

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2004 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. R. Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. A.Brookes, M.R. Holt-Taylor, R.Lees, D.Martin, M.Oldknow, N.Walsh.

Also in attendance: Cllrs. P.Best, V.Fellowes and J.Martland.

412. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Committee members:

Cllr. C. Williams - Personal reasons.

Cllr. M. Williams - Personal reasons.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

413. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Walker declared a possible prejudicial interest in item relating to Cemetery charges.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Walker would leave the room if and when any changes in burial charges were being discussed.

414. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th February 2004.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

415. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 04/0637/P/FUL

Change of use from sales shops to two self contained residential flats 4-6 South Parade, Thorne for J. Boulter.

RESOLVED: No objections subject to any works being consistent with the location of the building in a conservation area and improvement to the boundary wall for the same reason.

ii) 04/0646/P/FUL

Construction of pedestrian swing bridge – Stainforth & Keadby Canal, adjacent A614 Flyover, South Parade, Thorne for Thorne & Moorends Regeneration Project.

RESOLVED: No objections.

416. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given the addition to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 29th February 2004, Vouchers 409 to 415 and Accounts Payable to 31st March 2004, Vouchers 416 to 438.

It was noted that the Council would seek recovery of any extra costs arising from the overrun on the completion of the Market Place from the contractor under the terms of the contract. It was also noted that a best value exercise would be carried out for telephone charges.

RESOLVED: That the subject to these points the Accounts Payable be approved.

417. REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR 2004-05

The following charges were reviewed for:

- Cemetery
- Market
- Community Halls
- Sports Pitches
- Reduced charges list

The Chair read out a proposed resolution from the Leader of the Council:

“All the documentation before you is for information purposes only, they can be revised as and when necessary, but there are no plans to increase any charges at the present time.”

RESOLVED: That the resolution be approved.

418. ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

It was proposed that the Annual Electors Meeting should be held earlier this year so as to be clear of the local elections.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Electors Meeting be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 22nd April 2004 in the Assembly Rooms, Thorne.

419. FARMERS MARKET

It was noted that on 26th August 2003 the Council had approved an in-kind contribution of £3360 to the Market Towns Initiative to provide free use of the Market Place one day per month for the first year.

It was noted that the Farmers Market was not actually a Council project but was being run under the auspices of a Committee to be chaired by the Mayor with four other Town Councillors and five representatives of other organisations. Funding had been obtained to run the farmers market for one year and the funds generated during this year would be kept in a separate account supervised by the Committee and used to fund subsequent years publicity etc. and the Council would receive income from the project in subsequent years.

The Farmers Market would operate on the first Sunday every month commencing in April or May. At least 20 stallholders had shown an interest in coming and many local businesses and shops were in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Council nominate, in addition to the Mayor, Councillors P.Best, V.Fellowes, M.Holt-Taylor and J.Martland to serve on the Farmers Market Committee.

420. TRAVIS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

A request had been received for a Council nomination to the above body.

RESOLVED: That Mayor Cllr. R. Walker be nominated.

End of meeting