

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS on 27th APRIL 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs. Craig Ellis (Chair), Susan Durant, Mark Houlbrook, David Knight, Joe Blackham, Carol Blackham, Ron Powell, Amie Knott, Mark Phillips, Janet Phillips, Stephen Heptinstall

Also present: Matthew Gleadell (Clerk), 1 member of the public, 1 member of the press, Mark Turner (Thorne Colliery FC)

3647. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Joe Blackham, Carol Blackham, Janet Phillips, Mark, Phillips

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

3648. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3649. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2021 save for noting the presence of Cllr. Stephen Heptinstall.

3650. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters raised by the members of the public present.

3651. PRESENTATION FROM THORNE COLLIERY FC

Mark Turner of Thorne Colliery FC gave members a presentation to update them on the clubs progress, ambitions and merger plans with Moorends Hornets and Stingers. Mark answered a number of questions from members. Members were pleased to hear of the clubs progress.

RESOLVED to note and receive the presentation from Mark Turner.

3652. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported to members in relation to the following documents:

1. Balance Sheet to the end of February.
2. Monthly payment schedule.

A few queries were raised in relation to the payment schedule which was otherwise approved.

The Clerk advised members that the end of year accounts had also now been prepared and that there was a small underspend over the course of the financial year of approximately £7,500. The Clerk acknowledged that grant support for Covid 19 has been essential to ensure that the Council had remained on track with its income forecasts.

3653. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

In the absence of the Chair of the group the Clerk gave members a short summary of progress from the last meeting. It was noted that the last meeting had not concluded as it became inquorate but that those present whilst quorate had a presentation from a Hydrologist regarding the Delves water management. Further actions following the presentation were on hold pending elections

RESOLVED to receive and note the update.

3654. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHYSICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that virtual meetings could no longer continue from May as the legislation allowing them is being withdrawn.

The Clerks recommendation to use the Winning Post for Full Council meetings whilst Covid concerns remain due to the buildings size and capacity for social distancing was rejected with Councillors preferring to revert to an alternate venue approach involving Coulman Pavilion. Councillors believe that Coulman Road Pavilion will be of a sufficient size to hold meetings safely.

RESOLVED to hold Full Council meetings physically in alternate venues being the Winning Post and Coulman Pavilion.

3655. COUNCIL BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

The Clerk gave members an update on various building projects including the Delves Café, South Parade Toilets, Toll Bar Changing Rooms and Moorends Community Centre Toilets.

Members were pleased with the works being carried out.

RESOLVED to receive and note the update.

3656. SHALLOW GRAVES

The Clerk outlined his written report and confirmed the common issue of shallow graves in cemeteries and a recent incident in Thorne Cemetery. The Clerk explained how he had overcome the problem. Members raised a few queries and offered some observations over possible future problems of a similar nature.

RESOLVED to note the Clerks report.

3657. NATWEST BANK MANDATE

Members noted the Clerks request for updating the bank mandate which was duly agreed.

RESOLVED to update the Natwest Bank mandate in accordance with the Clerks report as follows:

1. Removal of former employee Jackie Cantley as a signatory.
2. Removal of the late Anthony Brookes as a signatory.
3. Lisa Hallam and Matthew Gleadell confirmed as List A signatories.
4. Save for the changes above the mandate to remain the same.

3658. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Clerk presented his report and options for a new website to meet accessibility requirements.

Members were not keen on the options and requested quotes from local web designers and also suggested the college be contacted to see if a student can build a website for the Council.

RESOLVED to seek further quotes from local businesses and approach Doncaster College.

The Chair proposed that the Cemetery Bench item be made private and moved to the private part of the meeting.

RESOLVED to vary the order of the Agenda to move the Cemetery Bench item to the closed part of the meeting.

3659. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude press and public due to the confidential nature of the remaining agenda items.

3659. CEMETERY BENCHES

The Clerk updated members with regard to progress in relation to Cemetery Benches and managing those that have been a problem and have caused complaints. The Clerk explained he was pleased with the work and the progress made and that people are now applying in the correct way.

RESOLVED to note the Clerks report.

3661. THORNE COLLIERY FC LEASE

The Clerk gave members an update on progress of the Lease. It was noted that the Clerk had circulated the Heads of Term prior to the meeting. Various ideas were mooted by members around managing any future commerciality of the club and how that impacts on rent and CISWO requirements.

The Clerk reported that he had approached CISWO regarding the possible acquisition of the freehold of the site but that they would not be willing to transfer. As instructed by members the Clerk confirmed he had contacted the MP for assistance however the MP's approach to CISWO had not changed CISWO's position.

RESOLVED to note the update and review further once the draft Lease is available.

End of meeting.