

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M. Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.Walker, R.Walker, A.Want and M.Williams.

1423. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were declared:

Cllr. D.Barton - personal

Cllr. G.Garth – personal.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1424. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

1435.1 Cllr. J.Walker declared a possible personal interest in planning item iv) as he resided nearby and in the Coulman Recreation Ground Project as a member of Thornensians Rugby Club.

1435.2 Cllr. K.Redmile declared a possible personal interest in planning item iv) as a neighbour and wished to leave the room for this item.

1424.3 Cllr. P.Best declared a possible personal interest in the report on Coulman Recreation Ground and also in accounts payable, Voucher 133 as a member of Thornensians Rugby Club.

RESOLVED: That these personal declarations be accepted.

1424.4 Cllr. R.Walker declared a prejudicial interest in the item on Thorne Cemetery as a Funeral Director.

RESOLVED: That this declaration be accepted and that Cllr. R. Walker would leave the room for this item.

1424.5 Cllr. C.Williams declared a personal interest in all planning items as a member of DMBC planning committee.

RESOLVED: That the declaration be noted and that Cllr. A. Brookes would take the Chair for this item.

1425. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1426. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 08/02063/REM

Details of means of access, appearance, landscaping and layout for one detached house and detached garage (being matters reserved in outline granted under ref 07/02329/OUT on 11.09.07) on land adj. 49 Alexandra Street, Thorne for Mr A. Stones.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ii) 08/01834/OUT

Outline application for erection of detached house and garage on approx 0.08ha of land (being resubmission of previous application ref 07/04004/OUT withdrawn 14.05.08) on land Adj. 42B South End, Thorne, Doncaster for Mr P. Smith.

RESOLVED: That concern be expressed regarding the amount of off street parking that was being provided.

iii) 08/02208/COU

Change of use of land for use as haulage yard and for storage on land R/O The Dutchman, Goole Road, Moorends for Mr and Mrs L. Kelly.

RESOLVED: Object on the grounds that:

- i) A decision was pending.**
- ii) No transport plan had been submitted.**
- iii) 24-hour use would be disturbing for neighbours.**

iv) 08/01613/OUT

Outline application for erection of 5 dwellings on approximately 0.26ha of land, 73 South End, Thorne, Doncaster for Mrs P. Jowett.

RESOLVED: No observations.

v) 08/02207/CPE

Erection of two storey pitched roof garage/residential extension to side (including the formation of a vehicular access in connection with the development) and ground floor conservatory extension to rear of semi detached house at 41 Richmond Road, Moorends for Mr G. Whitaker.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1427. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statements of Accounts Payable to 31st July 2008, Vouchers 101 to 139 and to 31st August 2008, Vouchers 140 to 177.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1428. DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES

Consideration was given to the proposals from DMBC for dealing with definitive map modification orders.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be noted and that DMBC be requested to inform the Council regularly of proposals affecting Thorne and Moorends.

1429. COULMAN RECREATION GROUND PROJECT

Councillors heard a progress report, the main points being:

- The relaying and re-seeding of the pitches had been very successful and grass growth excellent. The Council's ground consultant said that the special cutting regime could now cease and that matches could commence at the end of September. Sand slitting could be carried out in future to improve durability.
- The pavilion was progressing on time and on budget and the roof would be put on in the next two weeks.
- There had already been interest in using the facilities from organisations such as a disabled group and archery club.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted and that in any publicity the fact that the new facilities would be open to everyone should be emphasised.

1430. THORNE CEMETERY

Consideration was given to the location of the new children's cemetery area. It was noted that children could still be buried in the main cemetery (but without novelty headstones) and that there could be considerable flexibility in the upper age for which interments could be carried out in the children's area.

RESOLVED: That the children's cemetery would be located at the north east corner of the cemetery.

1431. FIREWORKS DISPLAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2008

It was noted that the professional display held at Coulman's for the last two years had been very successful. Councillors wished to hold the event in Moorends this year (a site visit would be needed). The cost of last year's display was £2750 but it was noted that there had been a significant increase in the cost of fireworks since then.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for a similar display as last year at the Moorends Welfare Ground commencing at 6.30pm on 5th November 2008. A food van and small number of fairground rides would also be invited.

1432. REMEMBRANCE DAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2008

It was noted that the Royal British Legion would be holding a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Thorne Park at 11.00am on Sunday 9th November 2008 after which there would be a parade up to the Church.

RESOLVED: That the Council would provide the necessary infrastructure support including refreshments for veterans and (if possible) a band.

1432. YULETIDE FAIR 2008

It was reported that the Yuletide Fair Committee would be meeting soon to discuss this year's event, which was expected to take place on 6-7 December 2008. (It was noted that the Xmas Illuminations would be switched on at 4.30pm on Friday 28th November.)

RESOLVED: That the Council would apply for the necessary permission to close Finkle Street and The Green when requested to do so by the Yuletide Fair Committee.

1433. TOLL BAR RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding the condition of the football pitch at the Toll Bar Ground. It was thought that this was due to unusually strong grass growth and the fact that white lines had been washed out by rain before match days.

RESOLVED: That the pitch conditions would be closely monitored and that a rebate of two matches would be given to the club on the basis that they had paid for three matches when the pitch was unsatisfactory.

1434. 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 staffing matters.

1435. STAFF TRAINING

Consideration was given to a request from staff number E004 for assistance to follow a three year degree course for two evenings a week commencing January 2009 in Business and Management.

Whilst Councillors could see the benefits of such a course some wondered if the Clerk's professional qualification would be more directly relevant.

1435.1 A proposal was moved and seconded to fully support the member of staff in the pursuit of the Clerk's professional qualification. A recorded vote was requested.

For: Cllrs. M.Chowings, M.Green, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

Against: Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, C.Dallas, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, A.Want and R.Walker.

The proposal was therefore lost.

1435.2 A further proposal was moved and seconded for the Council to contribute a third of the Course fees, with an appropriate claw back clause, for the part time degree course.

A recorded vote was requested.

For: Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, C.Dallas, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, A.Want and R.Walker.

Against: Cllrs. M.Chowings, M.Green, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

RESOLVED: The motion was therefore carried.

End of meeting