

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COULMAN PAVILION, THORNE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 7.15PM.**

**Present:** Cllr. S.Durant (Chair)

Cllrs. A.Brookes, J.Blackham, A.Cuttell, C.Ellis, N.Etherington, M.Houlbrook, D.Knight, A.Knott, M.Phillips, R.Porter and R.Powell.

5 members of the public.

The Safety procedures in case of fire were explained to all present.

**3384. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. C.Blackham - Illness

Cllr. M.Phillips - Personal

Cllr. A. Jones – Personal

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.**

**3385. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr. S. Durant – Member of the Doncaster Planning Committee and a Governor at West Road Primary School.

Cllr. N.Etherington – as an employee of Trinity Academy.

**3386. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed and accepted as a true record.**

**3387. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Reference was made to Agenda item 10 regarding Moorends Welfare Ground, it was thought that by clearing away the rubbish and the brambles then residents would experience problems with motorbikes.

**3388. WEST ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Head of West Road Primary School, Kathy Thompson, gave a presentation to the Council of the Academisation of West Road Primary School. It was explained that the school serves 400 children aged 2 – 11 years (including a 78 place Nursery). The school prides itself on their record of inclusion, rich curriculum and aspirations, and their ethos is “We turn mirrors into windows”. Ms Thompson explained that they were proposing to form what is called a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) which would initially include the following schools:

- West Road Primary School
- Hungerhill School
- Kirk Sandall Junior and Infant Schools
- Barnby Dun Academy
- Dunsville Primary School

The formal partnership (MAT) would be built on the strong foundations of a successful, informal partnership based on school to school support. The Trust would be known as Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust. Each school would retain its own independence whilst benefitting from being part of the Trust. The consultation period is open until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and is open to all including the wider community.

There was an invitation for Councillors to raise concerns and observations including:

- **Question:** Why not join XP? **Answer:** Looked at different options–shared ethos with Barnby Dun.
- **Question:** Hungerhill School is growing – will West Road fall behind? **Answer:** No, not a great difference with other school.
- **Question:** Why not join XP? **Answer:** Looked at different options–shared ethos with Barnby Dun.

- **Comment:** Concerned that this is a disparate exercise, believes in economy, geography and locality. Is there an association with the other local schools in the pyramid? **Answer:** There is access to the expertise from Hungerhill. All the schools are within 35 minutes of each other.
- **Question:** What do parents, teachers and children think of this? **Answer:** The Staff are supportive and the children are excited, the information was only circulated 1.5 weeks ago. We will still be working in the Thorne and Moorends Pyramid.
- **Question:** If the school is successful why does it need to academies, you have had funding of £65k for fencing from the Local Authority. Were the Local Authority really encouraging schools to academies? **Answer:** The Governing bodies will remain, we will have a say and retain our identity. Funding is not given on a plate – the school had to (and were continually) applying for funding. Lots of schools are in deficit but West Road isn't. Improves their economy of scale – more bartering power.
- **Question:** Are there any examples of interaction between Barnby Dun and West Road School? **Answer:** There had been a change in the curriculum for maths, a sporting event was held between the two schools. Hungerhill and West Road Primary have the same ethos and belief.

Kathy Thompson was thanked for attending the meeting during the consultation period.

**RESOLVED: That the questions and answers be noted.**

### 3389. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Planning Appeal

##### i) 18/00021/ENFNOT

Appeal against enforcement action for unauthorised siting of caravan, storage containers, vehicles, horse boxes and portable office unit under grounds B at Burgar Road, Tudworth Road, Thorne Doncaster.

**RESOLVED: That the action of the Doncaster MBC enforcement team be supported.**

#### MAJOR APPLICATIONS

##### ii) 19/00665/FULM

Proposed extension at Iqbal Poultry, Coulman Street, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: That the application be supported but with the following observations, the working hours should be maintained to the existing hours.**

##### iii) 19/00543/CPL

Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use – A1 (Retail) at 1 Finkle Street, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: No observations.**

#### MINOR APPLICATIONS

##### iv) 19/00800/FUL

Erection of single storey rear extension at 9 Quantock Close, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: No observation.**

##### v) 19/00799/PDE

Erection of single storey extension to rear (extending 4m beyond rear wall, maximum height of extension 3.8m and 2.35m to height of the eaves) at 27 Oldfield Road, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: No observation.**

##### vi) 19/00699/FUL

Erection of single storey rear extension at 90 Grampian Way, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: No observation.**

##### vii) 19/00637/PDE

Erection of single storey rear extension (extending 4m beyond rear wall, 3.5m maximum height and 2.35m at the eaves) at 4 Ashburnham Road, Thorne.

**RESOLVED: No observation.**

**viii) 19/00571/FUL**

Conversion of detached garage to dwelling at 24-26 Low Hill, Selby Road, Thorne.

**RESOLVED:** No observation.

**3390. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the Councillors with copies of the Balance Sheets and Payments made for February 2019.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**3391. THE DELVES**

The Clerk reported that the Council had been successful in gaining grant funding to refurbish and renovate the land at The Delves, Thorne. Doncaster Council have agreed to act as accountable body and on receipt of the grant expected from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government the Council will make available Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds and 78 pence.

To accept the offer the Council have to authorise the Clerk to sign the letter and minute it. The Clerk said that he was comfortable with the offer.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be authorised to sign the letter of acceptance.

**3392. CEMETERY**

It was reported that income generated from the Cemetery impacts on the Council Tax and precept. The ICCM say that Council's shouldn't be shy about charging a proper rate for the Cemetery services. The Assistant Town Clerk had compared prices charged at neighbouring Councils with those charged by Thorne-Moorends Town Council, and reported that our charges were middling. It was reported that the fees charged for hiring the Chapel was the lowest in the area at £25 whilst the most expensive was £104.

**RESOLVED:**

- That the charge for an interment into a New Grave for 1 be increased to £625 for residents and £1250 for non-residents (this does not include the grave digging fees).
- That a sliding scale for the duration of graves (50, 75 and 99 years) be adopted and that the Clerk come back to the next Council meeting with the relevant costings.
- That the hire of the Cemetery Chapel be increased to £40.

**3393. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND**

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a member of the public to clear and reinstate a footpath that runs adjacent to the Recreation Ground and along the rear of properties on Barnsley Road.

It was thought that residents on Barnsley Road would fiercely oppose this action as it would allow easy access to their gardens. That the Police would oppose the opening of the access as it would also create a route for offenders to use to make getaways from incidents of crime in the area.

As tenant of the site the Council has a contractual duty to keep the site in good repair and condition.

**RESOLVED:** That the litter and rubbish be cleared away and the brambles and growth to remain. Gates to remain in place for security purposes.

**3394. THORNE AND MOORENDS CCTV**

The Clerk reported that he had met with Doncaster MBC officers recently to discuss and familiarise himself with the CCTV provision in Thorne and Moorends.

The age of the system is such that it does encounter problems. DMBC do undertake repairs and have upgraded some cameras. The system is reaching a point where it will benefit from a major upgrade.

The Clerk advised that he would investigate costs and report back to Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk investigate the cost of upgrading the CCTV system and report back to the Council at a later date.

**3395. THORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL HONOURS BOARDS**

A local resident and former student has secured an agreement for the honours boards to be put on display at Trinity Academy if the Council is happy to release them.

Former Town Clerk, Ian Harrison, rescued the honours board from the Grammar School before it was demolished and they have been stored in the Council's warehouse ever since.

**RESOLVED: That Trinity Academy be permitted to display the honours boards on the understanding that they are on loan and would be returned into the Council's keeping when no longer required.**

**3396. SOUTH PARADE TOILETS**

The Clerk reported that the Council has planned to refurbish the South Parade toilets and currently has £10,000 earmarked for the work.

In anticipation of the work which still needed to be considered in detail and costings/specifications obtained, the Council were asked to give early consideration of how it wished to use the toilets going forward.

Councillors were of the view that people should be encouraged to use the outdoor space of the Park more and believed improving the facilities would help this.

Councillors were of the view that there was potential to extend the size of the café by reducing the size of the toilets, although funding would need to be sought.

**RESOLVED: That**

- 1. The Clerk speak to the proprietor of the Café for her opinion and to assess the potential.**
- 2. That a Feasibility Study be carried out.**

The time was now 20.55 and the Chair moved to extend the meeting by a further 15 minutes.

**3397. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK**

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Green Top School to create a form of information trail around the Memorial Park.

As part of the School's curriculum they have a project to work towards that involves the local community. They have considered forming an alphabet nature hunt around Thorne Park, producing weatherproof posters made by the children around the park. The posters would include pictures, information and activities relating to nature.

Councillors were pleased to encourage the use of the outdoor space and suggested that the children be invited to help the Friends of Thorne Park with the planting of flowers.

It was thought that the future maintenance of the trail should be considered along with relevant insurances.

**RESOLVED: That the proposed information trail be supported.**

**3398. STANDING ORDER 10a xi – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Consideration was given to the implementation of Standing Order 10 a xi (Exclusion of Press and Public) in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted

**RESOLVED: That Standing Order 10 a xi be invoked due to consideration of confidential matters.**

**339. LAND AT REAR OF KING STREET**

Consideration was given to an enquiry regarding the purchase of a piece of land to the rear of 4-6 King Street, which is owned by the Council. The enquirer said that they would be interested in using the land for more parking for the shop and the two flats above the shop or should they decide to extend the shop further back.

**RESOLVED: That**

- A site visit be arranged to familiarise Councillors with the land.**

- The Clerk seeks valuation of the land and obtains pre-planning advice.

End of meeting.