

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, G.Garth, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.Walker, A.Want and M.Williams.

**1340. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. P.Best – Academy meeting

Cllr. A.Brookes – personal

Cllr. R.Walker – Academy meeting

**RESOLVED: That all the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.**

**1341. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem declared a possible prejudicial interest in the land offer item as a local landowner.

Cllr. M.Green declared a possible prejudicial interest in the Bradholme item as a member of the opposition group and stated that he would not speak or vote on this item.

Cllr. C.Williams declared a personal interest on the planning item as a member of the DMBC planning committee and stated that she would hand over to the deputy chair for the planning item.

Cllrs. C.Williams and M.Williams declared a personal interest in the DMBC Consultation as members of the Authority.

Cllr. J.Walker declared a personal interest in the Coulman item as a member of Thornensians Rugby Club.

**RESOLVED: That these declarations be noted and that Cllr. Taylor-Hatem would leave the room for the item she had declared a prejudicial interest.**

**1342. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public raised the issue about the lack of police presence when needed. He referred particularly to youth nuisance in the Town Centre/South Parade area.

The police assured him that they were making every effort to sort out the problems, see below.

**1343. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS**

The Inspector responsible for community policing sent his apologies and his Sergeant spoke as follows:

Section 30 powers were being implemented from 12th May to 12th November to enable the police to disperse persons causing a nuisance, including young persons, in Thorne Town Centre. Councillors made the point that it was not just the town centre where there were problems, what about the Thorne estates and Moorends?

Councillors were generally supportive of the proposals and hoped that it would be complemented by a ban on drinking in public places.

**RESOLVED: That the officer be thanked for his attendance.**

#### **1344. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

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

#### **1345. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Consideration was given to approval of the following reports:

##### **1345.1. Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**

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

##### **1345.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing –19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

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

#### **1346. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Vouchers 337 to 382.

**RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.**

#### **1347. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Vice-Chair took the chair for this item.

##### **i) 08/00359/FULM**

Erection of strategic distribution centre (Class B8) with ancillary offices (Class B1), car parking, highway infrastructure, vehicle maintenance unit, vehicle wash and fuelling, drainage infrastructure including 2 no balancing ponds and landscaping at Bradnolme Farm, Scunthorpe Road, Thorne, Doncaster for PPG Land Ltd. and The Warmfield Group.

It was noted that representatives of the developer had met the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and that the full planning application had been made available to Councillors.

**Resolved: Whilst Thorne-Moorends Town Council supports the creation of employment opportunities in the area, it has particular objections as follows:**

- 1. The site is in the Countryside Policy Area. There are three industrial sites in Thorne and Moorends which are not yet fully developed, therefore these sites should be fully developed before any Countryside sites are considered for development.**
- 2. Flooding. The site is prone to flooding, and drainage of 200 acres will lead to residential properties having an increased level of flood risk.**
- 3. Transport. J5 of the M18 is a traffic black spot at peak times and the A18 is a safety black spot, therefore an industrial site of this size, with the amount of traffic movement proposed, presents an unacceptable safety hazard.**
- 4. The height of the proposed development is unacceptable at this location.**

**The Council would recommend that the development of this site should not be considered until the FARRS link is constructed and the Council thinks that the existing sites should be looked at as a viable alternative so that Thorne only has the visual impact of an industrial site where development has already started.**

#### **ii) 08/00176/FUL**

Formation of new shop unity (class A1) by infilling archway between two other shop units at 27 King Street, Thorne for Mr M.Cooper.

**RESOLVED: Observation: That no historic features are to be removed or destroyed.**

#### **1348. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councillors heard a financial report for months 8 to 10 of the current financial year when it was reported that overall income and expenditure were on budget with the exception of market income which was down (reflecting a national trend) and parks and sports fields income (which was up due to improved maintenance). Both these items could be covered by the contingency reserve.

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

#### **1349. DONCASTER MBC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CONSULTATION**

It was **RESOLVED: That the Council support the Geodiversity Action Plan and the Biodiversity Mitigation and Compensation Planning Document with**

**the proviso that any development should add to biodiversity wherever possible, not just maintain it.**

### **1350. STANDING ORDER 58**

Consideration was given to invoking Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

**RESOLVED: That the implementation of Standing Order 58 be invoked to allow Councillors to consider confidential matters.**

### **1351. COULMAN PROJECT**

It was reported that the tenders for pitch drainage and pavilion construction works were received on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Whilst the best value tender for pitch drainage was clear-cut, the Architect was still evaluating the tenders for the pavilion. In addition there was the possibility of Section 106 money to go towards the project but the officer at DMBC dealing with this was off until 25<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**(At this point Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem left the room)**

### **1352. SALE OF LAND**

An offer had been received from a developer in respect of the land in Thorne Town Centre. The district valuer had reported that he was of the opinion that the offer was not unreasonable.

**RESOLVED: That the Council agree in principle to the sale, subject to the resolution of certain details in conjunction with the Council's solicitors.**

End of meeting.