

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2011 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. B. M. Chowings (Chair)

Cllrs. J.Blackham, R.S.Durant, S.J.Durant, A.Farrand, B.Hedley, M.Houlbrook, K.Redmile, R.Walker, M.Williams and A.Wilson.

There were 8 members of the public present.

1828. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. K. Abell – personal

Cllr. A. Brookes – Holiday

Cllr. G. Derx - Work commitment

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1829. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: That the declaration be noted.

1830. MINUTES

1830.1 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th April, 2011, pages 3917 – 3919.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1830.2 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 17th May 2011, pages 3920 to 3922.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1830.3 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 21st June 2011, pages 3926 – 3927.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1831. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1831.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 14th June 2011. Pages 3923 to 3925.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1831.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 17th July 2011. Pages 3928 to 3931.

Regarding item 1819, page 3929 - the Policy of Hiring Rooms, Cllr. Williams asked why other members had not declared an interest in this item as they were involved in the management of a community building not owned by the Council. Cllr. Williams was advised that this item referred to the hiring of the rooms by political parties.

RESOLVED: That that the report be approved.

1832. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

i) Cllr. R. Walker reported that a number of residents from Fieldside had approached him expressing their concerns over the category of tenants being allocated accommodation in Thorne by St. Ledger Homes.

Cllr. Williams questioned whether Cllr. Walker should be raising this issue stating that members of public should attend the meeting to raise their concerns. It was agreed that the issue be discussed on this occasion but in future unless the item is put on the agenda members of the public should be present.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to St. Ledger Homes to request information on their Letting and Enforcement policies.

ii) Mr John Sprakes, an allotment holder from Thorne, asked if rumours that the Council planned to take over the allotments within the next two years for the Cemetery were true.

Cllr. B.M. Chowings replied that this issue had not been discussed by the Council and there were no plans to take over the allotments at present.

iii) Members of the public present raised the issue over the proposed skatepark for Moorends Welfare Ground and it was agreed that agenda item 9 would be discussed at this point.

A photocopied petition was handed in at this point.

Cllr. Hedley informed the Council that she had been in discussion with Doncaster MBC regarding the building of a skatepark in Moorends but needed confirmation from the Thorne-Moorends Town Council that it could be located at the Welfare Ground.

After debating the issue it was proposed that the Council "be in favour of a skatepark in Moorends on principal". It was agreed that a vote would be taken on the addition of the words "in principal" to this resolution. The result of the vote was 8 for the motion and 3 against the motion.

RESOLVED: That the Council is in favour of a skatepark in Moorends in principal and that Cllr. Hedley be authorised to go ahead with her discussions.

1833. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1833.1 11/01965/FUL

Conversion of existing store/barn to form a two storey residential annexe at 93 Ellison Street, Thorne for WPS Developments.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1833.2 11/02155/FULFT

Erection of boundary wall and double gates (1.5m high overall) to side/rear of detached bungalow, following demolition of existing wall at 2 Laburnum Avenue, Moorends for Mr C. Littlefield.

RESOLVED: No objections.

1833.3 11/02166/FULFT

Erection of conservatory to rear of detached bungalow at 73 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr and Mrs Tyson.

RESOLVED: No objections.

1833.4 11/0286/FUL

Erection of detached garage to rear and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation at 2 St Nicholas Road, Thorne for Mrs Wall.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1833.4 11/02220/CAC

1834. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st July 2011, Vouchers 81 to 97 and 31st August 2011, Vouchers 98 to 118.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

1835. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 3 of the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1836. PACT STEERING GROUP

Consideration was given to the invitation for Council delegates to attend the above group.

RESOLVED: That attendance to the above group be open to any member to attend.

1837. EAST DONCASTER BUSINESS FORUM

An invitation to attend a meeting of the above group was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the next meeting and report back to the Council.

1838. THORNE CEMETERY

Cllr. R. Walker declared an interest in this item.

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report regarding the Cemetery which recommended that the Cemetery vehicle gates be permanently closed except for use by Council maintenance staff and for funerals.

Cllrs. K.Redmile and M.Williams said that they were concerned about access to the cemetery from emergency vehicles and would object to the proposal until the access issue is resolved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's report be endorsed in principal, but checks would be made to ensure that the Council were DDA compliant and investigations would be made into alternative parking locations.

1839. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk's report regarding arrangements for this year's Christmas Lighting in Thorne and Moorends was discussed.

It was suggested that a small sub-group be established to further the procurement of Christmas lighting. Nominations for the sub-committee were invited.

RESOLVED: That the sub-group consist of the following: Cllrs. B.M.Chowings, R.Durant, J.Blackham, M.Houlbrook and the Clerk. The first meeting to be held in early September.

1840. CIRCUS OF THE ORIENT

A request had been received from Circus of the Orient to hold their show on one of the Council's grounds from 8th to 12th September 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Circus of the Orient be offered Moorends Welfare Ground as their venue.

1841. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report on administration requirements was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's recommendations be agreed and that the following be authorised:

- **The Clerk's weekly hours to be increased to 21.5 per week.**
- **SLLC Membership subscription of £79.**
- **CiLCA registration of the Town Clerk at a cost of £150.**

Further that the following office expenditure be approved up to a total of £1100.

1842. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to implementation of Standing Order 58 (exclusion of press and public) in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be invoked.

1843. LAND TO THE REAR OF KING STREET AND CHURCH STREET, THORNE

Cllr. B.Hedley declared a conflict of interest in the item on the land to the rear of 4-6 King Street and left the room.

The Clerk's report on the Land adjacent to Peel Hill was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the proposed appointment agreed by minute 1766.2 be withdrawn until further investigations are carried out by the Clerk.

At this point Cllrs. K.Redmile, M.Williams and A.Wilson left the room.

The Clerk's and District Valuer's report on the land to the rear of 4-6 King Street was discussed, along with an offer received from an interested party which was below the market value.

RESOLVED: That the interested party be advised that the Council do not wish to dispose of the land at this point.

End of meeting.