

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COULMAN PAVILION, THORNE ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 6.30PM.

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

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

20 members of the public.

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

3317. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. M. Phillips – Personal

Cllr. R. Powell – Personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

3318. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

Cllrs. J. Blackham and C.Blackham – Planning Application 18/02496/OUTM.

Cllr. C. Ellis – Non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

3319. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th October 2018.

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

3320. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Chair advised that 20 minutes would be allocated for this item.

- Planning Application 18/02496/OUTM. Objections were raised by Local residents on this application for the following reasons:
 - It is a Greenfield Site
 - Historic flooding
 - Only 1 entrance to the site
 - Traffic problems: Parking blocking entrance. Agricultural vehicles using the route
 - Problems with traffic via Thorne and Moorends
 - The application was refused in June.
 - The Council were urged to speak against this development.
 - Bloomhill Road is not big enough to take heavy vehicles; HGV's would have difficulties in manoeuvring.
- Planning Application 18/02761/FUL – concerns at the reduction of the height of the wall. Thorne Hall is a listed building which includes the whole of the site. Councillors were urged to seriously look at the application.

3321. THORNE MOOR - CONTAMINATION CONCERN

This item was deferred to a later meeting as the intended speaker had not been able to attend the meeting.

3322. CASUAL VACANCY

Three applications had been received for the vacant position, from Linda Lancaster, Gary Stapleton and Amie Knott.

Both Linda Lancaster and Amie Knott were each proposed and seconded.

A vote was taken with Amie Knott receiving the majority of the votes.

RESOLVED: That Amie Knott is elected as a Town Councillor.

The Mayor said that it was nice to have people coming forward, Amie Knott was welcomed to the Council and signed and read out her declaration. Cllr. Knott then joined the other Councillors at the table.

3323. PLANNING

The Town Clerk explained that there was quite a volume of planning applications and he had split them into what he considered to be major and minor applications.

1. Major Applications

Councillors C & J Blackham left the room for the following Planning application:

1.1 18/02496/OUTM

Outline application for residential development with means of access to be agreed (being resubmission of application 17/02717/OUTM refused on 27.06.2018) at Rivendell, Bloomhill Road, Moorends.

The Clerk pointed out that the Council were considering outline approval at the moment. The applicant is seeking absolute access approval.

Councillors thought that the issues on access and egress needed further consideration, it was suggested that a site visit should be organised with Doncaster MBC to gain a clearer picture.

RESOLVED: That Doncaster MBC is asked to look at the site with Thorne-Moorends Town Councillors being invited to attend and to relay the concerns raised by the public to DMBC.

Councillors C & J Blackham re-joined the meeting.

1.2 18/02553/FUL

Erection of 2 storey side extension at 11 St Michaels Close, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1.3 18/02761/FUL

Section 73 Application to vary conditions 2 and 11 of Planning Permission 16/0275/FUL (as altered from 15/02286/FUL) 1. Alterations to boundary wall to reduce in height from 4.5m to 2.2m to be repaired and repointed at 1 Thorne Hall, Ellison Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: That the application be rejected.

1.4 18/02628/FUL

Single 2 storey extension to existing bungalow, to include raising of existing roof ridge line, complete re-roofing and rendering of all existing and proposed external walls at 22 Kirton Lane, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1.5 18/02497/FUL

Full planning permission for the replacement of Plots 44 and 45 of approved scheme 15/02275/OUTM and 17/01099/REMM with 2 x bungalow house type on Land South of White Lane, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

1.6 18/02553/FUL

Erection of 2 storey side extension at 11 St Michaels Close, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2. Minor Applications

2.1 18/02248/FUL

Proposed erection of single storey rear extension (being amendment to previous permission 16/02248/FUL granted on 19.11.16 – alterations to the finishing materials used) at 44 Orchard Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2.2 18/02475/FULM

Erection of 13 two storey dwellings on approximately 0.18 ha of land at 98 North Eastern Road, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2.3 18/02248/FUL

Proposed erection of single storey rear extension (being amendment to previous permission 16/02248/FUL granted on 19.11.16 – alterations to the finishing materials used) at 44 Orchard Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2.4 18/02445/FULM

Erection of single storey extension to bungalow following demolition of existing conservatory at 135 Grampian Way, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2.5 18/02438/CON

Conservation Area notification to remove group of small diameter mixed trees, Community Solutions, King Street, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

2.6 18/02627/COND

Consent, agreement or approval required by conditions 1 and 3 of planning application 18/01286/FUL at Warp Farm, Moorends Road, Moorends.

RESOLVED: Operation should be in normal working hours.

2.7 18/02572/ADV

Display of two non-illuminated fascia signs and one non-illuminated freestanding sign at Kings Court Business Park, King Edward Road, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

3324. HATFIELD LINK ROAD

Members had received in advance of the meeting details of the proposed Hatfield link road. Members felt the road is long overdue and much needed.

RESOLVED : That the link road be supported.

3325. DELVES – WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk outlined the Councils desire for forming a Working Group to operate under the remit identified in his report.

The Delves Café Working Group shall consist of:

1. Thorne Moorends Town Council x 3
2. DMBC Ward Members x 3
3. Town Clerk (or an officer of the Council by way of substitute to the Town Clerk) x 1
4. Fishing Group(Tenants) x 1
5. Mr Sharpe (Deles Voluntary Curator) x1
6. Thorne/Hatfield Moors Representative x 1
7. Thorne Community Woods x 1

RESOLVED: That Councillors C.Ellis, D.Knight and A.Knott represent the Town Council along with the three Ward Members plus the Town Clerk / Assistant Town Clerk. All members be contacted as soon as possible and a meeting held at the earliest opportunity.

3326. FLOODLIGHTING – MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

The Clerk reported that planning permission for floodlighting had been granted. The next issue was electricity to the site. The Clerk advised that it would be beneficial if he had time to investigate this issue and report back to the Council at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be permitted time to investigate the issue of electricity supply to the site.

3327. RUGBY STAND

The Clerk reported that the rugby stand was due to be installed next week.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

3328. MIDYEAR BUDGET REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Budget was pretty much on track. It did not show the second half of the Precept.

The Clerk said that he intended to explore different ways to present the financial information in the future and that it is an important part of good governance.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

3329. 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.

3330. PLANNING – MARKET PLACE

It was reported that the Town Council own land to the rear of Thorne Regeneration Partnership but our issues do not impact on the planning application for the building on 1 & 2 Market Place. The Council had reserved access rights to the land, although at present the access is blocked. At present it would be difficult to comment on the planning application. The Clerk reported that he had a meeting with the developer next week and would report further at the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk's report be noted.

3331. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Town Clerk produced a report to inform members of the position in relation to a Freedom of Information request which has been referred to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and seek validation over the handling of the request by the Locum Clerk and the newly appointed Clerk. The Clerk reported that he had reviewed the requests and had determined them to be vexatious as per Section 14 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act and therefore the duty to provide the information did not apply. A Section 14 refusal had been issued to the requester. The ICO have confirmed that the refusal is a valid refusal under the legislation.

The Clerk recommended that the Council supports the Section 14 refusal but will be guided going forward by the advice and instruction of the Information Commissioners Office. It is the ICO who are in place to provide regulatory support and enforcement to FOI requests and they should therefore be permitted to do their jobs and respect shown for their findings.

Resolved: That the Council support the Section 14 refusal but will be guided going forward by the advice and instruction of the Information Commissioners Office as per the Clerk's recommendation.

3332. HYQUP

The Clerk reported that there have been historic issues over the operation of the swingbridge which has encountered regular periods of in operation. Hyquip have attended to undertake numerous repairs. Concerns have been raised that the work had not been up to standard and the Council has previously resolved that their invoices should not be paid without investigation into their work. The Locum Clerk submitted a letter to Hyquip outlining the concerns and had received a response. The Clerk had reviewed the paperwork and the response from Hyquip and found it to be satisfactory. The Clerk recommended that the outstanding invoices be paid in full to avoid further legal costs.

RESOLVED: That the outstanding invoices be paid in full. Further that an established service plan for the bridge in line with the manufacturers recommendations must be implemented and maintained, quotes should be sought for this work and appropriate budget provision made in the future to support the service plan.

End of meeting.