

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2007 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL COUNCIL
MEETING IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. D.W.Barton, P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M. Chowings, C.Dallas, G.S. Garth, M. Green,
K.Redmile, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.P.Walker, A.Want, C.Williams and M.Williams

1202. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:
Cllr. R. Walker - personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1203. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. J. Walker declared a possible personal interest in the item relating to the fair as a member of the Rugby Club.
Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem declared a possible prejudicial interest in the King Street land item having family land interest in the area and resolved to leave the room for this item.

RESOLVED: That the declarations and proposed action be accepted.

1204. MINUTES

1204.1 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1204.2 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th April 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1204. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Consideration was given to adopting the revised Code of Conduct which came into force on 3rd May 2007.

RESOLVED: That the generic model code document be adopted including Paragraph 12 with immediate effect. Councillors asked to be appraised of training opportunities.

1205. DMBC STANDARDS (PARISH COUNCIL) SUB-COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to making a Council nomination for the forthcoming election in respect of a parish council's representative to the above sub-committee of Doncaster MBC.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. C. Williams be nominated.

1206. NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YLCA SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH

Consideration was given to making nominations for the South Yorkshire Branch officials and representatives.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs. C. Williams and M. Williams be nominated.

1207. DRAFT PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER

Consideration was given to the Draft Parish Council Charter circulated.

RESOLVED: That the draft Parish Council Charter produced by Doncaster MBC be approved and accepted. Further that Doncaster MBC be urged to enter in discussions with Thorne-Moorends Town Council (as a Quality Council) as soon as possible regarding the delegation of certain functions.

1208. STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to the following new standing orders:

- 1) Conduct of Meetings**
To assist in the orderly conduct of meetings, the Chair shall be seated at the head of the table and the Vice-Chair at the foot.
- 2) Working Groups**
The following working groups shall be set up, reporting back to full Council:
Thorne Working Group – 5 members.
Moorends Working Group – 5 members.

RESOLVED: That the standing orders be approved.

1209. ANNUAL FAIR

Consideration was given to a location for the annual fair which will be in Thorne from 7th to 10th June 2007.

It was reported that following the compulsory purchase of the fairground in Thorne many years ago and the sale of part of Coulmans to the Rugby Club there was a requirement for the annual fair to be held at Thornensians with reinstatement by the Town Council. After the rugby club carried out major pitch improvements/drainage works a few years ago the Council allowed the fair to be located on the Council's part of the recreation ground.

The fair operator has requested an alternative location as they want to get the fair back to a family event. A number of alternatives had been looked at but only Thorne Park has proved to be a possibility due to its central location and its leisure function.

RESOLVED: That the use of the Park for the annual fair be approved subject to the following conditions:

- **Finish at 9pm for 9.30pm.**
- **Crowd barrier around the fair to allow access to be controlled.**

- **Professional stewards on Friday and Saturday nights.**
- **£1000 bond against damage.**
- **Boards under all rides and over services.**
- **Initial one year trial.**
- **Local residents to be notified.**

If this year's event was a success then the fair operator would work towards drawing up a charter agreement to include charity stalls.

1210. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor invited speakers from the public attending.

Mr N. Bairstow praised the Council for its orderly conduct at this meeting as if more than one Councillor spoke at a time this presented difficulties for hearing impaired people such as himself.

The Mayor thanked Mr Bairstow for his comments and noted that there were no more persons wishing to speak.

1211. 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 the implementation of Standing Order 58 be approved and the press and public be asked to leave.

1212. STAFF MEMBER A034

Consideration was given to a revised severance payment.

RESOLVED: That the most cost effective option for the Council would be to offer an increased severance payment with immediate effect subject to no legal action and any current action being withdrawn.

1213. LEGAL ACTION

Councillors heard an update on pending legal action.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved .

At this point Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem left the chamber.

1214. KING STREET LAND

Consideration was given to the options for the above site including a conditional offer from a developer.

RESOLVED: That the developer be advised that the Council required an unconditional offer for this site within a short time and that it was also resolved that the site would be marketed with a new Agent with immediate effect.

End of meeting.