

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

Present: Cllr. M.Holt-Taylor (Chair)

Cllrs. Cllrs. P.Best, A. Brookes, C. Dallas, F.Dallas, J. Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1179. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem - work commitment.

Cllr. N. Walsh – personal.

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. J. Cresswell – personal interest in the staffing item as a family member works for the Council.

RESOLVED: That the declaration be accepted.

1181. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 27th February 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1182. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st March 2007, Vouchers 356 to 377.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved subject to the checking of Vouchers 356 (Moorends welfare Ground) and 377 (Winning Post).

1183. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council considered the accounts for month 10 of the current financial year. It was noted that though the cemetery income and expenditure were still well below budget, the number of interments appeared to have increased recently.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.

1184. 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.

1185. STAFF MEMBER E009.

(The staff member concerned left the room at this point).

Consideration was given to the request from staff member E009 dated 21st December 2006. This had been discussed at the last Council meeting when it had been resolved to seek legal advice and then bring the matter back to the Council. The Mayor had obtained confidential advice from the Councils solicitor and costings from South Yorkshire Pensions which were considered at the meeting together with a report summarising the financial savings that would be achieved over a five year period by offering a part time contract 20 hours per week (office based) at a salary of SCP39.

RESOLVED: That the flexible retirement package for staff no. E009 be approved commencing 1st June 2007, with a three month trial period, subject to the approval of independent external legal advice and pensions advice. Also that the salaries of staff nos. E003 and E004 be increased to SCP 23 on 1st June 2007.

1186. OVERTIME

The overtime report to 11th March 2007 was considered.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1187. LEGAL ACTION.

It was reported that no further information had been received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That a progress report be requested from the Councils solicitor.

End of meeting.