

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 17th AUGUST 2010 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. A. Brookes (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, B.M.Chowings, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, J.Walker, A.Want, M.Williams and A.Wilson.

1676. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. C. Williams - Personal

Cllr. R. Walker - Work commitment

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1677. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made initially but the following declarations were made during the presentation by the DMBC Porfolio Holder:

- Cllr. P.Best - Personal interest in item 1680 as a member of the pro-windfarm group.
- A. Brookes - Personal interest in the Bridge Street carpark as treasurer of the P.C.C.
- Cllr. J.Walker - interest item 1680 as a member of the anti-windfarm group.
- Cllr. M.Williams – Personal interest item 1680 having an interest in the Brodsworth Estate.

1678. MINUTES

1678.1 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2010, 2010, pages 3878 – 3882.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1678.2 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 29th June 2010, page 3886.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1679. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1679.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 8th June 2010. Pages 3883 to 3885.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1679.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 13th July 2010. Pages 3887 to 3889.

Cllr. Best referred to item 1666.1 and asked that it be amended to reflect the fact that he was actually deputy to a member of the YLCA Executive Board.

RESOLVED: That subject to this amendment the report be approved.

1680. DISCUSSION

The Doncaster MBC portfolio holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities made a short presentation about her responsibilities which covered both Communities and Enforcement. Points covered included:

- All complaints to be channelled through Doncaster 736000 so that they could be logged.
- Neighbourhood management system under review to ensure it was responsive to the public's needs.
- Existing enforcement powers to be more extensively used.

Councillors asked the Portfolio Holder to consider a number of points including:

- Anti-social behaviour resulting from the night time closure of the Bridge Street carpark transferred to the canal flyover bridge.
- Lack of consultation and informal manner when the Bridge Street carpark was closed for the Annual Fair.
- Renewal of the lease for the Church Street carpark which was a vital facility for the Town.
- Clarify apparently conflicting information about the cancellation of the play builder scheme.
- Ensure that any Section 106 or other community payment arising as a result of the development of the Wind Farm be allocated in a transparent manner by involving elected representatives.

RESOLVED: That the Chair thanked the Portfolio Holder for her attendance which had been most useful.

1681. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

1681.1 Mr Merrill of Selby Road wished to draw the Councillors attention to the fact that the Tudworth Warehouse appeared to have been reinstated in the discussion draft of the LDF Core Strategy.

1681.2 Dr Eden of Grampian Way referred to the flooding on the estate in the past and thought that the proposal to extend the tipping area for Hatfield Power Plant could only exacerbate the problem in the future.

RESOLVED: That both these items would be discussed at the next meeting and that the IDB would be contacted in respect of item 1681.2. Both members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

1682. THORNE PARK

The Clerk had been informed that the play builder scheme had been cancelled by the Government. However, the Council still wished to proceed with major improvements to the existing play area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk together with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the relevant Committee develop the project and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

1683. PLANNING

1683.1 10/02003/FUL

Erection of 8 no. town houses on 0.13ha of land following demolition of existing library at Moorends Library, The Circle, Moorends for Simon Armstrong.

RESOLVED: That although the Council had no objections to the proposed development the following points be brought to the attention of the planners:

i) There appears to be confusion in the documentation as to whether 8 or 9 dwellings are proposed.

ii) The Council is concerned that the area to the rear of the development could have anti-social behavior problems and would suggest that lighting and CCTV be provided.

iii) The existing CCTV provision on the Circle should be improved to include a dome camera.

1683.2 10/01985/TCON

Notice to fell and remove one Lime tree (being situated within the Thorne Conservation Area) at Howarth Timber Thorne Limited, South Parade, Thorne.

RESOLVED: That no comments would be made by the Council since the matter would be considered by the DMBC Tree Officer.

1684. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st July and 31st August 2010, Vouchers 75 to 124.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

1685. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for months 1 to 3 of the current financial year.

It was noted that Cemetery income that gave concern last year looked to be on budget. It was stated that strict cash-flow and expenditure control was still required.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.

1686. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to excluding the press and public from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be implemented and the press and public be asked to leave.

1635. STAFFING AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the notes on the meeting of the above group which met on 19th July 2010.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that:

- 1) Reserves would be increased by £10k per annum from 2011.**
- 2) That a new buyer for the King Street land be actively sought.**

End of meeting.