

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

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

Cllrs. M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

**1037. APOLOGIES**

*Apologies had been received from:*

*Cllr. J.Cresswell – personal*

*Cllr. F. Dallas - personal*

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

**1038. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*The following declarations of interest were made:*

*Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – possible prejudicial interest in the King Street land item.*

*Cllrs. M and C. Williams – possible prejudicial interest in planning item vii).*

*Cllrs. C.Williams and R.Walker – personal interest in all planning items as DMBC Councillors.*

**RESOLVED: That these declarations of interest be accepted.**

**1039. MINUTES**

*Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006.*

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

**1040. PLANNING**

**i) 06/1243/FUL**

*Redevelopment of petrol filling station including extension to the existing forecourt shop, installation of ATM machine, formation of covered compound and raising height of existing canopy, with associated car parking, landscaping and access at Thorne Service Station, South Parade, Thorne.*

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**ii) 06/1493/FULM**

*Erection of 18 flats on approx. 0.19ha of land at Moorville Garage, Marshland Road, Moorends for Brooklands Property and Investment.*

**RESOLVED: no objections. Request for S106 contribution to be used to improve nearby sports facilities.**

**iii) 06/1428/ADV**

*Display of non-illuminated sheet hoarding attached to perimeter fence 1.2m x 0.8m at Wyke Gate Road, Thorne for Thorne-Moorends Town Council.*

**RESOLVED: No observations.**

**iv) 06/11478/OUT**

*Outline application for erection of detached house on approximately 0.04ha of land to the rear of 28 South End, Thorne for Mr N. Bairstow.*

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**v) 06/00266/ADV**

*Erection of two illuminated wall mounted display units (1.90m x 1.30m) at 58 Miller Lane, Thorne for Primesight Advertising Ltd.*

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**vi) 06/01208/OUT**

*Outline application for residential development on approx. 0.12ha of land to the rear of The Victoria Inn, South End, Thorne for Ryecroft Construction Ltd.*

**RESOLVED: No objections. Request for S106 contribution to improve nearby public amenities.**

**Cllrs. C. and M. Williams left the room for the following item:**

**vii) 06/01353/OUT**

*Outline application for residential development of approx. 0.1ha of land to the rear of 111 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr & Mrs P. Cunningham.*

**RESOLVED: No observations.**

**viii) 06/01386/ADV**

*Display of various internally illuminated signs at The Windmill Thorne for Punch Taverns.*

**RESOLVED: No observations.**

**1041. 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.**

**1042. THORNE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION**

*The current arrangements were discussed. It was noted that the Angling Association pays the Council for the fishing rights and for the café. The Association tendered for the café in 1999 and the rate has been increased annually thereafter. In order to carry out further improvements to the café the Association have asked the Council to consider giving more security of tenure.*

**RESOLVED: That the Angling Association be granted a 364 day licence renewable annually with a six month notice period on either side.**

#### **1043. COULMAN BUNGALOW**

*At the request of Comet Transport a valuation had been obtained by the Council relating to purchase and rental value.*

**RESOLVED:** That the Council did not wish to sell the property at this present time. Also in view of the social value of the services provided, half the market rent would be charged from 1<sup>st</sup> August to be paid monthly in advance together with the arrears outstanding.

#### **1044. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

*It was noted that for many years it had been Council policy to provide 5A Browns Lane for a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum.*

**RESOLVED:** That the current arrangements would continue but that discussions with the Manager would take place in an effort to realise a significant proportion of the economic rent to be paid to the Council in due course.

#### **1045. STAFFING WORKING GROUP**

*Consideration was given to the notes of the above working group, which met on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006. It was noted that the income from the Assembly Rooms in particular was much reduced in May and June.*

**RESOLVED:** That the report be approved and that contract cleaning would continue to be used as and when necessary. Further that the Council adopt a policy of going out to contract for cleaning wherever possible. Also that legal advice would be obtained regarding the long-term arrangements.

**Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem left the room for this item.**

#### **1046. KING STREET LAND**

*Correspondence had been received as follows:*

- i) Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 from Knight Frank indicating that their client wished to maintain their conditional offer.*
- ii) A letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 from a new buyer making a significantly lower unconditional offer.*

**RESOLVED:** The Council did not wish to go forward with either offer, its proposed course of action being to discuss with the planners possible community/mixed use of the site and if this was not possible in a reasonable time to go to auction.

**End of meeting.**