

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COULMAN PAVILION, THORNE ON TUESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2019 AT 7.15PM.

Present: Cllr. M.Houlbrook (Chair)

Cllrs. J.Blackham, C.Ellis, N.Etherington, D.Knight, A.Knott, J.E Phillips, M.Phillips and R.Powell.
9 members of the public.

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

3346. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. C. Blackham – Illness

Cllr. A. Brookes - Personal

Cllr. A. Cuttell – Personal

Cllr. S. Durant - Illness

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

3347. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. J.Phillips – non-pecuniary interest in the Planning application regarding Alexandra Street, Thorne as a trustee of the Brooks Trust.

Cllr. M.Phillips – non-pecuniary interest in the item regarding the Floodlights for Moorends Welfare Ground.

3348. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th December 2018.

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

3349. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

- The building of a KFC and Taco Bell on the Capitol Park site. Concern was expressed that they may take business away from businesses in Thorne by not encouraging people to shop in the Town Centre.
- Air quality in the area – a request was made for an air quality assessment of the area around the Capitol Park site.
- One member of the public noted that more businesses had opened in Thorne than had closed, the Town Centre has a lot to offer but in his opinion parking was a problem.

3350. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications not included on the Circulated list and arising between the Planning Report date and the Date of the Meeting.

The following applications were considered together.

i) 19/00099/OUTM

Outline permission for the erection of 207 dwellings with associated infrastructure, parking hard surfaces, public open space, balancing pond/bio diversity sink and associated works (permission sought for access) on Land to the South of Alexandra Street, Thorne DN8 4EY.

Councillors expressed concern regarding the increase in traffic, that the roads couldn't cope with the number of cars. The increase in the number of school places and medical provision required was also considered. It was noted that this site had come forward through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

ii) 19/00100/OUTM

Outline planning permission sought for the erection of 35 dwellings, with associated infrastructure, parking, hard surfaces, public open space and associated works (Permission sought for access) on Land on the North Side of Alexandra Street, Thorne DN8 4EY.

iii) 18/01715/COND

Consent, agreement or approval required by conditions 5,6,7,12,13,14,17,18,21,22,23 of planning application 14/01833/OUTM on Land on the North Side of Alexandra Street, Thorne DN8 4EY.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the application but consideration should be given to the road infrastructure. Council is keen to open a dialogue with developers and the Planning Authority to look closely at the access and egress to the site and also consider the tenure and affordability of the units to be built.

iv) 18/003163/FULM

Erection of 179 dwellings with associated infrastructure on Land adjacent to Wike Gate Road, Thorne.

Councillors commented that this is not a site which had come forward in the Neighbourhood Plan. The layout would mean there would be a reduction in green spaces, the area would become overpopulated impacting on the amount of school spaces and road infrastructure. It would also be in a Countryside Policy area and would cause problems on the highway.

RESOLVED: That an objection be raised on the grounds that this application is not in conformity with the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan and is dangerous to the highway infrastructure in the area that is close to a school.

v) 18/02873/FULM and 18/02874/BCM

Conversion and alteration of former elderly persons' residence to form 13 self-contained apartments, including extension to rear, Erection of two storey apartment building to rear and associated development at The Old Vicarage, Stonegate, Thorne.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the application but wanted the Conservation team at Doncaster MBC to consider the impact the new addition would have.

vi) 18/03081/FUL

Erection of two single storey buildings for mixed A3/A5 use class (restaurant and hot food takeaway). Incorporating drive-thru lanes, car and cycle parking, plant, refuse storage and landscaping with both freestanding and elevational illuminated and non-illuminated signage at Capitol Park, Omega Boulevard, Thorne.

This application was considered alongside the following:

vii) 18/03082/ADV

Display of internally illuminated and non-illuminated freestanding and elevational signage relating to the 2 proposed A3/A5 units and associated drive-thru lanes at Capitol Park, Omega Boulevard, Thorne.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the applications.

Minor applications

viii) 18/00011/FUL

Erection of pedestrian bridge and bird hide on Thorne Moors Nature Reserve, Marshland Road, Moorends.

RESOLVED: No objections.

ix) 18/03045/FUL

Erection of ground floor extension to front (Retrospective) at 95 Bloomhill Court, Moorends.

RESOLVED: No observations.

x) 18/03092/FUL

Conversion of first floor commercial premises to residential use at 30 Finkle Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

xi) 18/03045/FUL

Erection of ground floor rear extension and new first floor fire escape area to the rear second door at 153-155 Marshland Road, Moorends.

RESOLVED: No observations.

3351. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Councillors with copies of the accounts and bank statements, explaining how they worked.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted and observed.

3352. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND FLOODLIGHTS

The Town Clerk updated the members on progress of the works.

The existing electricity provision on site is insufficient to supply the proposed floodlights. Northern Powergrid is required to make improvements to the infrastructure running from the nearest substation to make provision for an appropriate supply. The Clerk reported that in isolation the works were originally quoted as going to cost in the region of £14000. During the course of discussion it had come to light that Northern Powergrid are seeking to make improvements to the supply network in the area. To do so they wish to install cables across the Recreation Ground and to do so require a Wayleave. The Wayleave works could be partially combined with the supply works for the floodlights. A revised quote has been supplied which would bring the potential cost down to around £4000 (only if the Council can provide the Wayleave will the cost of connection be reduced). The Council would need to work with CISWO to secure the Wayleaves. The Clerk reported that the proposed site of the Wayleave works is along the boundary of the site and would unlikely impact on any future development plans for the site. The legal implications are that the Wayleave will create an agreement in perpetuity that impacts on the site.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council, subject to agreement with CISWO, provide the Wayleave Agreement in favour of Northern Powergrid and subject to doing so agree to commission Northern Powergrid to undertake the connection works in line with the revised connection quote.

3353. LOCAL POLICING SURVEY

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Inspector Mark Payling, explaining that South Yorkshire Police had gone through some significant restructures over the past few years in an attempt to manage the reduced budgetary provisions they had been granted, more savings needed to be met over the next two years. As part of the process the Chief Constable is reviewing the role of the PCSO and Inspector Payling had been asked to liaise with key community groups to gather their views about PCSO's as part of this review. A survey had been attached for council members to complete.

RESOLVED : That the Clerk respond to the email advising that the Council can't prioritise crime in a diverse community which has lost an element of trust in reporting crime.

3354. 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.

3355. COULMAN BUNGALOW

It was noted that Council had discussed the building in December but had made no decisions. Clerk reported that his priorities and workload had become clearer since then and that any scheme involving the site would not happen for some time and for that reason seeking an income from the premises in the mid term would be sensible rather than have it sat empty.

The Clerk reported that a local Day Nursery had viewed the property and expressed an interest.

It was considered that the Council needed to get an income from the building and the Clerk would advertise the building as available for let and bring to the next meeting details of expressions of interest received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seek expressions of interest prior to the next meeting and for Council to review those expressions at its next meeting.

End of meeting.