

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2003 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. V. Fellowes (Chair)

Cllrs. F.Dallas, J.Cresswell, R.Lees, J.Martland, M.Holt-Taylor, P.Richardson and C. D. Williams.

156. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. P.Best who was attending a residential course.

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

157. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were declared as follows:

Cllr. J.Cresswell – Items relating to the Summer Festival and to possible sale of property because a relative works for the Council.

Cllr. V.Fellowes – Planning Item relating to the Bungalow Project of which he was a trustee.

158. STANDING ORDERS

A question was raised regarding the fact that standing orders had been changed but not yet reprinted and circulated to members. The Clerk reported that the Standing Orders were being altered following the resolution of the Annual Council Meeting.

159. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 13th January 2003 and the minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Monday 27th January 2003.

RESOLVED: That in view of the fact that many Committee members had not seen the minutes, signature would be deferred until the next meeting and the minutes circulated.

160. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 02/80/2826/P/RES

Details of siting, design, external appearance, landscaping and means of access to 16 detached and semi-detached houses on approx. 0.4HA of land (being matters reserved in outline granted under ref 01/80/4618.OTL on 17/01/02) at former Council Depot, West St., Thorne for Beckwell Homes Ltd.

RESOLVED: No objections but with the following observations:

- a) **Section 106 money to be obtained for use in Thorne Memorial Park.**
- b) **3 storey buildings out of keeping with the area.**

ii) 03/80/1305/P/FUL

Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage on approx. 0.03HA of land adjacent to Field House, Brooke Street, Thorne for Mr J. Brandon.

RESOLVED: No objections.

iii) 03/80/1319/P/ADV

Display of externally illuminated sign (0.9M x 0.6M), one internally illuminated letter sign (1.93M x 0.3M) and one internally illuminated logo sign (0.9M x 0.54M) at Halifax Plc., 7/7A Market Place, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No objections.

iv) 03/80/1330/P/OTL

Outline application for erection of residential development on approx. 0.15HA of land to the rear of 13 South End, Thorne for Mr P.M. Elliott.

RESOLVED: No objections.

v) 03/80/1362/P/FUL

Formation of car parking – 7 spaces on land off West Street, Thorne for Woodside Homes.

RESOLVED: Objections on the basis that the proposal was taking up greenspace in contravention of RL2 of the UDP.

vi) 03/80/1500/P/CAC

Conservation area consent for demolition of existing buildings, outline application for residential development on approx. 0.27HA of land off South Parade/West Street, Thorne for Woodside Homes/British Waterways.

RESOLVED: No objections subject to Section 106 money to be provided for Thorne Memorial Park and the observation that there were too many parking places

vii) 03/80/1505/P/FUL

Installation of new pumping station and control equipment and formation of hardstanding for maintenance vehicles on land fronting former Ambulance Station, Fieldside, Thorne for Yorkshire Water Services Ltd.

RESOLVED: Objection on the basis that the proposal is unsuitable for the location fronting onto Field Road.

viii) 03/80/1675/P/FUL

Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing Post Office, Finkle Street, Thorne for Mr P. Proudlove.

RESOLVED: No objections.

ix) 03/80/1738/P/FUL

Construction of pitched roof over existing flat roof including internal alterations for Thorne Poultry Ltd, Coulman Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No objections.

x) 03/80/1805/P/FUL

Erection of one detached house on approx. 0.03HA of land (being substitution of house types on plot 44 granted under Ref. 98/80/0684/P on 02.12.98.

RESOLVED: No objections.

xi) 03/80/1819/P/FUL

Formation of external ramp including relocation of an existing step and erection of low plinth wall and handrail (approx.1.2M high overall) for disabled use at Yorkshire Bank, Market Place, Thorne.

RESOLVED: Objection on the basis that, as landowner the Town Council has not given its permission and that the walkway is of insufficient width.

xii) 03//80/1905/P/RES

Details of siting, design, external appearance and means of access to 4 detached and 4 semi detached houses on approx. 0.25HA of land (being matters reserved in outline previously granted permission under ref. 01/80/3546/P/OTL on 6.12.01) on land off Alexandra Street, Thorne for Mr M. Daniels.

RESOLVED: No objections.

xiii) 03/80/1979/P/FUL

Siting of two storage containers (2 @ 6.0M x 2.4M) on Moorends Welfare Ground, Grange Road, Moorends, for The Bungalow Project, The Circle, Moorends.

RESOLVED: That the Council object to the proposal because they do not want to have increased motorcycle activity in Moorends. (Cllr. Fellowes did not vote.)

xiv) 03/80/3056/P/FUL

Erection of one detached dormer bungalow and double garage on approx. 0.06HA of land adjacent 21 Bellwood Crescent, Thorne for Mr A. Blank.

RESOLVED: Objection on the basis that work has already started.

xv) 03/80/3124/P/FUL

Erection of single storey extensions (1@ 6.5M x 3.0M, 1 @ 35.5M x 6.2M) to existing guest house, Priory Cottage, Field Road, Thorne for B.Richardson.

RESOLVED: No objections.

xvi) 02/80/3161/P/RES

Temporary siting of relocatable building for use as wardens facilities (10M x 3.0M) East End of Cottage Dyke, Thorne Moors for English Nature.

RESOLVED: No objections.

161. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK

Consideration was given to making the following improvements to Thorne Memorial Park:

- Incorporation of the walled garden – planning permission required.
- Improvements to the pond.
- Lowering the large hedge.
- War Memorial cleaning/paving.
- Tree sculpture.
- Painting the Bandstand.

It was also thought that professional advice should be sought from DMBC and others and that funding would be sought from SRB6 and elsewhere but in any event the project was to be progressed as a matter of priority.

RESOLVED: That the project be approved and started as soon as possible. Detailed costings to be brought back to the Council.

162. SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Chairman updated the Council on the plans for this years event which would be held on 26th/27th July 2003.

As well as being a showcase for local talent and a good fundraising opportunity for local voluntary groups etc. alterations would include:

- A tethered hot air balloon.
- Medieval Village.
- Falconry displays.

RESOLVED: That the Chair, Councillor John Cresswell, be thanked for all his hard work and that the event be supported wherever possible.

163. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

A letter from Thorne Colliery Cricket Club regarding problems largely caused by motorcycles was discussed. The Chair reported that additional efforts would be made to reduce the points at which motorcycles could access the site.

RESOLVED: i) That the cricketers be invited to a site meeting.
ii) That the Police be advised of the problem.

164. MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE

The Clerk reported that the project consisted of joint Countryside/Yorkshire Forward funding of up to £340,000 (all to be matched) for up to twenty four selected projects to be completed by 31st March 2004.

Current progress was as follows:

INFORMATION SHOP	Project 23.	Initial project completed 31/12/02. New project at 2 Market Place. In kind contribution of premises from TMTC.
SKATEPARK	Project 17.	Project completed 31/3/03. TMTC contribution £4400.
MARKET SQUARE	Project 1.	Project about to start. £42500 MTI, £107500 TMTC already earmarked by the previous Council.
1-2 MARKET PLACE	Project 2.	Site clearance works completed. Next phase to be Architects appraisal which is in progress. £14900 TMTC agreed and structural work £20000 MTI and £30000 TMTC – approved by previous Council but other avenues also being explored.
PROJECT OFFICER	Project 22.	Paid for by MTI and YRCC. Office in kind from TMTC – already earmarked by previous Council.
GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS	Project 10.	£500 MTI. £1000 Dixons and £2500 TMTC.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

165. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the Financial report for the last quarter of the previous financial year. It was requested that in future the financial report be condensed into a

single income and expenditure sheet. Consideration was also given to the budget for the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

166. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to the implementation of 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 public and press be asked to leave.

167. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND AND PROPERTY

(Cllr. Cresswell did not take part in this item.)

167.1 Town Centre Development Site

It was noted that the previous Council had received recommendation from its Agent in respect of the disposal of the St. Nicholas Road/King Street land.

RESOLVED: That the principal of disposal of the land be maintained but that the Agent be instructed to try to obtain a better unconditional offer.

167.2 1-2 Market Place, Thorne

Whilst the Council was committed to the redevelopment of the Town Centre for both Community and Commercial use, the scale of the overall project meant that a private and/or public sector partner would be needed.

RESOLVED: That our Agents be instructed to prepare a brief to seek partners for the Town Centre Development.

End of meeting.