

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. A. Brookes (Chair)

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

1557. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. G.Garth – Work Commitment

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1558. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. C and M.Williams - personal interest in the DMBC Landscape Character Report and on the St. Michaels Drive item as members of the Authority.

Cllr. D.Barton – personal interest in the Thursday Club item as a family member was a member of the Club.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted.

1559. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2009, pages 3845 - 3848.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1560. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were considered for approval:

1560.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 8th September 2009. Pages 3849 to 3851.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1560.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 13th October 2009. Pages 3852 to 3854.

- Regarding the fireworks display it was noted that it had been very successful but that advertising banners should be provided next year.
- Minute 1556.2 – “This to apply from the date of the meeting” to be added.

RESOLVED: That subject to this amendment to minute 1556.2 the minutes be approved.

1561. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS

Councillors welcomed Sgt. Rowse who gave the following report:

- Crime in Thorne and Moorends for the 2nd quarter was down 32% on last year compared to 16% over South Yorkshire as a whole.
- PACT Meetings – looking for new locations to maximise turnout. Old Folks Centre suggested in Thorne, Moorends Community Centre in Moorends.
- October priorities – speeding on Marshland Road, motorcycles in Moorends, antisocial behaviour in Moorends.
- White van speed camera – looking at locations in Thorne and Moorends.
- Police were now more visible on the streets and there was an increased level of policing generally in the area.
- Section 30 could be introduced again in the future if required.

Councillors thanked Sgt. Rowse for his report and congratulated the Police on getting the crime figures down and increasing the level of policing generally.

1562. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 09/02091/OUT

Outline application for erection of 12 apartments in 2 blocks on approx. 0.14ha of land following demolition of existing buildings (being amendment to previous permission granted under ref 09/01585/OUT granted 27.08.09) at former Builders Yard, Lock Lane, Thorne for Abernat Homes.

RESOLVED: That the application be welcomed but the Council wished to see the development proceed as soon as possible.

ii) 09/02005/REM

Details of siting, design, external appearance and layout for the erection on 1no detached house and double garage on approx. 0.07 ha of land (being matters reserved in outline granted under ref. 07/02631/OUT on 15.01.08) at 34 Ellison Street, Thorne, Doncaster for Mr N. Walker.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1563. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1563.1 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st October 2009, Vouchers 171 to 197.

It was noted that a written weekly checklist should be completed for all mechanical plant. The need for further plant, e.g. another large mower, would be assessed at budget time.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1563.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for months 5 & 6 of the current financial year. It was noted that energy costs were over budget but that because of under spend in other areas the overall expenditure was within the budget. On the income side both the Cemetery and Market income was below budget but there were corresponding reductions in costs. It was agreed that these points would be reviewed for next year's budget.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.

1563.3 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to the letter dated 30th September 2009 from the external auditors in which the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 had been signed off with no matters being drawn to the Council's attention.

RESOLVED: That the matter be noted.

1564. DMBC LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND CAPABILITY STUDY

Consideration was given to the Consultation Document dated September 2009 sent out by Doncaster MBC. Concern was expressed as to why three apparently similar reports have been produced in the past few years. It was noted that the planner concerned had agreed to speak to the Council on this report and the sequential test.

RESOLVED: That no development should take place in areas designated as high visual sensitivity under any circumstances. Also that brownfield sites within Thorne and Moorends should be utilised first.

1565. THORNE MOORENDS COMMUNITY RADIO

The Mayor reported that he and the Clerk attended a meeting with representatives of the community radio on Monday 2nd November 2009.

They demonstrated the equipment which was ready for a launch on 14th December 2009. They had a five year license and would be broadcasting 24/7 and, once operating, would generate income from advertising. There was a great opportunity for individuals and organisations, including the Council, to get involved including making programmes and advertising.

This would enable the Town Council to publicise its services and facilities which as a Quality Council they were bound to do but it was important that the community radio was seen as being totally independent of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council would continue to provide infrastructure support including free use of premises at the Winning Post and office support as required. Also emergency funding (to be immediately repaid) of up to £2500 for unforeseen equipment fixtures directly affecting broadcasting.

It was reported that a Help the Heroes event would be organised in the community in which the Community Radio might be involved.

RESOLVED: That the Council would fully support such an event and would provide rooms free of charge if required.

1566. THURSDAY CLUB

Consideration was given to a letter from the Moorends Thursday Club (a 55 to 90 Activity Club) who had been meeting at the Moorends Community Centre for many years. Because of dwindling numbers they were struggling financially.

RESOLVED: That a reduced rate of half the full fee be charged until further notice.

1567. FOOTPATH TO THE REAR OF ST MICHAELS DRIVE, THORNE

Consideration was given to a letter from Doncaster MBC dated 21st October 2009 in relation to encroachment on Footpath No.12 to the rear of St. Michaels Drive, Thorne.

RESOLVED: Public footpaths are a Statutory Duty of Doncaster Council and if any encroachment has occurred onto a footpath then it is the duty of DMBC to take the appropriate action to safeguard public rights of way.

1568. 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.

1569. STAFF NO. C013

In view of the increased responsibility being taken by this member of staff it was:

RESOLVED: To increase the person's salary by one SCP point from SCP18 to SCP 19 from 1st January 2010.

End of meeting.