

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. P.Richardson (Chair)

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

1300. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. P.Best – commitment at the Academy

Cllr. A. Brookes – personal

Cllr. G.Garth – personal

Cllr. R.Redmile – personal

Cllr. R.Walker – commitment at the Academy

Cllr. M.Williams – personal.

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

1301. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Re: Proposed Bradholme Development

Personal interests: Cllr. C.Williams as a member of Doncaster MBC planning Committee. Cllr. C.Dallas as an acquaintance of the owner of fishing ponds adjacent to the site.

RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted.

1302. PROPOSED BRADHOLME EMPLOYMENT ZONE

Representatives of Developers addressed the Council and stated that there had been a number of changes in their proposals since the last meeting. In particular that there would now be two large sheds without the smaller units. There had been local consultation and the developer thought he had been in contact with all objectors individually but if any had not been contacted he invited them to get in touch with him. He also answered a number of questions from Councillors and the Chair allowed a number of questions and observation from members of the public who were present.

Particular concerns included:

- *Size of the development*
- *Potential drainage / flooding issues*
- *24 hour 7 day week working*
- *Pollution*
- *Traffic problems*

The residents asked for a public meeting to be held to discuss their concerns in detail and requested that technical personnel also be available. The developer agreed to this.

RESOLVED: That the developer and general public be thanked for attending and that the Council would assist the local action group and the developer to set up a public meeting.

1303. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1304. 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.

1305. 2008-09 BUDGETS

Councillors studied the budget report for 2008-09, which is based on the 2007-08 figures with an increase of 2.9% on costs and charges. Capital expenditure would be funded from the Capital reserve. It was noted that a sum of £15000 had been allowed for CCTV maintenance. If approved the budget would require a precept of £306405.

RESOLVED: That the budget be brought to full Council with a recommendation for approval of the precept required.

1306. STAFFING MATTERS

Consideration was given to risk assessments in respect of lifting and vibratory tools. This was prompted by the advice from the occupational health medical advisor relating to one member of our staff.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the member of staff concerned be written to as soon as possible to emphasise the importance of the advice from the medical advisor.**
- 2) That a manual handling course be held as soon as possible for all staff.**
- 3) That the staffing committee meet to review risk assessments and other related matters.**

End of meeting.