

REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE ON TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM.

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

Cllrs. A.Brookes, L.Dudgeon, M.Hennessey, M.Houlbrook, A.Jones, J.E.Phillips, R.Porter, G.Powell, A.Sloman, R.Turner, R.Walker and M.Williams.

2962. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

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2963. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

2964. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC – at the Chair’s discretion.

It was commented that as it is Thorne-Moorends Town Council some meetings should be held in Moorends.

Councillors should be working together for the benefit of the community.

It was queried why proposals had been put forward to change recently made decisions.

Concerns were raised that an earlier meeting start time would not be convenient for working people.

A query was raised about the use of confidential items as this prevented public comment on issues. The Clerk agreed to do a written response on this issue.

It was queried why there was a need to change the Council Chairs at this point in the Council year rather than wait until the Annual Meeting. The formal role of the Leader was questioned as the only statutory role is the Mayor which can only be changed at an Annual Meeting.

A comment was made about the poor attendance record of some Councillors.

2965. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

Three motions had been received by the Clerk.

2965.1 The following motion was proposed and seconded:

That the decisions of Council of 10th May 2016 be reversed with regard to appointments of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Resources, Chair and Vice Chair of Planning and Amenities, Leader and Deputy Leader (mins 2895 to 2897) with appointments to be made as follows:

Chair of Policy and Resources – Cllr Richard Walker

Vice Chair of Policy and Resources – Cllr Lee Dudgeon

Chair of Planning and Amenities – Cllr Tony Brookes

Vice Chair of Planning and Amenities – Cllr Martin Williams

Leader – Cllr Martin Williams

Deputy Leader – Cllr Tony Brookes

It was queried why these changes could not have been considered at an ordinary Council meeting. The Mayor advised that she had received a request for an extraordinary meeting in accordance with Standing Orders.

It was commented that, if this motion is carried, the Council should move forward as a group.

RESOLVED: That the decisions of Council of 10th May 2016 be reversed with regard to appointments of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Resources, Chair and Vice Chair of Planning

and Amenities, Leader and Deputy Leader (mins 2895 to 2897) with appointments to be made as follows:

Chair of Policy and Resources – Cllr Richard Walker

Vice Chair of Policy and Resources – Cllr Lee Dudgeon

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Vice Chair of Planning and Amenities – Cllr Martin Williams

Leader – Cllr Martin Williams

Deputy Leader – Cllr Tony Brookes

2965.2 The following motion was withdrawn by the Clerk for technical reasons:

That the decision of the Council of 13th September 2016 with regard to the Clerk Recruitment Panel (minute 2945) be reversed, and a panel of 5 Members be appointed at this meeting.

2965.3 The following motion was proposed and seconded:

That all future Council and Committee meetings are to be held at the Assembly Rooms (reversing minute 2950 – 13.9.16) and to commence at 6:00pm.

An amendment was moved and seconded proposing that the start time be amended to 6:30pm.

The Mayor read out a letter received from a Moorends resident advising that she had attended the recent meeting in Moorends, but would find it difficult to attend any meetings in Thorne due to inconvenient bus times.

It was suggested that meetings open to the public be held in Moorends as an alternative.

RESOLVED: That all future Council and Committee meetings are to be held at the Assembly Rooms (reversing minute 2950 – 13.9.16) and to commence at 6:30pm.

2966. STANDING ORDER 1C - ADMISSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Consideration was given to the implementation of Standing Order 1C (exclusion of press and public) in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 1C be invoked due to consideration of a confidential matter.

2967. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 9 - ARREARS

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

That the balance of the rent arrears of the Hornets and Stingers (£2,113.36) be written off.

It was noted that the Council have provided assistance in the past, including a rent reduction, and writing off some arrears. There is a historic issue regarding whether VAT should have been charged on a gross or net basis when the rent was originally agreed. Comments were made regarding the community value of youth football.

It was commented that clear agreements should be used with action taken at an early stage to prevent the build-up of arrears.

RESOLVED: That the balance of the rent arrears of the Hornets and Stingers (£2,113.36) be written off

All Confidential Pink papers were collected by the Clerk.

End of Meeting