

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND AMENITIES MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. R.Walker (Chair)

Cllrs. C.Blackham, J.Blackham, S.J.Durant, M.Hennessey, M.Houlbrook, A.Jones, J.Parker, J. Phillips, R.Porter, K.Redmile and M.Williams.

70+ members of the Public present.

Cllr Hennessey raised concerns on health and safety grounds regarding the number of people attending, but it was agreed to allow the meeting to proceed,.

2824. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. D.Barton– Illness

Cllr. A. Brookes– Personal

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.

2825. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr S.Durant declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning items as she is on the planning committee at Doncaster MBC.

It was proposed by Cllr Durant and seconded by Cllr Houlbrook that agenda item 6, Notice of Motion – Winning Post be considered before other Council business.

Resolved that item 6 (Notice of Motion, Winning Post) be considered before other Council business

2826. NOTICE OF MOTION – WINNING POST

The Clerk had received a special motion submitted under Section 11a of the Council’s Standing Orders which stated that “A resolution (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within 6 months except either by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least 5 Councillors of the Council, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee”.

Seven Councillors called for:

- 1) The Council to rescind on the decision (made on 03.11.15 at the meeting of the Full Council) to dispose of the Winning Post.
- 2) To reject offers to purchase the Winning Post as submitted by WPS Developments in the sum of £15,000 and Michael Tuby in the sum of £32,400.
- 3) The Council to accept the application submitted by Mr B. Armitage to recognise the Winning Post as an Asset of Community Value.

Prior to any discussion the Clerk read out a letter received from Mr Tuby stating his intention to withdraw his offer to purchase the Winning Post.

The Leader of the Council announced that he had listened to the Community and recommended that the Council vote against selling the Winning Post.

The motion to rescind the sale was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and all Councillors present were in favour of the motion.

RESOLVED: That the Council reject all offers to purchase the Winning Post and recognise the Winning Post as an Asset of Community Value.

Cllrs. K.Redmile and J.Parker announced that they were no longer members of the Community Group. An exchange of words between Councillors occurred at this point.

2827. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A member of the public commented on how Cllrs. Redmile and Parker were spoken to by a fellow Councillor and called his resignation.

A member of the public commented that the decision to sell the Winning Post seemed to have been made so quickly, and wondered why certain Councillors did not turn up for the public meeting held at the Winning Post. Another member of the public mentioned that Councillors and the Clerk had met with members of the user groups at the Winning Post, and that he was happy that the Winning Post had not been sold.

Another member of the public commented on the fact that Moorends had 3 Community Centres (2 of which belong to the Council), she said that in her opinion everything seemed to go to Moorends and asked why Thorne didn't have a Community Centre.

One member of the public commented that the issue over the Winning Post had turned political. She said that it is about the Community and that Councillors should work together. Another said that it is about statutory responsibilities – the Head of the Council is the Mayor, whilst the position of Leader and Deputy Leader are political positions.

2828. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Policy & Resources meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2015, pages 4256–4261.

The following amendments were noted:

Apologies: Cllr. Parker said that the reason she had not attended the meeting was due to illness and not for personal reasons.

Minute 2817. An item regarding skips in the Allotments is not mentioned in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above amendments the minutes be signed.

2829. NOTICE OF MOTION – STANDING ORDERS

This item was withdrawn.

At this point a number of members of the public left the room.

Cllr. M. Williams left the room at 7.30pm.

2830. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**i) 15/02599/FUL**

Erection of 2 storey extension to rear and canopy to front together with formation of parking to area to front at 147 Highfield Crescent, Thorne.

Resolved: No observations.

The following planning applications were not considered

ii) 15/02547/DEM

Demolition of garages – Garage Site 3 – (G026-G029) Darlington Grove, Moorends, Doncaster for St. Leger Homes of Doncaster.

iii) 15/02550/FUL

Demolition of garages – Garage Site 1 – (G034-G037) Darlington Grove, Moorends, Doncaster for St. Leger Homes of Doncaster.

iv) 15/02552/FULM

Demolition of garages – Garage Site 1 – (G038-G042) Darlington Grove, Moorends, Doncaster for St. Leger Homes of Doncaster.

v) 15/02350/FUL

Installation of containerised steam boiler with chimney at Synergy Health Sterilisation UK Limited, Unit 1, Capitol Park, Alpha Court, Thorne for Synergy Health.

Resolved: No observations.

vi) 15/02670/FUL

Erection of detached pitched roof garage to rear of semi-detached property at 22 St Michaels Drive, Thorne for Mr S Butler.

Resolved: No observations.

vii) 15/01404/FUL

Conversion of existing garage to flat at 2 Alexandra Street, Thorne for Miss G Kaur.

Resolved: No observations.

viii) 15/02612/FUL

Change of use of public house (Class A4) to mixed use (Class A1, A2, A3, A4, B1) and as a wine bar (flexible permission) including alterations and extensions and erection of a temporary office for Class A2 use (4.27m x 4.27m) (being amendment to application 14/00443/FUL, granted 28.04.2014) at The Mailed Horse, Thorne for Ian Screeton.

Resolved: No observations.

ix) 15/02765/FUL

Extension of existing detached garage and conversion to granny annexe at 48 King Edward Road, Thorne or Mrs D. Hampson.

Resolved: No observations.

x) 15/02726/FUL

Erection of external biomass boiler enclosure and pellet store at Thorne House, St Nicholas Road, Thorne for Austism Plus.

Resolved: No observations.

xi) 15/02718/OHL

Erection of 2 wooden poles to support 200KVA transformer, together with laying of underground cable (being an application under The Overhead Lines (Exemption) Regulations 2009) at Moorends Farm, Moorends Road, Moorends for Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc.

Resolved: No observations.

xii) 15/02476/FULM

Erection of 80 bed care home on 0.4ha of land (without compliance with Condition 2 of application 12/01423/FULM granted on 22/11/2012 – in accordance with plans and specification – changes to roof) on Former Northfield First and Middle School Site, North Eastern Road, Thorne for the Prestige Group.

Resolved: No observations.

xii) 15/02872/FUL

Erection of pitched roof two storey extension to side and single storey extension to front of semi-detached house at 17 Redland Crescent, Thorne for Mr R. Brown.

Resolved: No observations.

2831. FINANCE

Consideration was given to the financial report to the end of Month 7. The Clerk said that he had provided a year end forecast which showed a small surplus, which would be helpful as the reserves are slightly lower than is recommended.

7.40pm – Cllr. M.Williams returned to the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had been notified and invoices by Doncaster MBC of the costs of the May Town Council elections. He said that these costs considerably exceed current budget provision, and that Doncaster MBC have advised that on request, these costs can be invoiced over 3 years which would make the annual cost within this year's budget.

It was proposed and seconded that the election expenses be spread over 3 years.

A reference was made to the posts and fencing work carried out on the Moorends Welfare Ground and the Clerk was asked which maintenance budget this was from and was told it was the Moorends Welfare Ground budget. A comment was made about the mound which had been added to, the Clerk said that he had carried out an inspection of the fencing and thought everything seemed fine.

The Clerk reported that in past years the Clerk had provided a Christmas Gift Voucher for all staff. It was suggested that Vouchers to the sum of £50 be provided, this was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: That

- i) **Doncaster MBC be requested to invoice the Election costs over 3 years.**
- ii) **The staff receive Gift Vouchers to the sum of £50 be given to all staff.**

2832. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Accounts Payable to 31st October 2015.

- A question was raised as to the repairs to the Bandstand roof, the Clerk reported that this was to stop the tiles from slipping and not due to vandalism.
- Repairs to the roller shutters – this was due to wear and tear.
- Skip hire (Allotments) – concern was expressed regarding the amount of money spent on skips. The Clerk was asked to look at the skip situation in the Allotments and Cemetery, also the clearing away of the spoil and report back to the next meeting. It was also thought that to avoid friction individual Councillors should not approach the workforce

RESOLVED: That the Accounts Payable be approved.

7.55pm Cllr. S. Durant left the room.

2833. WINNING POST

- i) The Clerk reported that an Electors meeting called by 6 Electors to discuss the Winning Post was held on 24th November. The meeting resolved to call a Parish Poll with the following question “Do you want those Thorne-Moorends Town Councillors who voted to sell the Winning Post to resign?” He said that Parish Polls are organised by Doncaster MBC Electoral Services. The costs would need to be met by the Town Council and are anticipated to be in the order of £10,000.

Cllr. S.Durant returned to the room at 8.00pm.

- ii) Asbestos. The Clerk reported that following a recent Asbestos re-inspection there has been a recommendation that asbestos be removed in 3 sections of the building, 2 in the basement and 1 in the ceiling void. This asbestos was identified in previous surveys when it was recommended that it should be monitored, but the Consultants have now recommended that, in view of deterioration, it should now be removed. The Asbestos Consultants have approached 3 specialist contractors to undertake the works and have received the following quotes:

£6,347.22+VAT

£6,811.50+VAT

£5,297.00+VAT

It is an essential Health and Safety requirement that these works are carried out.

- iii) The Clerk reported that the Day Nursery who occupied the front part of the building had given notice to quit with effect from 1st January 2016. They had contacted him with a request that, in light of recent uncertainty and upheaval, the Council agree to waive 2 months' rent. The cost of this would be £1,000.
- iv) The Clerk said that he accepted that the proposed sale of the Winning Post had led to considerable uncertainty for the Day Nursery which will have had an impact on their business. However actions taken are in line with the lease, and the Council incurred expenditure in adapting the space for the Day Nursery use.

RESOLVED: That

- 1. The Asbestos remediation works be undertaken at a cost of £5,297 plus VAT.**
- 2. The Council do not waive the 2 month's free rent.**

2834. MOORENDS MARAUDERS RUGBY CLUB

The Clerk reported that he had received a proposal from Moorends Marauders Rugby Club for the erection of a stand on the Moorends Welfare ground. The Rugby Club will raise funds for its erection, but have asked for Council support, and for the Council to submit a planning application on behalf of the Club which can be done for 50% of the normal fee.

The proposed stand would have 75 seats. It would be of modular construction, resting on a concrete base which would make it relatively easy to extend or remove if necessary at some time in the future. It is proposed to erect it on the same side of the pitch as the existing Rugby Club buildings.

Through grants and club funding the Rugby Club have previously undertaken a number of improvements to their ground including fencing, club buildings and rugby posts. Further improvements would complement the approved investment in the changing pavilion.

As leaseholder the Council would need to give approval to this structure, and seek approval from CISWO as landlord.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The proposed new stand at Moorends Marauders be supported**
- 2. The Council submits a planning application for the stand on behalf of the Rugby Club**
- 3. The Council seeks formal approval from CISWO for the new structure**

Cllr. C. Blackham left the meeting at this point.

2835. 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.

2836. WINNING POST

This item was no longer considered relevant as the Council had rescinded their decision to close the Winning Post.

2837. ARREARS

This item was deferred to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

End of the meeting

