

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2005, AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr. M. Holt-Taylor (Chair)

Cllrs. M.Ball, P.Best, A.Brookes, J.Cresswell, F.Dallas, I.Edwards, V.Fellowes, J.Martland, M.Oldknow,P.Richardson, R.Walker, N.Walsh and M.Williams.

762. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. C. Williams – personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

763. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

764. MINUTES

767.1 Consideration was given to the signing the minutes of the Council meeting of Tuesday 19th April 2005, pages 3529 and 3530. It was noted that under Clause 733, the word CCTV should be changed to security.

RESOLVED: That subject to this alteration the minutes be signed.

764.2 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th May 2005, pages 3533 to 3534.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

765. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

765.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities & Leisure – 17th May 2005.
Pages 3535 – 3539.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

765.2 Policy, Development, Finance & Staffing – 24th May 2005
Pages 3545 – 3547.

It was noted that the word Policy should be deleted from the heading to Clause 758.

RESOLVED: That subject to this alteration the report be approved.

766. BRIDGE STREET CAR PARK

There was a discussion regarding possible solutions to antisocial behaviour at the above site. It was thought that barriers to prevent night time usage would help but it was not known who could operate them. Also the CCTV would be more effective if trees were pruned back.

RESOLVED: To write to the Police to request increased enforcement and to DMBC asking that the trees be cut back and barriers or other security measures be installed.

767. MULTI USE GAMES FACILITIES

767.1 Consideration was given to a letter from Groundwork Dearne Valley updating the Council on their proposals for a multi use games facility at the Moorends Welfare Ground. It was noted that there was an £18k shortfall in funding. The Council would not be able to provide any funding towards this shortfall but it was suggested that the gap could be filled by doing away with the proposed lighting at the Wyke Gate Road facility.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be approved.

767.2 It was thought that a simple games facility should be provided at the Toll Bar Ground such as the “stormshooter” which is essentially a fenced off football goal area.

RESOLVED: That this would be investigated.

768. THORNE JOB CENTRE

Correspondence had been received indicating that there were proposals to close Thorne Job Centre. It was noted that this decision was surprising given the social and economic deprivation in the area. It was also noted that the Job Centre served a whole area beyond Thorne and Moorends and that the cost of transport to Doncaster was high.

RESOLVED: That these proposals be vigorously opposed and that local Parish Councils be contacted. Also that a senior representative of the Job Centre be invited to address the Council on the proposals.

769. 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 and the press and public be asked to leave.

770. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the monthly overtime summary reports.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

771. SECURITY

Item deferred until the next meeting which the Council’s security officer had agreed to attend.

772. PHOTOCOPIER

Three quotations had been received for the purchase of a new photocopier. Advice had been sought from the best value team in Doncaster and they recommended that three quotations be obtained from the Yorkshire Purchasing, which had been done. This was compared with the quotation from Arena for replacement of the existing leased machine.

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Arena be accepted as representing best value, subject to checking with YLCA that this course of action was acceptable in relation to the Council’s Standing Orders (LGA 1972, S.111).

End of meeting.