

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2005, AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr. R. Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, I.Edwards, V.Fellowes, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland,
M.Oldknow, P.Richardson, N.Walsh, C.Williams and M.Williams.

677. APOLOGIES

None.

678. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

679. ADDITIONAL ITEMS – MAYOR’S ADDRESS

679.1 The Mayor reported that Kevin Hughes MP was standing down at the next election due to ill health and expressed his sadness at the news.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the MP expressing the Council’s best wishes and thanks for his years of service as the local MP.

679.2 The Mayor congratulated Cllr.M.Oldknow on his recent award of the Queens Fire Service Medal.

680. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the signing the minutes of the Council meeting of Tuesday 25th January 2005, pages 3495 and 3497.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

681. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

681.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities & Leisure – 1st February 2005.
Pages 3501 – 3502.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

681.2 Policy, Development, Finance & Staffing – 8th February 2005
Pages 3503 – 3504.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

682. FINANCIAL MATTERS

682.1 Accounts Payable

Consideration was given to the Accounts Payable to 28th February 2005, Vouchers 348 to 379.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

682.2 Financial Report

Consideration was given to the financial report for month 9 of the current financial year. It was noted that capital expenditure was being vired from reserves and loan charges from the contingency item. Expenditure on amenity buildings such as the Welfare Pavilion was giving cause for concern.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

683 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 and the press and public be asked to leave.

684. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the monthly overtime summary reports.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

685. SECURITY

Consideration was given to the monthly security summary reports.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and that the Council's Security Contractor be invited to give a report at the next meeting.

686. COMPLAINTS BY THORNE-HATFIELD MOORS CONSERVATION FORUM AND MR J. WALKER

- .1 Following investigation of the complaints by the Council subcommittee, letters had been sent to the complainants on 16th February 2005 indicating that none of the complaints had been upheld.

RESOLVED: That the Council endorses the findings of the sub-committee and considers the matter closed.

- .2 The Council considered whether it wished to take any further action in respect of the letters from Thorne-Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum dated 22nd August 2004 and Mr J. Walker dated 8th September 2004.

RESOLVED: That since the matters raised were essentially legal issues relating to the ownership and access on the moors, the council did not wish to use rate payers money in getting legal opinions, these being a matter for the Highway Authority.

- .3 As a result of the investigation of the complaints the Council withed to consider making certain amendments to its administration procedures.

RESOLVED: That proposals be put before the Council to revise procedures for:

- **Maintenance of a post book.**
- **Revision of the complaints procedures.**
- **Declarations of interest.**

.1 Consideration was given to the nomination of a delegate to Thorne-Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum.

RESOLVED: That the Council be represented on Thorne-Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum by Cllr. R.Walker.

End of meeting.