

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE WINNING POST, MOORENDS ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr. M.Houlbrook (Chair),  
Cllrs. C.Ellis, S.Durant, David Knight, Rob Porter, Joe Blackham

3 members of the public. 1 member of the press.

The Safety procedures in case of fire were explained to all present.

**3539. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. M. Phillips  
Cllr. A. Knott  
Cllr. C. Blackham  
Cllr. T. Brooks  
Cllr. A. Cuttall

**RESOLVED:** That the apologies be accepted.

**3540. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr. Susan Durant declared an interest in all planning matters as she is chair of the planning committee at DMBC.

**3541. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Noted that Sgt Miles had accompanied Alison Carr from the police. Also noted Cllr. Rob Porter has sent his apologies for the last meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be signed and accepted as a true record subject to the amendment.

**3542. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

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

**3543. PRESENTATION REGARDING WOODLAND CLASSROOM**

Michelle Downs gave members a presentation to outline her proposals for a woodland classroom to be held in Thorne Community Wood. The following points were made:

1. Michelle has been in childcare for 20 years.
2. Michelle runs similar classes in other woodlands in the Doncaster area.
3. Classes are for 1 hour and involve various activities.
4. Michelle is fully insured and carries out full risk assessments.
5. Classes were set up and fully packed away leaving no trace in the woodland.
6. Classes aimed at preschool children and may also provide parties at weekends.
7. Part time venture for Michelle but hopes to expand.

Cllrs commented that the venture does not use any Council resources.

**RESOLVED** to allow Michelle free use of the Thorne Woodland for 6 months with a review of potential hire fees for use of the woodland to follow after 6 months.

#### **3544. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillors noted the Clerks report and the single minor application for which there were no observations.

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerks report.

#### **3545. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported that due to the recent absence of the Assistant Clerk who would ordinarily prepare the financial reports there was no report to provide this month. The Clerk explained that he is putting measures in place to address the difficulties created by the Assistant Clerks prolonged absence and will seek to ensure that reports are up and running again at the earliest opportunity.

**RESOLVED** to note the position as regards staff resources and impact on the finance report.

#### **3546. DELVES**

Noted that Council previously approved a specification for the refurb of the café building which required some additional funding through s.106. It was reported that funding now looked unlikely to be secured despite many efforts from ward members, the Clerk and DMBC officers. Consequently reported that the future planning working group and the Delves working group and seeking £40,000 from earmarked reserves to be able to pursue the refurbishment.

It was accepted by members that the project is an important one and deserves the investment sought.

**RESOLVED** to earmark £40,000 from reserves to allow the project to proceed.

#### **3547. EARMARKED RESERVES**

Members received an earmarked reserves proposal from the future planning working group. Noted that the allocations will remain subject to periodic review.

**RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed earmarked reserves schedule.

#### **3548. WAREHOUSE SECURITY**

The Clerk gave members an update on the security improvements at the warehouse. Noted that one of the measures previously agreed was now considered unnecessary but that there was a need to consider improving security now at the rear pedestrian entrance.

**RESOLVED** to install some additional security fencing at the rear entrance provided the cost does not exceed that which was previously agreed for the steel doors on the vehicular entrance.

#### **3549. REPORT FROM CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk gave his monthly report to members which was duly noted. The report referred to matters including but not limited to:

1. Safety tree works.
2. Legionella monitoring contract.
3. Thorne Memorial Park wall repairs.
4. Coronavirus planning.

**3550. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Consideration was given to the implementation of Standing Order 10 a xi (Exclusion of Press and Public) in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

**RESOLVED:** That Standing Order 10 a xi is invoked due to consideration of confidential matters

**THE REMAINING MINUTES ARE ON PINK PAPER DUE TO THEIR CONFIDENTIALITY.**