

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. R.Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, M.Holt-Taylor, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

**985. APOLOGIES**

*Apologies had been received from:  
Cllr. J.Martland – personal*

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.**

**986. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*The following declarations of interest were made:*

*Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – possible prejudicial interest in the item relating to the land at King Street, Thorne.*

**RESOLVED: That this declaration be accepted and that the member would leave the room for this item.**

**987. MINUTES**

*Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006.*

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

**988. PLANNING**

**i) 06/00427/FULM**

*Erection of new retail outlet (56.0m x 28.0m overall) behind retained facades at 1/ 2 Market Place, Thorne for Commercial Developments Ltd.*

**ii) 06/00428/LBC**

*Listed Building Consent for demolition of derelict shop/offices retaining existing facades in connection with erection of new retail outlet (56.0m x 28.0m overall) at 1/ 2 Market Place, Thorne for Commercial Developments Ltd.*

**iii) 06/00429/CAC**

*Conservation Area Consent for demolition of derelict shop/offices retaining existing facades in connection with new retail outlet (56.0m x 28.0m overall) at 8 Silver Street, Thorne for Commercial Developments Ltd.*

**RESOLVED: That the three applications be supported as being vital to the regeneration of the market area in Thorne.**

**iv) 06/00590/FUL**

*Erection of pitched roof ground floor swimming pool extension to side of semi-detached house at 2A Garden Road, Moorends for Mr & Mrs F. Fellowes.*

**RESOLVED:** That concern be expressed regarding the proximity of the proposed development to the boundary of the Moorends Community Centre, particularly possible damage to the building as a result of a deep excavation close by. The Council expects the final design to be backed up by geo-technical calculations based on site investigation information.

Though not directly relevant to the statutory consultation process it is thought that the proposed development may extend within the Council's curtilage and that the developer has not sought the Council's agreement to this.

**989. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*Consideration was given to signing the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, Vouchers 390 to 421.*

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

Further resolved that the security firm (Voucher 417) be approached to confirm that he is able to carry out additional duties within his current rates and that legal advice be obtained to check on possible staffing implications.

**990. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Consideration was given to carrying out remedial works to improve the external appearance of the building and repair leaks.*

**RESOLVED:** That following discussions with appropriate professionals, tender documentation be brought back to the Council for approval.

**991. COULMAN PROJECT**

*It was reported that at a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 the representative of the FA stated that there were only a few issues that still needed attention:*

- 1. The club to work on the development plan – especially the 5-year plan.*
- 2. A professional cost estimate by an architect was required. The Club agreed to pay part if necessary.*
- 3. Cash flow forecast – more detail required e.g. heat/light, club input.*
- 4. Community use agreement supported by documentation was required e.g. 3 year agreement devolving day to day organisation of the facility to the club.*
- 5. Ground Maintenance plan required.*
- 6. Confirmation of the management of the ongoing project by the present steering group would continue.*

*Once the points above had been dealt with, there were three FA Committees for the application to go through and the whole process could be expected to take 22 weeks. Target September for a decision.*

**RESOLVED:** That the report be accepted and agreed and that the required points be dealt with as soon as possible including the engagement of an Architect to prepare a professional cost estimate for the building.

**991. 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.

**992. LAND AT KING STREET, THORNE**

*It had been confirmed by the Council's Solicitor that a buyer who had been interested previously wished to go ahead and purchase the site.*

**RESOLVED:** To advise the Council's Solicitors that the offer was acceptable provided:

- 1. Completion within 3 months.**
- 2. Buyers pay the Council's legal costs (in view of the protracted process before).**
- 3. Withdrawal of conditions regarding surveys etc. (on the grounds that there has been plenty of time to sort this).**

**The District Valuer has confirmed that the price offered represents the market value.**

**End of meeting.**