

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. D. Barton (Chair)

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

1570. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. C. Dallas – Work commitment

Cllr. R.Walker – DMBC Business

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1571. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were declared:

Councillors P.Best, M.Green and K.Redmile declared a personal interest in the winter sports sessions for schools having children who might be involved and in the case of Cllr. Best also working at the Trinity Academy.

Cllrs. C. Williams and M.Williams declared a personal interest in the street cleaning item as members of DMBC.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted.

1572. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2009.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1573. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th November 2009, Vouchers 199 to 233.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1574. BUNTINGS WOOD

Following the Council meeting on 1st August a meeting had taken place with the DMBC Woodland Officer to discuss the implications of becoming a Local Nature Reserve; application being made through Natural England. The advantages of

designation include the ability to draw up site specific by-laws, access to funding and improved public profile. It was thought that there would be no onerous demands put on the Council as a result of designation. The next meeting of the Woodland Management Group had been arranged for 9.30am on Wednesday 9th December 2009.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that an application for Local Nature Reserve designation be approved.

1575. TREE INSPECTION

It was reported that at the previous meeting of the Committee the lowering of Poplars at Coulmans had been authorised and that this had just been completed and also some essential maintenance work at the Cemetery was in progress.

As a result of a detailed tree survey of several Council properties the following work was required at Thorne Memorial Park:

- i. Urgent removal of a large sweet chestnut on West Street side which is dangerous.
- ii. Pruning of a number of other trees which are encroaching onto South Parade, the care home and the War Memorial and the removal of dead wood from a number of large trees.

Tenders had been obtained from three companies ranging between £2400 and £3300.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that expenditure on the lowest tender be approved (Public Health Act 1875).

1576. STREET CLEANING

As a result of concern about the frequency of certain street cleaning operations consideration was given to opening up discussions with Doncaster MBC, under the terms of the Joint Charter signed on 14th January 2009, for the delegation of responsibility for the cleaning of pavements etc. in Throne and Moorends to the Town Council (provided there was no additional cost to the Council).

RESOLVED: That exploratory discussions with the Neighbourhood Manager be commenced.

1577. PRIMARY SCHOOL S WINTER SPORTS SESSIONS

Consideration was given to a request from the Schools Sports Co-ordinator for continued financial support for free winter football coaching sessions, open to all junior schools in the area.

RESOLVED: That financial support be given (LGA 1972, S.145).

1578. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

Concern had been expressed by a small number of residents regarding the track running between the boundary of the Welfare Ground and the rear gardens of properties on Barnsley/Gainford Road, Moorends. On 2nd November a letter had been sent to all 28 residents requesting their views. Individual replies were received from five people plus a petition with 16 names on it.

One idea had been to move the existing boundary fence back to incorporate the track into the Welfare Ground but no respondent had supported this idea. Most wanted rubbish to be removed as necessary and a reasonable path maintained near the existing palisade fence. There was also support for a locked gate wide enough to allow vehicular access if required from the Park Road end.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To maintain the track essentially as it is but with improved maintenance to remove rubbish and keep a 2m strip adjacent to the palisade fence completely clear, spraying and cutting as necessary.**
- 2) To contact CISWO to see if the residents had the right to vehicular access.**

1579. FINANCIAL MATTERS - 2010-2011 Budgets

Consideration was given to a draft budget for 2010-11 based on the predicted out turn for 2009-10 with an increase on costs of 2%.

RESOLVED: That at the next meeting at which the budgets would be finally approved consideration would be given to a zero increase in precept or on of 1%. It was also agreed that the Clerk should continue to seek users for the Coulman Bungalow but if unsuccessful would come back to the Council with proposals for disposal.

End of meeting.