

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,  
THORNE ON TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2007.**

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

Cllrs. P.Best, C.Dallas, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson and R.Walker.

**1163. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. J.Cresswell - unwell

Cllr. F.Dallas - illness

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – Community Meeting, Moorends

Cllr. N. Walsh – personal

Cllr. C.Williams - Community Meeting, Moorends

Cllr. M.Williams - personal

**RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.**

**1164. RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR**

It was noted that Cllr. I.Edwards had resigned from the Council in February 2007.

**RESOLVED: That Cllr. Edwards be thanked for his contribution to the work of the Council and that the vacancy would be noted.**

**1165. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

i) Cllr. R.Walker – personal interest in the planning items as a member of Doncaster MBC planning committee.

ii) Cllr. P.Best – prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Summer Festival as Chair of that event.

**RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted and that Cllr. Best would leave the room for the Summer Festival item.**

**1166. DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

Councillors heard a presentation from the Manager, Air Traffic Services, regarding their proposals to changing the air space management arrangements at the airport, which was currently uncontrolled. By controlling the airspace small aircraft would have to check in with air traffic control but would not be otherwise restricted. He confirmed that the proposed changes would not mean that aircraft would fly any lower over Thorne and Moorends.

**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objection to the proposed changes.**

**1167. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007, pages 3722 to 3725.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.**

## **1168. PLANNING**

### **i) 06/1351/OUT**

*Outline application for erection of 2 bungalows on approx. 0.09ha of land to rear of 109 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr and Mrs K. Hall.*

**RESOLVED: That the development be welcomed.**

### **iv) 07/0311/FUL**

*Outline application for 6 detached dwellings on 0.29ha of land following demolition of existing dwelling (including details of siting, layout and means of access) at 113 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr and Mrs Finnegan.*

**RESOLVED: That the development be welcomed.**

## **1169. WYKE GATE ROAD RECREATION GROUND**

*To authorise the provision of a CCTV camera as an addition to the Thorne system to be funded at no cost to the Council.*

**RESOLVED: That the expenditure be approved.**

## **1170. THORNE SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Cllr. Best left the room for this item.

Consideration was given to a letter from the Vice-Chair requesting support for this year's event which would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

**RESOLVED: To give permission for the Park to be used. To give a grant of £2500, all Council expenses to be paid out of the grant.**

## **1171. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007, Vouchers 332 to 355.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved. Also that the arrangements for security alarms would be reviewed and a best value check carried out.**

## **1172. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councillors considered the Financial Report for Month 9 of the current financial year. It was noted that the cemetery income was well below budget due to a reduction in the number of interments but there was a corresponding decrease in costs.

**RESOLVED: That the financial reports be approved.**

## **1173. 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.**

#### **1174. STAFFING WORKING GROUP**

The Clerk left the room for part of this item.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the staffing working group, which met on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) That an honorarium of £1500 be paid to the CCTV operator on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and that the Council's thanks for his work be passed on.**
- ii) That legal advice be sought in respect of an early retirement request, which would be brought back to the Council as soon as possible.**

#### **1175. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

At the planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 it was resolved "that the best value tender be accepted (subject to enquiries regarding estimated items) and subject to securing the budget shortfall". However one contractor had failed to provide information to firm up his price from an estimate to a quotation.

£31,000 for funding has already been secured from YRCC:

Roof	£15000
Floor stabilisation	£3000
DPC	£8000
Windows	£5000

This funding had to be matched with £20539 of the Town Council's funds, which would come from the capital reserve.

**RESOLVED: That to minimise financial risk the following parts of the contract should be awarded to J. O'Neil and Sons:**

<b>Clean stonework</b>	<b>£1478</b>
<b>Rendering</b>	<b>£24799</b>
<b>Roof</b>	<b>£21249.52</b>
<b>Floor stabilisation</b>	<b>£1089</b>
<b>DPC</b>	<b>£9940</b>
<b>Windows</b>	<b>£4722</b>

**This being subject to YRCC approval to reprofile the spends. The funding split would be:**

<b>YRCC</b>	<b>37000.52</b>
<b>TMTC</b>	<b>26277.00</b>

**The TMTC contribution would come from the Capital Fund.**

#### **1176. GRASSCUTTING**

Tenders had been sent out to four contractors and three had been returned, these being from:

Benchmark Grounds Maintenance Ltd.  
Doncaster MBC  
LCD Ltd.

**RESOLVED: That the tender from Benchmark be accepted for cutting Coulman Recreation Ground, Wyke Gate Road Recreation Ground and the Toll Bar Ground.**

**1177. OVERTIME**

The overtime summary report to 25<sup>th</sup> March was considered.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved.**

**1178. LEGAL ACTION**

It was noted that a letter had been received from the Court indicating that the hearing would take place between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

End of meeting.