

REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, FIELDSTIDE, THORNE ON 27TH JULY 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Susan Durant, Craig Ellis, Keith Fox, Mark Houlbrook, Janet Phillips, Ron Powell and Shane Sweeting

Also present: Matthew Gleadell (Clerk)

3706. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr. Nicola Etherington, Cllr. Gwyn Ap Harri, Cllr. Joe Blackham, Cllr. Carol Blackham and Cllr. Rob Porter

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

3707. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3708. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021.

3709. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

3710. NEW WEBSITE PRESENTATIONS

Members received virtual presentations from 3 companies looking to provide the council with a new website.

Each company had 30 minutes to give their presentation and answer questions from Councillors.

RESOLVED to offer the website contract to 2commune subject to them being able to incorporate a disability widget into the proposed site. If they are unable to do so the matter will be considered again at the September Full Council meeting with advice sought from Cllr. Gwyn Ap Harri as an IT specialist prior to the next meeting.

3711. BOUNDARY COMMISSION CHANGES CONSULTATION

Members reviewed the proposals for changes to the parliamentary boundaries. It was noted that Thorne and Moorends is due to be joined with the Isle of Axholme and North Lincolnshire as a single constituency.

RESOLVED to submit a formal objection to the proposals for the following reasons:

1. The Isle of Axholme shares very few characteristics with Thorne and Moorends.
2. There are no direct public transport links between the 2 areas.
3. The social demographic of the areas are very different and would present very different problems for an MP.
4. The support from an MP would be diluted as they are dealing with 2 principal authorities instead of 1.
5. The Council welcomes having the support of 2 MP's as it does currently with Thorne and Moorends in separate constituencies.
6. The areas have no direct industry links.
7. The 2 areas are entirely independent on a social level.

End of meeting.