

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

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

1415. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. M.Green – personal.

Cllr. A.Brookes – personal.

Cllr. P.Best – work commitments.

Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – work commitments.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1416. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. R.Walker declared a prejudicial interest in the Cemetery as an undertaker and said he would leave the room for the last item.

Cllrs. R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams declared a personal interest in the item on Success Doncaster as members of DMBC.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted.

1417. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

1418. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS

Councillors welcomed Sgt. D.Johnson who discussed the following:

- Thorne Summer Festival – there will be a Police presence.
- South End, Thorne (complaints re: traffic from local residents). Would look at a digital display system and getting the speed enforcement team on site.
- Section 30 – dispersal powers in Thorne Town Centre were working well and it had not been necessary to arrest anybody as yet. However dispersal was taking place to Buntings Wood, for example but the police were covering this. However, without the new Youth Club there was nowhere to move the youngsters on to.
- MUGA, Wyke Gate Road – lights needed repairing.
- Publicity – Sgt. Johnson requested the Council's assistance and advice on how to get better coverage in the local press.

Councillors drew attention to youth nuisance problems on South End and Wyke Gate Road, Thorne and the Circle, Moorends and Sgt. Johnson agreed to cover these areas.

RESOLVED: That Sgt. Johnson be thanked for his presence and that the DMBC Councillors would try to assist by getting information on the Youth Club.

1419. SUCCESS DONCASTER

Councillors heard a presentation by a representative of the above project, which is a Doncaster MBC initiative aimed at increasing the economy in the Borough.

There are several strands and the Community Advisors seek to assist people **in the community** who wish to set up their own business. They are able to provide, free of charge, a wide range of advice services and also a £500 grant towards start-up costs. The programme was for three years and it was intended that with the help of Success Doncaster at least 60 new businesses would be set up each year.

RESOLVED: That the representative be thanked for her presentation and that she be asked to keep the Council informed of progress every 6 months.

1420. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the following meetings:

1420.1 Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2008, pages 3793-3795.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1420.2 Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2008, pages 3796–3797. It was noted that under declarations of interest Councillor P.Best was in fact an officer of the Windfarm Support Group.

RESOLVED: That subject to the amendment the minutes be signed.

1420.3 Council meeting held on Monday 19th May 2008, page 3798.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1421. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1421.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure - 3rd June 2008,
pages 3799 to 3801

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1421.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 24th June 2008.
Pages 3802 to 3804.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved subject to minor amendment to reflect the fact that the photocopier was not leased.

1422. THORNE CEMETERY

Consideration was given to issues raised by the site visit on 17th June 2008. The Council wished to ensure that bereaved persons and families were treated as sympathetically as possible and it was felt that the Cemetery rules should be made clear by the stone masons to their clients at an early stage.

RESOLVED:

1) To amend or re-emphasise the Cemetery rules as follows:

- **Lettering to be only in gold, silver or black.***
- **No painted headstones.***
- **No inscriptions whatsoever on the rear of headstones other than the grave number and masons name on base plinth.**
- **No novel headstones such as cartoon characters, football kit, motor vehicles etc.***

*** These rules apply in the main cemetery. A separate children's area is being laid out where the above rules will not apply but all other cemetery rules will apply.**

2) It is not emphasised that there shall no encroachment outside the boundary of the plot as purchased. Grave owners will be asked to remove such encroachments and "in-extremis" the Council will remove them and the owners charged for the work carried out.

3) The location of the Children's Cemetery is to be determined following a further site visit.

4) To erect a sign on the left hand side of the access road between the entrance and the chapel saying "No cars except those which are blue badged and/or carrying disabled people."

End of meeting.