

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT WINNING POST, MARSHLAND ROAD, MOORENDS ON THE 12 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7PM.

Present: Cllrs Susan Durant, Craig Ellis, Nicola Etherington, Keith Fox, Mark Houlbrook, Mark Phillips, Janet Phillips, Rob Porter, Shane Sweeting, Martin Williams

Also present : Matthew Gleadell (Town Clerk) 1 member of the press, 2 members of the public

3730. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr. Joe Blackham, Cllr. Carol Blackham, Cllr. Allan Cuttell, Cllr. Gwyn Ap Harri and Cllr. Ron Powell.

3731. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr. Susan Durant declared an interest as the Chair of the Planning Committee at Doncaster Council.

3732. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held 13 September 2021 and 22nd September 2021.

3733. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

3734. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members considered and debated the report from the Clerk and the complaints from residents regarding parking around the building, noise from dance clubs and difficulties arising from a recent boxing event.

It was recognised that Dancing and Boxing provide valuable outlets for local children and that they should be supported.

It was noted that some of the problems with Dance may have attributed to doors being open for ventilation due to Covid 19 and that recently reports suggest that the problems have lessened.

It was noted that signs have gone up asking visitors to the venue to park with courtesy to residents.

RESOLVED that dance groups be allowed to continue booking the centre.

In relation to the boxing event the concerns raised from the last event were noted and some Councillors themselves had witnessed the problems with parking.

A number of suggestions were made as to how the event can be better managed going forward.

RESOLVED that the boxing club be allowed to book the venue again subject to the following conditions:

1. That the event is seating only to limit numbers.
2. Parking at the venue is for officials only.
3. Guest parking to be at Moorends Recreation Ground and the club to ensure that this is adhered to.
4. A refundable £200.00 bond is paid in advance of the booking. This is repaid provided there is no damage to the building after the booking.

5. A full detailed check of the building before and after the booking.

3735. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk outlined to members the contents of the Balance Sheet, Monthly Payment Schedule, and Budget Report. A number of questions were raised by members which the clerk duly answered.

RESOLVED to note the financial reports.

3736. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note the single application and decisions made since the last meeting.

3737. RISK MANAGEMENT

Members reviewed the record of the last risk management discussion at Council.

A number of further risk items and issues were identified by members.

It was recognised that it is very hard to devote sufficient time at the meeting to have a detailed discussion about risk management and so it may be sensible to have a separate meeting. A member suggested setting up a separate committee to look at this area.

RESOLVED to have bi monthly separate Full Council meetings to focus solely on Risk Management.

3738. CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED to adopt the new model code of conduct recommended by the Local Government Association.

3739. JCB MINI DIGGER

Members noted the clerks report. Members in principle were happy to replace the mini digger and would now like to see a range of options for a replacement.

Consideration was given to electric options as part of the Councils increasing commitment to managing its environmental impact.

RESOLVED that the mini digger be replaced and that full details of different options including new diesel and electric models and good second hand options.

3740. FOI REQUESTS

Members noted the Clerks report. A further request not on the report was also identified by the Clerk which was also noted.

RESOLVED to note the report and details of the additional request.

3741. TREE SAFETY WORKS CONTRACT

Members considered the Clerks report including the history of and implications of the Councils tree management. It was agreed that having a consistent tree contractor is helpful.

RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the Clerks report.

3742. DANCE WORLD CUP

A request from a local dance group for some free hall hire to help them with their dance world cup team practice was considered. Members felt that they would welcome further information about the dance group and the arrangements for the hire in order to be able to make a decision. Members had anecdotally heard that the sessions sought may not be run by a qualified dance teacher. It was noted that the hirer is a business and that there is a danger of a precedent being set.

RESOLVED for the Clerk to seek further information from the dance group.

3743. DELVES PEST CONTROL

Members noted and debated the Clerks report. Agreed that the approach taken by the angling club to pest control recently was inappropriate. Cllr. Sweeting provided some very useful insight into pest control due to experience as a gamekeeper.

RESOLVED that the issue of pest control is discussed with the angling club when meeting with the new committee, that Cllr. Sweeting be present at the meeting and that subject to appropriate safety measures and capturing of ducks rather than shooting be looked at as the preferred option that pest control can continue.

3744. COUNCIL INSURANCE

Members reviewed the Councils insurance policy. A number of questions were raised and answered by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to note the policy.

End of meeting.