

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Hedley (Chair)

Cllrs. K.M. Abell, J.Blackham, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, R.Durant, S.Durant, A.Farrand, M.Houlbrook, R.Walker and A.Wilson.

There were two members of the public present.

**1794. APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. G. Derx – work commitments

Cllr. M. Williams – personal

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.**

**1795. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**1796. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

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

**1797. PLANNING**

Consideration was given to a letter from Doncaster MBC dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 which stated that Tween Bridge Wind Farm had applied for a change in Condition 24 of the application 04/0314/P (turbines shall not be used for power generation at wind speeds 4m/sec at a height of 10 metres). It was noted that a different type of turbine was now being used and that some windspeed limits had been raised to 7m/sec.

It was reported that the application had been granted on the advice of the Environmental Team at Doncaster MBC.

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

**1798. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions.

**1799. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK**

**1799.1 Pond** – it was reported that the low water level was primarily due to a loss of feed from the canal due to a collapsed pipe on West Street. The Council was going to engage a contractor as soon as possible to repair the pipe. In the

meantime the Mayor had arranged for the Fire Brigade to pump water into the pond when they had time to do so.

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

**1799.2 Gates** – it was reported that the main gate and Park View gates are locked at dusk but other gates were left open. Consideration was given to the problem of youths congregating in the park at night. It was thought that more legitimate use of the park as a throughfare in the evening might decrease antisocial activity.

**Resolved: That for a trial period of three months all pedestrian gates would be left open and that the police be informed and notices put up.**

## **1800. PEEL HILL MOTTE PROJECT**

It was reported that the project, recently funded by Section 106 money, was partially completed the boundary fence having been funded in May. Other works still to be done included shrub and tree clearance and the provision of seating etc.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to progress the project with the Clerk.**

## **1801. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **1801.1 Accounts Payable**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011, Vouchers 1 to 41.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved. It was further resolved that two Councillors would meet with the Clerk to try to make the accounts more "user friendly".**

### **1801.2 Financial Report**

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 12 of the previous year and month 1 of the current financial year. It was noted that in the previous year the overall income and expenditure were within the budget which had allowed the reserves to increase to a more satisfactory level. Income and expenditure for month 1 was also within budget.

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

### **1801.3 Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Consideration was given to the Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

**Resolved: That the annual accounts be approved for signature by the Mayor and that Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return be approved for signature by the Clerk and the Chair of the meeting.**

**1801.4 Bank signatories**

**Resolved:** That the following members be signatories to the Council's bank accounts:

- 1) Cllr. J. Blackham
- 2) Cllr. M. Houlbrook
- 3) Cllr. S. Durant
- 4) Cllr. M. Chowings

**1802. STANDING ORDER 58**

Consideration was given to Standing Order 58 in view of the possible confidential nature of the business about to be transacted but it was not invoked in the interest of openness.

**1803. KING STREET LAND**

Councillors were updated on the sale of King Street land.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council would continue to investigate the options.

**1804. CLERKS APPOINTMENT**

Councillors were briefed as to the result of the recruiting process.

**RESOLVED:** That a special meeting be held in one weeks time.

**End of meeting.**