

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

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

1215. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. A. Brookes – personal

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem – personal

Cllr. R.Walker – personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1216. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Cllr. D.Barton – personal interest in the park item as a local resident.

Cllr. P.Best and C.Williams – personal interest in accounts payable Vchr. 38 as members of the Drainage Board.

Cllr. C.Williams – personal interest in all planning items as a member of DMBC Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted and that the Chair would step down for the planning items which would be taken by Cllr. P.Richardson.

1217. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1218. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

i) 07/00926/AGR

Erection of steel barn (31.0m x 11.0m) at Warp Farm House, Goole Road, Moorends, Doncaster for Mr D. Cawkwell.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ii) 07/01461/FUL

Erection of industrial unit (61.0m x 17.0m) at Capitol Park, Alpha Court, Thorne for Truck Hydraulics Ltd.

RESOLVED: That the development be welcomed and that an application be made for Section 106 monies.

1219. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st March 2007, Vouchers 378 to 404, 30th April 2007, Vouchers 1 to 10, Vouchers 11 to 45.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved. Field staff to be advised that mobile phones were for work use only.

1220. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to a letter from Doncaster MBC inviting nominations for the Freedom of the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

1221. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

Consideration was given to a letter dated 13th April 2007 from Doncaster MBC regarding a complaint they had received from a local resident about noise from the Band Room. Investigations indicated that one band in particular was to blame and they had been warned. The Enforcement Officer had visited the site and advised that a noise-limiting device could be fitted.

RESOLVED: That the users of the band room be formally advised that noise levels should not exceed 80db. If this approach did not work then consideration would be given to installing a noise limiting device. Also, DMBC to be asked if a portable noise monitoring device could be borrowed for the Council to carry out monitoring.

1222. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK

The Council heard a report on the following matters:

1223.3 **Park Pond** – the small boat needed to clear the pond and unblock the fountains was borrowed at the present time and it would be more cost effective for the Council to have its own boat.

RESOLVED:

- i) To obtain quotations for a small boat.
- ii) To seek advise regarding a filtration system for the pond.

1223.4 **Fair** – the fair had fully complied with the requirements made of it and there had been no damage. There had been a small number of complaints from local residents, mainly about diesel fumes.

RESOLVED: That a meeting be held with DMBC Environmental Health Department regarding the location of the rides etc. for the Summer Festival.

1222.3 Play equipment – it was noted that some of the existing play equipment was in need of repair and more equipment was needed in due course.

RESOLVED: To get the existing equipment repaired as soon as possible and seek funding for more equipment.

1223. THORNE CEMETERY

1223.1 *Consideration was given to employing a dedicated grounds person to carry out grass cutting at the Cemetery.*

RESOLVED: To advertise for a person to work 35 hours a week at £6 per hour – appointment to be through the staffing committee.

1223.2 The Council heard representations from Mr R. Blackshaw regarding a recent interment in the new area designated for headstones only. He stated that he was not made aware of the headstone only restriction at the time his family funeral was arranged and requested that the Council allow him to put in kerb edgings.

RESOLVED: That the request be agreed as a one off due to the extenuating circumstances. If any other persons required edgings in the first row only they would need to apply to the Council. It was emphasised that the rest of this area would be “headstones only” and the undertakers were to be informed of this decision.

1223.3 Staff Welfare Facilities

Further to the improvements for the staff welfare facilities approved at the meeting on 5th December 2006 it was

RESOLVED: To make an allowance of £10 per week for the provision of refreshments for staff in the cemetery messroom together with a refrigerator.

1223.4 Concern was expressed as to the number of vehicles entering the cemetery.

RESOLVED: That consideration be given to restricting access to blue badge and specially authorised vehicles only and to provide a new sign setting out the new cemetery rules.

1224. THORNE MARKET

1224.1 Councillors heard a report on the general market. It was noted that the number of stalls was reducing in line with national trends.

RESOLVED: That the general market be advertised in the Market Trader Magazine and that any new stalls be offered their first week free of charge.

1224.2 Regarding the Farmers Market it was noted that the Council currently provides the market square and stalls free of charge and half of the erection/dismantling costs, (approximately £112 each Sunday) the other half being paid by the Farmers Market Committee whose income was around £175 per market.

RESOLVED: That the current arrangements be continued and reviewed in 12 months time.

1225. XMAS LIGHTS

Following the experience last year with hired in lights it was thought that a more cost effective solution would be to purchase Christmas lights and then get them erected by the Council's electrical contractor.

RESOLVED: To get quotations and bring them back to a future meeting.

End of meeting