

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. P.Richardson (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, K.Redmile, J.P.Walker, A.Want, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1495. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. P. Best – Medical Reasons
Cllr. G. Garth – Work commitment
Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem – Work commitment
Cllr. R. Walker – Work commitment

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

1496. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Cllr. D.Barton – personal interest in the planning items due to family connections.
Cllr. J.Walker – possible personal interest in the Coulman project as a member of the Rugby Club.
Cllr. C Williams – personal interest in all the planning items as a member of DMBC planning committee.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted.

1497. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th December 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1499. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 09/00198/FUL

Erection of replacement paladin perimeter fencing on top of existing wall (3.0m high overall) and new entrance gates at Howarth Timber (Thorne) Ltd., South Parade, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No objections.

ii) 09/00469/ADV

Display of 2 non-illuminated fascia signs (3.5m x 0.5m) and 2 non-illuminated post mounted signs (2.4m x 0.9m x 3.0m high overall) at Howarth Timber (Thorne) Ltd., South Parade, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No objections.

1500. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 28th February 2009, Vouchers 367 to 394 and 31st March 2009, Vouchers 395 to 413.

Cllrs. required clarification as to who the boots under Voucher 412 were issued to. Councillors also requested the Clerk to produce a report for the next meeting regarding the probable operating costs if another vehicle were to be purchased.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1501. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION – SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH

The Council considered making nominations to the South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

RESOLVED: That the following nominations be submitted:

Chairman of the Board	Cllr. M.Williams
Vice-Chairperson of the Board	Cllr. C.Williams
JEC representative	Cllr. M.Williams

1502. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND GATEWAY PROJECT

It was reported that in 2007 a project was developed to enhance the entrance area of the Moorends Welfare Ground, a major element of which was to mount a commemorative pit wheel and improve part of the car park. A funding application was submitted to the Rural Target Fund but this was rejected.

Councillors wished to develop this project to include a plaque to commemorate those who had died during the operation of the pit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to prepare costings of the work that would be involved for consideration at a future meeting.

1503. COULMAN RECREATION GROUND PROJECT

It was reported that the ground improvement works started on 1st April 2008 and were completed on 23rd May 2008. Following an excellent growing season last summer it was possible to start playing on the new pitches at the start of the 2008-

09 season. It was always envisaged that some additional drainage works might be required and sand mastering was currently being carried out.

The building work started on 16th June 2008 and the New Coulman Pavilion was opened on 31st January 2009. As well as being used by Moorends Hornets and Stingers JFC, the building was being used on two nights a week by the Thorne Group for Mentally Handicapped People. The Council is actively seeking more users for the facilities, which are open to everybody to hire.

It was also stated that DMBC wished to allocate a sum of S106 money to the project to enable the loan to be partially paid off but that this had been delayed as a result of issues raised at a meeting with Councillors.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and that an issue of the newsletter be prepared featuring the project in order to attract more users. It was also stated that the minutes of the DMBC meeting where the S106 money was discussed be requested.

1504 FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for months 9 to 11 of the last financial year. It was noted that the income and expenditure were essentially on budget.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.

1505. 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 to allow Councillors to consider confidential matters.

1506. STAFFING MATTERS

It was noted that Staff No. C010 had passed his tractor test.

RESOLVED: That a letter of congratulations be sent and that Staff numbers C013 and P007 also be thanked for their efforts to improve the flow to the park pond.

End of meeting.