

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
THORNE ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2006.**

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

Cllrs. P.Best, A.Brookes, C.Dallas, F.Dallas, J.Martland, M.Oldknow, P.Richardson,
C.Taylor-Hatem, R.Walker, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1113. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. J.Cresswell – personal

Cllr. N. Walsh – illness

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. R.Walker and C.Williams – personal interest in the planning item as members of
Doncaster MBC planning committee.

Cllr. P.Best – prejudicial interest in Jones Cable as an acquaintance of the landowner.

Cllr. P.Best – a personal interest in the Standards Board referred to in the report of the staffing
working group.

**RESOLVED: That the declarations be accepted and that Cllr. Best leaves the room
for the Jones Cable item.**

1115. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd October
2006, pages 3698 to 3700.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1116. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

(i) Policy, Development, Finance & Staffing – 31st October 2006.

Pages 3701 to 3703.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1117. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the financial report for months 5 & 6 of the current financial year.
It was noted that cemetery income was down 30% on budget as a result of a 20%
reduction in the number of interments. A similar pattern was being noted borough
wide.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1118. PLANNING**D) 06/2717/FULM**

Erection of health and social care facility (27.2m x 30.6m overall) with associated landscaping, parking and access on land off Marshland Road, Moorends for Doncaster Community Solutions Ltd.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be welcomed.

1119. JONES CABLE

Cllr. Best left the room for this item.

Consideration was given to a letter and enclosures dated 17th October 2006 from Mr D. Heath.

It was reported that the farmer had been crossing Jones Cable with agricultural equipment at harvest time for many years. The Council initiated legal action in 1995 but did not bring it to a conclusion. The Council has never given the farmer permission to cross. In 2005 the Council asked him to remove unsightly and dangerous barriers which he did, replacing them with gates. In addition the Council obtained funding in 2006 to fill in all the gaps in the hedgerows which had been requested by “environmentalists” over a number of years.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted but that the farmer be informed that the Council had never granted him a right to cross the Cable.

1120. FORMER SPORTS FIELD, MARSHLAND ROAD

It was understood that Doncaster MBC might be prepared to lease the above sports field to the Council for a peppercorn rent. Thorne-Moorends Marauders RLFC had expressed an interest in sub-leasing the ground on the basis that it could still be used by the Community.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be instructed to initiate discussions with Doncaster MBC with a view to acquiring the lease. If this course of action was successful then discussions would be held with the Rugby Club.

1121. 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

1122. OVERTIME

Consideration was given to the overtime report for the year to date.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1123. STAFFING MATTERS

The report of the Staffing Working Group meeting on 11th October was discussed.

RESOLVED:

1123.1 To accept the recommendations of the Doncaster MBC Standards Sub Committee in respect of their investigation into the events at the 2005 Summer Festival.

1123.2 To accept the recommendations in respect of part-time grounds maintenance supervisor for the Cemetery and to allow the Clerk to continue with the appointment process at the appropriate time.

1124. PROPOSED COULMAN PROJECT

The draft community use and maintenance agreements were discussed together with the proposed steering group makeup and cash flow forecast. Once these items were approved by the FA the application for external funding would be considered.

RESOLVED: That draft agreements and documents be approved and once the funding is in place the Council would decide on how the project should be financed.

1125. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that quotations were now being received for the proposed refurbishment work but that the external funding had not yet been confirmed.

RESOLVED: That once the external funding had been secured, the costings should be brought back to the Council for it to decide how the project should be financed.

1126. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until such time that the financing of the individual projects was discussed.

End of meeting.