

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. D.W. Barton, P.Best, B.M. Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, P.Richardson, J.P.Walker and A.Want.

1353. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. A.Brookes – personal.

Cllr. G.Garth – personal.

Cllr. K.Redmile – personal.

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – work commitments.

Cllr. R.Walker – work commitments.

Cllr. M.Williams – personal.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1354. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Cllr. P.Best – prejudicial interest in the Summer Festival item as Chair of the Summer Festival – Councillor would leave the room for the vote.

Cllr. J.Walker – personal interest in the Coulman recreation ground project as a member of Thornensians Rugby Club.

Cllr. C Williams – personal interest in all planning items as a member of DMBC planning committee (Chair to be relinquished for this item).

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted and that the Chair of Policy, Cllr. P. Richardson take all planning items.

1355. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

At this point Cllr. Best left the meeting.

1356. SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Council had received a request from the Summer Festival Committee to use Thorne Park for the event on 26th/27th July 2008 and for financial assistance. Councillors wished to continue to support the event and

RESOLVED:

- 1) To allow free use of the Park.
- 2) To make a grant of £2500.
- 3) To ask the Council workforce to provide assistance as required, the costs being reimbursed to the Council.

Cllr. Best now returned to the meeting.

1357. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Chaired by Cllr. P.Richardson

i) 08/00432/FUL

Erection of equipment store extension (12.43m x 3.09m overall) and formation of covered area (3.09m x 2.43m) to side, and retention of siting of steel storage container (6.0m x 2.4m) at the rear of 24 West Road, Moorends for Mrs A. Farrand.

RESOLVED: Object to the steel storage container on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the area.

ii) 08/00547/TCON

Notice to remove 22 Elm, 13 Sycamore, 5 Norway Maple, 3 Yew, 3 Holly, 1 Goat Willow, 1 Sorbus and 1 Lawson Cypress from the areas marked A1 – A4 on the submitted plan (being substituted within the Thorne Conservation Area) at Thorne House, St. Nicholas Road, Thorne for Mr P. Wales.

RESOLVED: Object to the removal of any trees other than those proved to be diseased or dangerous.

1358. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 31st March 2008, Vouchers 383 to 413.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1359. THORNE CEMETERY

On 27th February the Council had received a request for a child's headstone. The Clerk had expressed reservations for the following reasons:

- Inappropriate colouring.
- Lettering on the back.
- Grave located amongst traditional graves where its character may be deemed to be inappropriate.

RESOLVED: That the request be approved as a one-off only provided there was no coloured lettering on the back. The Council also agreed to set aside an area for children's burials where "novel" headstones would be appropriate.

1360. PEEL HILL MOTTE

Councillors heard that funding of £18574.00 has been obtained from the Rural Target Fund for the next phase of the restoration of Peel Hill Motte comprising:

- Design and production of historic interpretation panels and a new leaflet.
- Provision of new seating, bins etc.
- Community archaeology project.
- Provision of higher fencing and gates (to be funded by the Council).

A meeting had been held with English Heritage, the main points being:

- EH suggested that rather than proceeding with the interpretation panels and leaflet straight away to be followed by the Community archaeology project, the project should go ahead first and the results be incorporated into the panels and leaflet. Discussions are being held with appropriate contractors.
- EH approved the proposed design of the fence where the existing low steel panels would be replaced by ones matching those on the new housing development on the opposite side of St. Nicholas Road to a height of 1.85 metres above ground level. They also suggested that the St Nicholas Road entrance be blocked up.

RESOLVED: That the report and actions be approved and that tenders be obtained for replacing the steel panels with higher ones between higher brick columns and blocking up one entrance.

1361. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

It was reported that, following a request from one of the users, all clubs had been invited to meet the Council and representatives of the cricketers, bowlers and footballers (seniors) had done so, the main points discussed being:

- 1) the project for the rebuilding of the pavilion would need to be developed as a partnership between the clubs, the Council and the promoters of the windfarm who had agreed to support it at an early stage in the planning process.
- 2) The Cricketers wished to enter into a self-help agreement with the Council.
- 3) Regular meetings of the group would be held.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1362. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that the following works had been carried out:

- External rendering removed and preparation for new rendering completed.
- Damp affected internal plaster removed and replaced and DPC installed.
- Floor stabilisation works completed.
- Electrical work completed.
- Toilets refurbished.

- New windows installed.
- New roof build up, felted and lathed.

Tiling and rendering should be substantially completed by 4th April 2008 after which the remaining work should be completed by the end of April.

A price had been obtained from the contractor for internal redecoration if the Council did not wish to do this work "in-house".

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be approved.**
- 2) That the Council would get the decorating work done by a contractor and that comparative prices would be obtained, the contract being let to the firm providing best value.**

1363. STANDING ORDERS

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.

1364. COULMAN RECREATION GROUND PROJECT

Councillors considered the tender summary for ground treatment works carried out by J. Lambert of Land Drainage Consultancy on 4/3/08 which stated that the tender submitted by Aldersons of Worsall represented best value. It was noted that the FA had also approved the bid.

RESOLVED: That the tender submitted by Aldersons of Worsall be let in the sum of £65326.20.

1365. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the overtime to 29th February 2008.

RESOLVED: That the overtime report be approved.

End of meeting