

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2012 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

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

Cllrs. K. M. Abell, J.Blackham, G Derx, R.S.Durant, A.Farrand, M.Houlbrook, A Brookes

John McGhee – Doncaster MBC

1918. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. R Walker - Work commitment

Cllr. M Chowings – Illness

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1919. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1920. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th November, 2011, pages 3945 – 3949.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

1921. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consideration was given to the following reports:

1921.1 Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 13th December 2011. Pages 3950 to 3957.

1921.2 Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 10th January 2012. Pages 3958 to 3963

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1922. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

John McGee from Doncaster MBC introduced himself as part of the Area team, dealing with community and street scene issues. He was keen to work with the Town Council. Issues discussed included the potential for enforcement for dog fouling and other issues on Town Council land, and involvement in the Jubilee celebrations.

The Council thanked him for his attendance.

1923. REVIEW OF CHARGES

The Clerk presented a report about a a review of charges for Council facilities with a view to introducing revised charges on 1st April 2012. The charges were last reviewed about 12 months ago.

The national indices show an inflation rate over the last 12 months of c5%, and the Council is subject to inflationary pressures in a significant number of areas putting pressure on budgets. However, in light of current economic circumstances it was proposed that many of the charges would increase by a lower level.

RESOLVED: Recommended that the revised charges be introduced from 1st April 2012

1924. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Clerk proposed a schedule of meetings for 2012-13.

RESOLVED: That meetings be held as follows:.

June 12th	Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure
July 10th	Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing
July 24th	Council
September 11th	Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure
October 9th	Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing
November 13th	Council
December 11th	Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure
January 15th	Council
February 12th	Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing
March 12th	Council
April 9th	Planning, Environment, Amenities and Leisure
May 14th	Council/ Annual Council Meeting
May 21st	Annual Electors meeting

1925. PRIMARY SCHOOLS PE

This item had been deferred for further information from the last meeting. The Clerk reported that additional information had been received with the organiser negotiating free use of the Sports Hall. This has reduced the requested contribution from the Town Council to £200.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 be approved for winter Primary School PE sessions in Thorne and Moorends.

1926. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Consideration was given to implementation of Standing Order 58 (exclusion of press and public) in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be invoked

1927 STAFFING MATTERS

The Chair of the appointments Panel, Cllr M Houlbrook reported that the Clerk's appointment in the summer was subject to a 6 month review period which expires on 14th January. Cllr Houlbrook has undertaken a formal 6 month review, and reported that the Clerk has met expectations. He recommended that his appointment is confirmed.

RESOLVED: That Clerk's appointment is confirmed

End of meeting.