

**REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Walker (Vice Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, A.Want, M.Williams and A.Wilson.

**1698. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. C.Williams – personal.

**RESOLVED: That all the apology be accepted.**

**1699. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. J.Walker declared a personal interest in planning item 3 as the applicant was a relative.

**RESOLVED: That this declarations be noted.**

**1700. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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

**1701. PLANNING APPLICATION**

**1701.1 10/02677/FUL**

Proposed redevelopment of site to provide five residential units on approx. 0.086 ha of land including conversion of existing residential property into two residential units and three new units to rear (being resubmission of application 09/02261/FUL withdrawn 13/11/09) at 42-44 King Street, Thorne for South Yorkshire Building Preservation Trust.

A motion was proposed and seconded that there be no objection to the application but that concern be expressed regarding access and viability. A recorded vote was requested and a vote taken.

**For**

Cllr. J.Walker  
Cllr. M.Williams  
Cllr. A.Wilson  
Cllr. A.Brookes  
Cllr. A.Want  
Cllr. P.Richardson  
Cllr. C.Dallas  
Cllr. D.Barton  
Cllr. K.Redmile

**Against**

Cllr. P.Best

**Abstentions**

Cllr. M.Chowings

**RESOLVED: No objection but that concern be expressed regarding access and visibility.**

**1701.2 10/02678/CAC**

Conservation Area Consent for demolition of outbuildings to rear of 42-44 King Street in connection with proposed development of site to provide five residential units on approximately 0.086 ha of land including conversion of existing residential property into two residential units and three new units to rear (being resubmission of application 09/02264/CAC withdrawn 13/11/09) for South Yorkshire Building Preservation Trust.

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

**1701.3 10/02405/FUL**

Erection of 1 no. detached house and double garage on approximately 0.07 ha of land (being substitution of house type previously granted under 09/02005/REM on 13.11.2009) at 34 Ellison Street, Thorne for Mr N. Walker.

**RESOLVED: No observations.**

**1702. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND**

It was reported that discussions had taken place with the Moorends Amateur Rugby League Club who had highlighted a number of issues requiring attention including mole treatment, clearance of branches around the floodlights and repairs to the boundary fence to the pitch.

**RESOLVED: That the Council pay £450 towards the work carried out.**

**1703. TOLL BAR GROUND**

It was reported that discussions had taken place with representatives of the teams using the ground. It was noted that the only facility at the site was a storage container for the goal posts which was also used as a rudimentary changing room. The Council was aware that in any event the goal posts needed to be replaced.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To replace the goal posts at the ground with Aluminium ones, these to be the responsibility of the clubs.**
- 2) To provide a 23ft x 9ft secure cabin on the site.**
- 3) To grant free use for the disabled team given that they did not require their own pitch for games and training. It was noted that the disabled team were offered facilities at Wyke Gate Road that could be more suitable for their needs but they had declined this.**

**1704. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK**

It was reported that a request had been made to the DMBC Neighbourhood Manager to draw down the £50k of Section 106 money that had been allocated to the project enclosing quotation from Record which had been approved by the Council. DMBC had requested comparative quotes and those submitted by Wicksteed, SMP and Sovereign were considered at the meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the proposal from Record represented best value.**

**1705. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Vouchers 156 to 182. It was noted that two control room alarm resets on the same day from the last set of vouchers still needed to be checked and also the energy bills.

**RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.**

**1706. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Consideration was given to the financial report for Months 4 and 5 of the current financial year. It was noted that overall income and expenditure were within budget.

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

**1707. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010**

Consideration was given to the report dated 23/9/10 from the external auditor. It was noted that the auditor had made a number of comments and recommendation which were being auctioned in conjunction with the internal auditor.

**RESOLVED: That the external auditors report be accepted and implemented as soon as possible.**

**1708. INTERNAL AUDIT PROCEDURE**

Consideration was given to the report on the effectiveness of the internal audit

procedure dated 30/9/10.

**3900**

**RESOLVED: That the report be accepted and implemented.**

#### **1709. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Consideration was given to the risk assessment document dated 30/9/10. It was noted that a financial risk assessment (FR18) had been carried out on teenage parties at Council premises subject to the report.

**RESOLVED: That the risk assessment report be accepted and implemented and that FR18 be approved.**

#### **1710. ATTENDANCE BY DMBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 from Doncaster MBC Standards Committee offering to attend a Council meeting and provide advice on the conduct of meetings etc.

**RESOLVED: That the Council did not wish to ask the Standards Board to attend but they were welcome to do so at any time.**

#### **1711. STANDING ORDER 58**

Consideration was given to the implementation of Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

**RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be implemented and that the press and public be asked to leave.**

#### **1712. STAFFING AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP**

Consideration was given to the notes of the meeting of the above group on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that a post of grass cutter for the Cemetery would be advertised in February for a start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, subject to budget availability.**

#### **1713. INTERNAL AUDIT**

It was reported that the internal auditor visited on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010. He was given a copy of the external auditors report and also carried out an internal audit of income and expenditure. His conclusion was that the strict financial controls currently in place are adequate to achieve an increase in reserves by the year end but that energy costs for community buildings should be investigated.

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

**End of meeting.**