

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2004 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. V. Fellowes (Chair)

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, F.Dallas, J.Martland, R.Walker and N.Walsh.

523. CLLR. BOB LEES

There was 1 minutes silence for Councillor Bob Lees who sadly passed away on 16th August 2004. There were numerous tributes to Bob who had served on the Council continuously for 17 years.

524. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from the following Committee Members:

Cllr. J.Cresswell - Personal

Cllr. P.Richardson - Illness

Cllr. M. Holt-Taylor - Illness.

Cllr. M.Williams – Personal

Cllr. M.Oldknow - Work commitment

Cllr. C.Williams - Personal

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

525. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr.Walker declared a possible personal interest in planning item ref. 04/4396/P/FUL.

It was also noted that an insurance company had employed J. O'Neil and Sons to repair the wall outside his residence that had been damaged by a motor vehicle.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted and that the member would not speak on the item where he had declared an interest.

526. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2004.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

527. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 04/4462/P/FUL

Erection of ground floor conservatory extension to rear of detached bungalow at 9 Laurel Avenue, Moorends for Mr S. Taylor.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ii) 04/4512/P/OTLM

Outline for mixed use development consisting of a new link road, phase II of Hatfield Power Park an extension to motorway service area facilities and environmental improvements on approx. 132HA land at Hatfield Colliery, off Junction 5 (M18) (M180), Stainforth/Hatfield, Doncaster.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be welcomed as it would reduce potential traffic on Kirton Lane etc.

iii) 04/4567/P/FUL

Erection of conservatory to the rear of detached house at 9 Swanland Court, Thorne for Mr Walker.

RESOLVED: No observations.

iv) 04/4727/P/ADV

Display of externally illuminated fascia sign (1.65M x 0.91M) and internally illuminated projecting sign (0.56M x 0.35M) at Texaco Service Station, south Parade, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

v) 04/4812/P/FUL

Erection of 2 detached houses on approx. 0.05HA of land (following demolition of existing garages) on land to rear of Relay House, Coulman Road, Thorne for Mr H. Hills.

RESOLVED: That the development be welcomed as it would tidy up a derelict area.

vi) 04/5103/P/FUL

Erection of detached pitched roof double garage to side of detached dwelling. New Laithe, Double Bridge, Thorne for Mr G. Alton.

RESOLVED: No observations.

vii) 04/5122/P/FUL

Change of land from small holding to livery business and erection of stables (32.72m x 13.04m) and tack room (4.94m x 4.86m) adj. Swing Bridge House, Southend, Thorne for Mr J. Oliver.

RESOLVED: No observations.

viii) 04/5164/P/FUL

Lowering existing ATM to facilitate disabled access at HSBC, 5 Market Place, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ix) 04/5199/P/RET

Retention of dormer windows to front elevation (being amendment to application 99/80/4529/P/FUL) granted on 13/1/00 at 10 Church Balk, Thorne for Mrs Maclauchlan.

RESOLVED: No observations.

x) 04/5639/P/FUL

Raising roof height to form first floor above existing detached bungalow at Revelstone, Bloomhill Road, Moorends for B W Tong.

RESOLVED: No observations.

xi) 04/5649/P/FUL

Change of use of land to park 2 commercial vehicles at The Sycamores, West Street, Thorne for Mr D.Roe.

RESOLVED: Object on the grounds of unsuitable vehicle access and narrow access road in this residential area.

xii) 04/5311/P/FUL

Erection of 5 houses in 1 terrace block on approximately 0.03 HA of land following demolition of existing buildings at 18 South Parade, Thorne for Mr F. Nason.

RESOLVED: Object on the grounds of insufficient parking on an A road and over development.

xiii) 04/5314/P/OTL

Outline application for one detached dwelling on approximately 0.03 HA of land to rear of 93 Ellison Street adjacent to 2 Miller Lane, Thorne, Doncaster for Mr G. Kitching.

RESOLVED: Object to the access/egress being on a dangerous corner.

xiv) 04/4454/P/FUL

Erection of first floor pitched roof extension above existing to rear of semi detached house at 103 King Edward Road, Thorne for Mr G. Whitaker.

RESOLVED: No observations.

xv) 04/5320/P/FUL

Erection of pitched roof two storey extension to rear of semi detached house at 53 Highfield Crescent, Thorne, Doncaster for Mr G. Piper.

RESOLVED: No observations.

xvi) 04/5336/P/FUL

Erection of ground floor conservatory extension to rear of semi detached house at 21 Dunstan Drive, Thorne for Mr and Mrs Holmes.

RESOLVED: No observations.

Additional applications

xvii) 04/5432/P/FUL

Erection of 4 semi-detached houses (being substitution of house type previously granted under Ref. 03/1212/P granted 20.04.04) off St. Michaels Drive, Thorne for Millbrook Homes.

RESOLVED: No observations.

xviii) 04/4396/P/FUL

Change of use of former pig pens to lock up storage at Causeway Farm, Mooredges, Thorne for H.Burtwistle & Son.

RESOLVED: Defer pending information on the size and type of vehicles using the facility and materials to be stored.

xix) 04/5678/P/FUL

Erection of two storey extension to create 12 no. bedroom/ensuites to the John Bull Inn, Quay Road, Thorne for Aberford Investments Ltd.

RESOLVED: Object on the basis of no mains drainage as stated and the fact that the car park is not owned and therefore controlled by the developer.

528. APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING STATUS FOR THE WINDING GEAR AT THORNE COLLIERY

In March 2004 the Council applied for the headgear at Thorne Colliery to be accorded listed building status. A letter dated 18th August 2004 had been received from the Department of Culture Media and Sport rejecting the Council's application giving reasons.

RESOLVED: That the Council deplored the fact that this important landmark had now been lost.

529. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Accounts Payable to 31st August 2004, Voucher 143 to 175. It was noted that the following amendments were required.

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| <i>Voucher 143</i> | <i>4272.01</i> |
| <i>Voucher 161</i> | <i>117.23</i> |

It was suggested that some joint advertising of the market could be carried out with the Farmers Market. It was noted that all charges would need to be reviewed in October.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

530. 2002-03 ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to the letter dated 28th July 2004 from HLB AV Audit signing off the above accounts with the following list of recommendations:

- **Minutes**

We note that the Council produces printed minutes. Loose leaf books are lawful but under Schedule 12, paragraph 42 of the Local Government Act 1972 these loose leaf pages must be consecutively numbered and initialled by the person signing the minutes. Although minutes can be maintained in electronic format the minute book remains the only lawful authentic record. From a review of the minutes provided for the purposes of our audit the Council does not appear to be maintaining signed, initialled and consecutively numbered loose leaf minutes. The Council should ensure that minutes are prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 as stated above.

- **Financial Regulations**

We note that the Financial Regulations of the Council have not been updated to take account of the Audit and Accounts Regulations 2003, especially Regulations 4 and 6. We would recommend that these are updated as soon as possible to reflect the Councils requirement to have an independent internal auditor and to ensure they have adequate risk management.

- **Comparative Figures**

The comparative figures for fixed assets have been rested by £20. The figure disclosed in the audited Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2002 did not include 20 parcels of community land which have been valued at £1 nominal value each and which are now included in the comparative figures on this Annual Return. The Council should ensure that the Asset Register is regularly reviewed and updated and all assets are correctly disclosed in future years.

RESOLVED: That the points raised by the audit be accepted and implemented, it being noted that some points had already been actioned.

531. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2003-04

Consideration was given to the internal auditors report on the above accounts dated 19th August 2004. It was noted that the internal auditor stated that the accounts and supply records had been kept to the highest standards.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and recommendations implemented.

532. HANGING BASKETS

Consideration was given to proposals from DMBC Neighbourhood Management dated 21st July 2004 to fund the replacement of the hanging baskets provided the Town Council carries out the watering and meeting half the cost in the next year.

RESOLVED: That consideration should be given to providing a scaled down scheme in which case Thorne-Moorends Town Council would provide a new water bowser as an in-kind contribution.

533. WINNING POST CENTRE

533.1 *Consideration was given to a letter dated 20th August 2004 being an outline proposal from DMBC on behalf of the Health Authority to use part of the Winning Post as a healthy living center. This would require minor conversion works which would be financed by others and would also generate income for the Council.*

RESOLVED: That the proposals be agreed in principal.

533.2 *Consideration was given to a letter dated 21st July 2004 being a request from Thorne Moorends Regeneration Partnership to carry out improvements to the rear garden at the Winning Post and also requesting information.*

RESOLVED: That the proposals be welcomed and permission and appropriate assistance from the Clerk be given.

534. BAND CONCERTS

It was reported by the Chair that the Band Concerts had been a great success attracting visitors from far and wide.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that subject to finance being available consideration would be given to extending the season next year.

535. WYKE GATE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Representations had been made by a football club which was currently using the facilities at Wyke Gate Road that had joined a higher league and therefore required facilities similar to the no. 1 pitch at the Welfare Ground.

RESOLVED: That discussions would be held with Thorne Colliery Football Club to see if it would be possible to provide improved facilities for this team.

End of meeting.