

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE WINNING POST, MOORENDS ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.15PM.

Present: Cllr. S.Durant (Chair)

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

9 members of the public.

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

3360. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. C. Blackham – Illness

Cllr. A. Cuttell – Work

Cllr. A. Jones – Personal

Cllr. R. Powell - Work

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

3361. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. N.Etherington – non-pecuniary interest in the item on Brooke and Marshland Primary School Academisation.

Cllr. S. Durant – Member of the Doncaster Planning Committee.

3362. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meetings held:

- 22nd January 2019 – It was noted that there was one more planning application considered which needed to be added to the minutes and that the numbering of the Planning applications needed to be corrected.
- 29th January 2019 – Cllr. J.Phillips had tendered her apologies for non-attendance due to illness.

RESOLVED: That subject to the amendments that the minutes be signed and accepted as a true record.

3363. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None raised.

3364. BROOKE AND MARSHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMISATION

A presentation regarding the Academisation of Brooke and Marshland Primary Schools was given to Councillors by representatives of the School and the proposed Academy sponsor.

It was reported that VEN was formed in 2017 and had experienced good outcomes for children in deprived areas. An overview of VEN's structure, experience and vision for the school was presented including the rationale for the Academisation of the school.

This was followed by an invitation for Councillors to raise concerns and observations which included:

- **Question** - Cost of school uniforms ? **Answer** - There are no immediate plans to change to the uniform, but if the name changes then it may change gradually and the school would fund one sweatshirt.
- **Question** - Will there be a breakfast club ? **Answer** - They want children to be full before starting to learn; at the heart is the social care of the pupils.
- **Question** - What are the differences between an Academy and Council run school ? **Answer** - Academy is not anti-local authority. Funds will go direct to the school, opportunity to share resources and skills within the VEN group, better support for teaching and learning that has been absent from local authority.
- **Question** - Will governing bodies change ? **Answer** - No they will remain the same.
- **Question** – What has been the response from the parents / community **Answer** - Response has been minimal – letters had been sent out, 2 meetings held with a less than 1% response from parents.

- . **Question-** Is there opportunity for further consultation ? **Answer** – Yes this can be reviewed again.
- . **Question** (Cllr. Mark Houlbrook) – Does Mr. Oldknow have a conflict of interest due to other positions held by him at Trinity Academy **Answer** – Any relevant conflicts are fully disclosed but no conflict is recognised in this instance.
- . **Question** (Cllr. Mark Houlbrook) – What is the position in relation to the numbers on the roll for entry into secondary education and how will these proposals impact. **Answer** – Some years have bigger entry requirements than others.

The Council thanked them for their presentation and wished the Academy every success.

3365. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Erection of first and ground floor extension at Swanland Court, South End, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

3366. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Councillors with copies of the balance sheets and expenditure payment list for December 2018.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and this format to be considered and for bank reconciliation and statements to be presented on a quarterly basis.

3367. THE DELVES

The Town Clerk reported that the working group had now met a couple of times. He presented the Draft Development and Sustainability Plan and reported that a grant application had been submitted for £25,000 to support the project.

RESOLVED: That the Development and Sustainability report be noted and supported by the Council.

3368. THORNE MEMORIAL PARK

The Clerk reported that a request had been received to hold a wedding blessing in the Bandstand at Thorne Memorial Park during the 1940's weekend (11th & 12th May 2019). The Clerk said that he would be willing to be present at the blessing to ensure that the proceedings run smoothly.

RESOLVED: That subject to the Clerk attending to ensure that the site is treated appropriately that the blessing be allowed to proceed.

3369. 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.

3370. COULMAN BUNGALOW

At the Council meeting held on 22 January 2019 the Council recognised that any development involving the site would not occur for some time due to other present project commitments, and that it would be sensible to seek a tenant and gain some income and revenue from the building.

The building had been advertised, 3 enquiries had been received with only one becoming an expression of interest – Happy Days Community Childcare.

The Council were happy for the Town Clerk to negotiate a lease with Happy Days Community Childcare.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk progress formal lease negotiations with Happy Days with a view to the grant of a Lease of no more than 3 years long, at the best possible rent and terms that can be negotiated with the Tenant.

End of meeting.