVED: No observations.

969. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st March 2006, Vouchers 362 to 389.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

970. AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

Consideration was given to a letter from the external auditors confirming that the accounts had been signed off without comment.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

971. WALLED GARDEN, THORNE MEMORIAL PARK

Consideration was given to a letter from Dacre, Son & Hartley expressing an interest on behalf of their client in purchasing the above premises.

It was noted that the Council had plans to develop the Park and was seeking views as to how to best use the walled garden.

RESOLVED: That the agents be informed that the Council did not wish to dispose of the walled garden and that views of the public be sought as to its future use.

972. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for months 9 and 10 of the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for months 9 and 10 be approved.

973. 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.

974. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the overtime summary report to 4th March 2006.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

975. TENDERS

975.1 Thorne Market Place

Tenders were opened from three Contractors, which appeared to comply with the requirements of the tender documentation.

RESOLVED:

1) That the following works would be carried out:

- 1. Removal and retention of granite setts to central 6.5m wide strip and placing of smooth genuine York Stone flags.**
- 2. Pointing the remaining granite setts in the market place flush to the surface.**
- 3. Removal of the cast iron pump from the Park, fitting new parts as supplied, repainting it and placing it on the existing stone base in the market place and constructing around it paving and steps of riven York stone.**

2) That subject to discussions regarding programme, quality of workmanship etc. an order be placed with Westmoreland Civil Engineering for the required works at a cost of £21890 (LGA 1972, S144).

975.2 Cemetery Roads and Paths

Tenders were opened from three Contractors, which agreed to comply with the requirements of the tender documentation. The works would comprise:

- 1. Construction of tarmac paths 1.5m wide to half of the cemetery.*
- 2. Construction of new access road 3.5m wide to open up a new area.*

RESOLVED: That subject to discussions with the contractor regarding programme, quality of workmanship etc. an order be placed with South Yorkshire Road Specialists in the sum of £30720 (LGA 1972, S144).

975.3 Cemetery Infrastructure

Tenders were opened from five Contractors, which appeared to comply with the requirements of the tender documentation. The works would comprise the construction of concrete strip footings to form a new “headstone only” area at the cemetery.

RESOLVED: That the contract in the sum of £4775.40 be awarded to G N E Contracting Ltd. subject to satisfactory discussions with the contractor regarding programme, workmanship etc (LGA 1972, S144).

975.4 Peel Hill Motte

Tenders were opened from four contractors, which appeared to comply with the requirements of the tender documentation. The works would comprise:

- 1. Reinstatement of two large gulleys and four smaller ones.*
- 2. Conversion of one of the gulleys into steps.*
- 3. Provision of fencing to the base of the Motte.*

RESOLVED: That the tenders be sent to English Heritage who would be match funding any expenditure to seek their opinion regarding best value (PHA, 1875).

End of meeting.