

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. A.Brookes, F.Dallas, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, M.Oldknow, R.Walker and N. Walsh.

1027. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. P. Best – personal

Cllr. J.Cresswell – personal

Cllr. M.Williams - personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1028. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1029. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1030. PROPOSED MULTI USE GAMES AREA WYKE GATE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Groundwork Dearne Valley had gone out to tender for the supply of the MUGA which would be included as a nominated subcontract with the main contractor. Out of the four tenders received, three were compliant with the specification:

AMV Engineering Ltd.

Lightman Leisure Ltd.

Playworld Systems

Samples of fencing from each contractor were inspected and it was:

RESOLVED: That the material from Playworld Systems and Lightman Leisure Ltd. were superior and that this preference by this Council be conveyed to Groundwork Dearne Valley.

1031. BUNTINGS WOOD

This 40-hectare woodland had been included up with over 50000 trees since 1994 providing a great area for local people and a pathwork for habitants.

This 40-hectare site was purchased by the Town Council in 1993 and has since been planted with over 50 thousand trees under the Forestry Commission Woodland grant scheme administered by Doncaster MBC.

A voluntary group, Friends of Buntings Wood carries out valuable maintenance and conservation work.

Now the trees are becoming well established the site provides a large area for public enjoyment and a range of wildlife habitats. However, conservation now needs to be given to the way the site should be developed and publicised. It was also thought that the possibility of providing woodland burials should be investigated.

RESOLVED: That a Woodland Steering Group be set up with Council representatives:

Cllr. Williams, Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor, Cllr. M.Oldknow, Cllr. J.Martland, Cllr. R.Walker and Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem.

1032. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to accounts payable to 30th June 2006, Vouchers 37 to 86.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1033. 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.

1034. THORNE DISTRICT ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: That this item be referred to the Policy Committee.

1035. COULMAN BUNGALOW

RESOLVED: That this item be referred to the Policy Committee.

1036. COULMAN RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that Architects had been engaged to cost and draw up the plans, prepare tender documents and supervise the works.

The Council had received notification that a £100,000 Section 106 payment was to be received from a developer to go towards a community centre in Thorne.

RESOLVED: That the £100,000 Section 106 money be earmarked for the Coulman project and the report be approved.

End of meeting