

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE ON TUESDAY 8th MAY 2012 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Cllrs. K.Abell, C.Blackham, J.Blackham, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, G.Derx, R.S.Durant, S.J.Durant, A.Farrand, M.Houlbrook and A.Wilson.

There were two members of the public present.

Before the meeting opened, the Council welcomed the newly elected Cllr. C. Blackham.

1979. APOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr. R.S. Durant was proposed and seconded for the post of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. R.S. Durant be appointed Town Mayor.

Cllr. R.S. Durant then took the Chair.

1980. MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Mayor duly signed the declaration of office which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

In his acceptance speech the Mayor thanked fellow Councillors for their confidence in allowing her the honour of representing the people of Thorne and Moorends as Mayor. The Mayor said that a lot had been achieved in the previous year and that she hoped that with the assistance of Councillors the good work would continue. She thanked the outgoing Mayor for his all his efforts during his term of office. The Mayor also thanked the public attendees for regularly attending the Council meetings.

1981. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received as follows:

Cllr. M. Williams - personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1982. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

1983. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr. G. Derx was proposed and seconded for the post of Deputy Town Mayor for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. G. Derx be appointed Deputy Mayor.

1984. DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Deputy Mayor signed the declaration of office which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

In his acceptance speech the Deputy Mayor thanked Councillors for appointing him and said that he hoped to work closely with fellow Councillors. Cllr. Derx thanked the Councillors and the previous Mayor for all the work carried out last year.

1985. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr. M.Houlbrook was proposed and seconded as leader of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. M.Houlbrook be appointed as Leader of the Council for the forthcoming year.

1986. DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr. J.Blackham was proposed and seconded as Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. J.Blackham be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the forthcoming year.

1987. STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That the following Standing Committees operate for the following year:

- a. POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING
- b. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, AMENITIES AND LEISURE

and that all Councillors should be members of the Standing Committees.

1988. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1988.1 CHAIR OF PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllrs. S.Durant and A.Farrand were proposed and seconded as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. S.Durant be appointed Chair and Cllr. A.Farrand Vice Chair of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee.

1988.2 CHAIR OF POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

Cllrs. M.Houlbrook and J.Blackham were proposed and seconded as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

RESOLVED: That Cllr. M.Houlbrook be appointed Chair and Cllr. J.Blackham Vice Chair of the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee.

1989. REPRESENTATIVES OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

It was resolved that the following representatives be appointed for the ensuing year:

- a) Brookes Trust. Cllrs. J.Blackham and M.Houlbrook.
- b) DMBC Parish Councils Joint Consultative Committee. Cllr. K.Abell plus the Clerk.
- c) Thorne and Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum. Cllr. G.Derx.
- d) Friends of Buntings Wood. Cllr. G.Derx.

1990. MINUTES

1990.1 Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the extraordinary Planning, Environmental, and Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 16th April 2012.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1991. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) 11/03265/FUL

Erection of pitched roof two storey and single storey extension to rear of semi-detached house following demolition of existing outbuildings at 4 Grove House Cottages, High Levels Bank, Thorne for Mr G. Lifsey.

RESOLVED: No observations.

ii) 12/00830/ADV

Retention of display of 3 non illuminated fascia signs at Howarth Timber Thorne Ltd., South Parade, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

iii) 12/00858/OUT

Outline application for the erection of residential development on approx. 0.62 ha of land following the demolition of the existing club (approval being sought for means of access, layout & scale) (Resubmission of application 11/03285/OUT withdrawn on 10.02.2012) at Thorne Coronation Club, King Edward Road, Thorne for Mr & Mrs P. Hollins.

RESOLVED: Objection for the same reasons as previous application – overdevelopment.

iv) 12/00902/FUL

Erection of pitched roof first floor extension over existing extension to rear of semi-detached house at 78 Millfield Road, Thorne for Mrs E. Collins.

RESOLVED: No observations.

v) 12/00933/FUL

Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side of semi-detached house at 89 Grampian Way, Thorne for Mr D. Phillips.

RESOLVED: No observations.

vi) 12/12/01002/FUL

Subdivision of existing retail unit into two units and formation of new shop front at 1-3 The Green, Thorne for The Co-operative Group.

RESOLVED: No observations.

vii) 12/01030/ADV

Display of 5 internally illuminated poster display units at Yorkshire Bank, Market Place, Thorne.

RESOLVED: No observations.

At this point Cllr. A. Wilson left the meeting.

1992. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th May 2012.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable authorise.

1993. ANNUAL RETURN 2011-12

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had not completed his audit but it was hoped to be finalised by the end of the week.

RESOLVED: Recommended the Mayor and Clerk be authorised to sign Section 1 and 2 of the Accounting Statement for submission to the External Auditor.

1994. THORNE CEMETERY WORKS

The Clerk reported that an allocation of £25,000 for access improvements to Thorne Cemetery was approved by Council on 29th March 2012. Tenders had been sought for the scheme which was approved at the Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing Committee on 6th March 2012

Initial Tenders were opened on 16th April. However, due to errors by Contractors identified by the Architect, it proved necessary to re-tender. The new tenders were opened on 1st May.

As the scheme is below budget it was agreed at the meeting on 16th April to carry out further improvements to the paths at the Cemetery. The majority of the paths are constructed of tarmac, but some have been constructed using pathing slabs. The Clerk

reported that he had undertaken a survey of the cemetery and identified the following in need of attention:

- (i) Adjacent Chapel of Rest – surface damage caused by vehicles
- (ii) Paths in the north west corner – damage caused by tree roots
- (iii) North east corner – a new path is needed for new graves
- (iv) Other areas – there are a number of areas which need patch repairs. In addition paving slabs need relaying to remove trip hazards.

The architect has estimated the cost of these works at £21,500 as follows:

- (i) £4,500
- (ii) £9,500
- (iii) £5,500
- (iv) £2,000

The Clerk reported that there is a need to prioritise these works or identify additional funds (the maintenance allocation for the Cemetery is £2,000) and commented as follows:

- (i) Forms a hazard and is in need of repair
- (ii) The paths are very uneven. There is a question of how long any repair/ replacement would last in view of the tree roots. One option would be to convert parts to an informal path, though this would reduce the access to some graves.
- (iii) This is not an immediate priority, and could be deferred
- (iv) Generally trip hazards which need attention

It was recommended that the balance of capital funds be used for the highest priority repairs. It is likely that further works will be needed to meet Health and Safety requirements. It was proposed that a site meeting be held with a Councillor sub-group to consider this in more detail, before a final scheme is agreed.

Council also considered the issue of the condition of trees in the Cemetery. It was reported that a branch had blown down recently, and had been removed, but it was clear that other trees need attention. The Clerk reported that he had arranged for the removal of one which is in the middle of a path, and will arrange for the others to be surveyed to assess what further work is needed.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The sub-group consist of Cllrs. S. Durant, R. Durant, A. Farrand, K. Abell, M Houlbrook and G. Derx.
2. The Option 2 scheme agreed on 6th March proceed, with the lowest tenderer appointed to carry out the works.
3. The balance of approved funds be used to carry out repairs/ replacement of other paths in the cemetery.

4. A sub group of Councillors be appointed to consider what further works to the paths are needed.

1995. SUMMER FESTIVAL 2012

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Summer Festival Organising Committee for a contribution towards the Summer Festival due to be held in Thorne Memorial Park on 28th and 29th July 2012.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2000 be approved and that the Clerk would liaise with the organisers of the Festival with regards to the management of the Council Staff time.

1996. THORNE PARK PLANTING

There are a number of flower beds in the Park near to the South Parade entrance which, in recent years had been planted with bedding plants. The Clerk reported that last year these were not particularly successful partly due to soil conditions, and partly due to people walking across the beds.

The Clerk reported that he understood that in the past these were rose beds, and that he had investigated the possibility of replanting with roses. A quotation of £2,390 plus VAT to plant 120 roses had been received, this also included composting the beds.

The Clerk also reported that he had been approached by a member of the public seeking to sponsor the planting of 2 Mountain Ash in the Park, for personal reasons which could be considered as part of any replanting scheme. The cost is around £1,000 including tree guards.

It was suggested that should the Council wishes to proceed with this scheme it would be helpful if the Clerk could liaise with a small group of Councillors to agree a final design.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That a sub-group be formed consisting of Cllrs. S. Durant, R. Durant, A. Farrand, K. Abell, M. Houlbrook and G. Derx.
- 2) That the planting of rose beds in the Memorial Park be agreed as part of the Jubilee celebrations but would be carried out in-house and would use a thorn less variety of roses.
- 3) The contribution towards the planting of 2 Mountain Ash be welcomed, and included as part of the new planting scheme.

17. MOORENDS WELFARE SPECTATOR FENCING

The Clerk reported that an allocation of £8,000 for spectator fencing for the rugby pitch and no 1 football pitch at Moorends Welfare was agreed by Council on 8th April 2012.

That spectator fencing is a requirement for the leagues that Moorends Marauders and Thorne Colliery are playing in. Thorne Colliery requires fencing on all sides of the pitch, whilst Moorends Marauders would be satisfied with fencing along the pitch sides only.

Quotations had been sought for replacement fencing, and firms have their own design and specifications. In addition some firms offer a full installation service and others supply only. The quotations are as follows:

B H Fencing – supply and installation - £20,810+VAT

Stadia Sports – supply and installation - £23,129+VAT

It's a Goal – supply only - £6,550+VAT

Mark Harrod – supply only - £7,800+VAT

The Clerk reported that it that “It’s a Goal” appeared to offer the lowest quotation and had looked at it in more detail to ensure that it met the Council’s specifications:

- (i) It utilises ground spikes, so it is relatively easy to install. The Council has the in house capacity to undertake this work.
- (ii) It is a uPVC system with strengthened polypropylene brackets which is safer than a steel barrier if players collide with them, but robust enough for the job in hand.
- (iii) A steel barrier would be less susceptible to vandalism. However it will be installed on pitches which have security fencing which should reduce this risk.
- (iv) It can be moved if necessary. Some other systems which are socketed are easier to remove. However this will not be required on these pitches as the fencing can be left up permanently if necessary.
- (v) It meets the league requirements.

RESOLVED that:

The “It’s a Goal” fencing be purchased and installed at the no1 pitch and Rugby pitch at Moorends.

Further RESOLVED: That all members of the working committee be involved in any publicity.

End of meeting.