

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. A. Brookes (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, P.Richardson, J.Walker, R.Walker, A.Want and C.Williams.

**1624. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. M. Williams – Personal

Cllr. G. Garth – Work commitment (via Cllr. Dallas)

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

**1625. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:

Cllr. J. Walker - personal interest in the planning item.

Cllr. R. Walker - personal interest in the Capitol Park presentation and in the planning item as a member of DMBC.

Cllr. P. Best - prejudicial interest in the planning item – could not vote on this item.

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

**1626. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor granted Cllr. Best leave to announce that the bi-annual football match with the Ghurkha regiment would take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010, kicking off at 12 noon. The Mayor confirmed that he had already authorised free use of the ground.

**1927. PRESENTATION RE: CAPITOL PARK**

Representatives of Henry Boot Developments addressed the Council regarding their plans for the development of the former Dixons site on Capitol Park which included a major business to occupy the main building as their administration HQ. They were also considering small to medium sized industrial units, a hotel and leisure/retail.

**RESOLVED: That Councillors welcomed the potential development proposal; particularly the jobs to be created and community links, and wished to be kept informed of progress on the project.**

**1628. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010, pages 3867 - 3869.

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

## **1629. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Consideration was given to the following reports:

**1629.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure** - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.  
Pages 3870 to 3872.

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

**1629.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing** – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.  
Pages 3873 to 3874.

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

## **1630. PLANNING**

### **i) 10/00574/WCC**

Continued use of wind turbines without compliance with Condition 24 of application 04/0314/P (turbines shall not be used for power generation at wind speeds below 4m/s at a height of 10 metres) at Tween Bridge Wind Farm, Access Off Church Balk, Thorne for Mr A Gauntt.

**RESOLVED: Object on the basis that no new evidence had been submitted and the inspector had carefully considered this item before making the condition.**

It was also noted that an application had been received in respect of the discharge of all planning conditions.

**RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting.**

## **1631. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, Vouchers 330 to 377.

**RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.**

## **1632. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**

The following Councillors were nominated for the South Yorkshire Branch of the above organisation:

**RESOLVED: That the following nominations be submitted:**

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| <b>i) Branch Chairman</b>         | <b>Cllr. M. Williams</b> |
| <b>ii) Branch Vice-Chairman</b>   | <b>Cllr. C. Williams</b> |
| <b>iii) Representative on JEC</b> | <b>Cllr. P. Best</b>     |

### **1633. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the financial report for months 9 to 11 which showed that income from the Cemetery and Market continued to be below budget. On the expenditure side costs for the sports grounds were above budget, largely as a result of energy costs for the buildings and the allocation of staff costs, and from the Delves/Canal due to a pollution incident not covered by insurance. It was hoped that given the stringent spending controls that had been put in place, the deficit would be met from Contingency reserves.

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

### **1634. STANDING ORDER 58**

Consideration was given to excluding the press and public from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

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

### **1635. STAFFING AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP**

Consideration was given to the following confidential documents:

- i) Record of a meeting held at 10.30am on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- ii) Email dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- iii) Working Group meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.
- iv) Working Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

**RESOLVED: That based on legal advice, the mutually agreed termination should be proceeded with.**

End of meeting.