

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COULMAN PAVILION, COULMAN ROAD, THORNE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr. M.Houlbrook (Chair),  
Cllrs. D. Knight, C.Ellis, S.Heptinstall, M.Phillips, T.Brookes, J. Blackham, C. Blackham

6 members of the public.

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

**3525. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. S. Durant - Illness

Cllr. J.Phillips - Illness

Cllr. A. Knott - Work commitment

Cllr N. Etherington

Cllr. R. Porter

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

**3526. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr. T Brookes - Agenda item 14 due to his wife being secretary of the Church Committee.

**3527. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Page 4492 No. 3521- It was RESOLVED that as well as the floodlight quote to be accepted that the project should also proceed.

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

**3528. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

A representative from Thorne St Nicholas Church spoke to outline the background to Agenda item 14.

**3529. POLICE INSPECTOR PRESENTATION**

Council received a short presentation from the new Neighbourhood Police Inspector for Thorne Alison Carr. Alison was accompanied by Sgt. Miles.

Alison outlined current arrangements for policing in Thorne and Moorends and plans for the future. Alison confirmed that she welcomed support and input from the local community.

Alison did not deny that a lack of resources are making it challenging to be able to fully police in the way she would like.

Members raised a number of questions including in relation to motor cross bikes and ASB which Alison and her colleague duly answered.

**RESOLVED to thank Alison for her attendance and note her presentation.**

**3530. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerks Planning report was duly received and noted. A single minor application reference 20/00254/FUL was briefly discussed however no formal comments were made.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

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### **3531. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Members received the Clerks monthly financial report which included the following reports:

1. Balance Sheet
2. Monthly Payment Schedule for January
3. Bank Reconciliation Reports.

Noted that the Clerk had annotated the monthly payment list to show which payments are ad hoc, monthly or yearly. The annotations were well received by Councillors.

Members raised some questions on the monthly payment schedule which were duly answered by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. It was noted in particular that a cost for tie wraps was high however it was reported that this was merely the first item on an invoice from Travis Perkins and includes many other items.

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the reports.

### **3532. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS**

Members discussed and noted a report from the Clerk and recommendation from staffing and complaints seeking an increase to the number of members on the staffing and complaints committee.

**RESOLVED** to increase the number of members on staffing and complaints with the addition of Janet Phillips and Stephen Heptinstall.

### **3533. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT**

Members reviewed the proposed tender package produced by the Clerk which the Clerk duly explained to the members present.

**RESOLVED** to adopt the Tender Package produced and appoint the following Councillors to the tender review panel: Cllr. Mark Houlbrook, Cllr. Susan Durant, Cllr. Craig Ellis, Cllr. Mark Phillips, Cllr. David Knight and for the Clerk to organise appropriate dates for the process.

### **3534. REPORT FROM CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

**The Clerk gave members his monthly report which included matters concerning the following:**

1. The damaged wall at the park
2. Vacancy on the grounds maintenance team.
3. Storm damage to trees
4. Flooded sports grounds.
5. Internal finance checks.
6. Website review.
7. Risk management and Councillor Training.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3535. STANDING ORDER 10a xi – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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  
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### **3536. STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS**

Members reviewed a report relating to proposals for a restructure of existing staffing arrangements as recommended by the Councils Staffing committee. Noted that the proposals which will include the loss of a single gate locking role.

**RESOLVED to follow the recommendations from Staffing Committee and make the agreed changes to the staffing committee and for the Clerk to implement the necessary changes in consultation with HR.**

### **3537. DELVES**

Members reviewed a request from a developer to purchase the entire Delves site. Members felt that they wished to continue with existing plans and that the site is a valuable public asset and should remain in public ownership. There was concern about the impact on the angling club should the site fall into private ownership.

**RESOLVED to decline the request to purchase the Delves site.**

### **3538. STONEGATE CHURCH CAR PARK**

Correspondence from the Church Committee seeking the Councils assistance to either take over the car park or provide financial assistance was reviewed by the Council. It was noted that DMBC had never consulted local ward members about their withdrawal from managing the site. Cllr. Blackham offered to raise the matter with DMBC.

**RESOLVED to allow Cllr. Joe Blackham to approach DMBC to review their position on the car park and report back before the Town Council reaches any decision.**

End of meeting.