

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2008 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. P.Richardson (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, K.Redmile, J.P.Walker, A.Want, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1436. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr. G.Garth – work commitment
Cllr. C.Taylor-Hatem – work commitment
Cllr. R. Walker – work commitment

RESOLVED: That all the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1437. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

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

Cllrs. C. Williams and M.Williams – personal interest in planning item ii) as neighbours.

Cllr. J.Walker – prejudicial interest in planning item iv) as a relative of the applicant.
Cllr. Walker said he would leave the room for this item.

RESOLVED: That these declarations be accepted.

1438. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2008.

- i) The declaration of a personal interest by Cllr. R. Walker in planning matters as a DMBC Councillor was queried, as he was not a member of the planning committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with Cllr. Walker and amend the minute if necessary.
- ii) Regarding the Yuletide Fayre it was reported that the organising committee that ran the event did not wish to use the fairground operator who had approached the Council. If there was to be any rides then they would make their own arrangements and no road closures would be required.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1439. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 08/02480/REM

Details of siting, design, external appearance and means of access for erection of detached dwelling on approx. 0.02ha of land following demolition of existing garage (being matters reserved in outline granted under ref. 05/01923/OUT on 22.08.05) on land adjacent to 63 Marshland Road, Moorends for Mr P.Ewen.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ii) 08/02560/OUT

Outline application for erection of one detached bungalow and detached garage on approx. 0.1 ha of land – 113 Kirton Lane, Thorne for Mr D. Finnegan.

RESOLVED: No observations.

iii) 08/02622/FUL

Formation of restaurant dining room at first floor and erection of fire escape to rear of restaurant (being amendment to previous application refused under ref. 08/01372/FUL on 31.07.08) at 155 Marshland Road, Moorends for Mr G. Skelton.

RESOLVED: That no observations be raised beyond those submitted originally.

iv) 08/02645/FUL

Erection of stable block (20.40m x 12.64m overall) on land rear of Nunmoor Cottage, High Bridge Road, Thorne for Mr A. Walker.

The Chair noted that two pages were missing from the application sent to the Council.

RESOLVED: That no decision could be taken until the complete sets of papers were available.

1440. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th September 2008, Vouchers 180 to 208.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1441. FINANCIAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the financial report for the current financial year. It was noted that Cemetery income was somewhat below budget and recreation ground expenditure was over budget, both seasonal effects, but that otherwise the income and expenditure were essentially on budget.

RESOLVED: That the financial report be approved.

1442. BUNTINGS WOOD

A proposal had been put forward by Doncaster MBC for the construction of an access road and car park at Buntings Wood. The project cost would be £3960 and a grant of £1980 had been obtained.

RESOLVED: That the Council authorise capital expenditure of £1980 as match funding to enable the project to go ahead (MPA 1976. S19).

1443. 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 to allow Councillors to consider confidential matters.

1444. LAND AT TUDWORTH CORNER

An unsolicited expression of interest had been received in a parcel of land owned by the Council. Initially there was a proposal that the land was not for sale as it could have future uses by the Council but this fell. It was then proposed that the interested party be asked what plans he had for the site and to specify the price that he would offer. In a recorded vote:

For: Cllrs. M.Williams, M.Green, A.Brookes, J.Walker, D.Barton, K.Redmile and C.Williams.

Against: Cllrs. P.Best, P.Richardson, M.Chowings, A.Want and C.Dallas.

Abstentions: Nil

Therefore the proposal was carried.

1445. STAFFING

Consideration was given to the report of the staffing working group meeting on 9th September 2008.

There was a discussion regarding the recommendation that subject to finance being available, a training budget be established.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council would set up a training budget mindful of any precedent already set. In a recorded vote:

For: Cllrs. M.Williams, M.Green, J.Walker, K.Redmile and C.Williams.

Against: Cllrs. C.Dallas, A.Want, P.Richardson, P.Best and M. Chowings.

Abstentions: Cllrs. A.Brookes and D.Barton.

With the Chair's casting vote the proposal failed.

It was then RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

End of meeting.