

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. K.Redmile (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, P.Richardson, A.Want, J.Walker, R.Walker and A.Wilson.

1746. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. P. Best – personal

Cllr. C. Williams – personal

Cllr. M. Williams – personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1747. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

1748. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1749. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st January 2011, Vouchers 273 to 292.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved subject to clarification of Voucher 284.

In addition alternative quotations would be sought for the planting of summer and winter bedding in the park, including an advertisement in the local paper.

1750. QUALITY COUNCIL SCHEME

Councillors considered a report detailing the insertion of additional information that would be required for resubmission:

1. Statement re: Clerks terms and conditions and staff contracts to be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk.
2. Training Statement of intent.
3. Democracy and Citizenship Test statement.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and also the drafts of 1, 2 and 3 above.

1751. CHANGE IN THE PLANNING CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

It was reported that Doncaster MBC were proposing to go over to electronic consultation by March 2012. In the meantime in order to familiarise itself with this system the Town Council would check the planning portal regularly and draw all relevant planning applications to the attention of the Chair and Vice Chair. If documents were required they would either be run off in the office or obtained from DMBC. The current planning portal, which was to be upgraded in the summer, enabled anybody to check all planning applications and the Public Access User Guide was provided to all Councillors. Concern was expressed that it appeared that paper copies would not be available at public libraries.

RESOLVED: That the Council would adopt the new procedure on a trial basis but that Doncaster MBC should provide paper copies in libraries and should not charge for providing large plans that the Council did not have the equipment to produce. Also that training for Councillors be requested.

1752. MOORENDS WELFARE PAVILION

It was reported that on Wednesday and Thursday of the previous week the pavilion had been broken into and a large amount of plumbing and electrical equipment stolen. The matter was in the hands of the Council's insurers but in the meantime the Clerk had taken emergency action to get the electricity supply re-established and water to toilets etc. to allow clubs to continue with matches.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted. Councillors deplored the fact that DMBC had been unable to replace the camera on Grange Road for some 9 months and regretted the fact that the police had not been present at the meeting as planned.

1753. MUSIC EVENT

An application had been made by Fake Festivals to hold an event on Coulman Recreation Ground on 27th August 2011. It was noted that the organisation would provide all resources necessary, including security, to ensure it went smoothly.

RESOLVED: That the event be approved in principle, subject to the Council being satisfied that no damage to the drainage system would occur and that no public parking would take place on the field. Also the Council would need to be suitably indemnified against any damage.

1754. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 9 of the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1755. 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.

1756. GRASSCUTTING

Consideration was given to three tenders.

RESOLVED: That subject to satisfactory references the tender from Undercut be accepted.

1757. POLICE

Councillors regretted the fact that the Police had again not attended the meeting.

RESOLVED: To write to the Police saying:

- 1) The Council are disappointed to see that after being invited for a third time to the Council meeting the police have failed to appear.**
- 2) Both the public and the Council feel let down by the quality of policing in both Thorne and Moorends at this present moment in time.**
- 3) That a representative of the police again be invited to the next meeting (8th March 2011)**
- 4) That the Clerk contact DMBC to object to the proposed additional itinerants sites in the area.**

End of meeting.