

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2012

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor V. Doran
Vice-Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas

Councillors J.R. Armstrong, A. Brown, A.J. Brown, T. Corden,
L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell, P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness,
S.L. McGuinness and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Butler and
V. Jennings.

124. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

RESOLVED that the following declaration made at the meeting
be noted:-

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 128 relating to Planning and
he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
6th December 2011 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

126. BURIALS

RESOLVED

(1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there
had been 1 interment and 2 interments of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground;

(2) that arrangements be made to re-secure one of the seats in
the burial ground and re-site another.

127. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

(1) that the following schedule of accounts paid or for payment
be approved:-

	£		
South Yorkshire	989.74	Superannuation contributions	507587
Pensions Authority			

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	£		
HMRC	2,342.62	Tax, National Insurance	507588
N.C. Shinn	140.00	Supply water bottle posts - Burial ground	507590
D. Cooke	445.93	Gardening etc. charges	507591
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	507592
Employees	6,749.94	Pay	507599- 507610
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	131.96	Copy paper, laminating pouches etc.	507613
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	50.87	Copying charges	507615
D. Cooke	338.52	Gardening charges	507618
D. Cooke	10.01	Petrol	507619
Doncaster M.B.C.	302.83	Grounds maintenance - 12/9 - 4/12	507622
Children with Cancer UK	50.00	Grant	507625
Doncaster M.B.C.	115.83	Refuse collection - burial ground	507628
Yorkshire Water	29.92	Water charges - burial ground	507629

(2) that the following schedule of accounts paid or for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 20th December 2011, be noted:-

	£		
UK Security Products & Services Ltd.	795.60	Security services - Fireworks Display	507572
G. Mudford & Sons Ltd.	1,752.00	Marquee hire - Fireworks Display	507573
Green Toilet Co. Ltd.	570.00	Hire of portable toilets - Fireworks Display	507574
Trador Marketing Ltd.	225.00	Art and craft sessions x 4	507576
Doncaster M.B.C.	208.03	Repair lighting timer - CC	507577
Councillor V. Doran	300.00	Raffle prizes - Christmas Dinner/ Tea	507578
B.A. Cheetham	220.00	Stocktake reports	507580
Trador Marketing Ltd.	225.00	Art and craft sessions x 4	507581
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	146.40	Supply ice melt granules	507582
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	149.65	Supply cleaning materials	507583
J.F. Monks (Doncaster) Ltd.	57.60	Supply receipt books - S & R	507584
Cash	100.00	Petty cash - CC	507586
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire	507589
G. Shephard	285.77	Reimburse cost of Christmas trees	507593
T. Disdel	250.00	Aromatherapy sessions x 4	507594
G.N.E. Contracting Ltd.	738.73	Construct widening to turning area - CC car park	507595
Complete Catering Service	3,934.80	Supply 297 meals - Christmas Dinner/Tea	507596
Councillor M.J. Doran	125.00	Reimburse cost of flowers - Christmas Dinner/Tea	507597

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Councillor A. Brown	£ 72.78	Food hampers and decorations - 507598 Christmas Dinner/Tea	
PTE Plant Co.	156.00	Mobile lighting tower, etc. hire - Fireworks Display	507611
British Gas Business	1,493.22	Gas charges	507612
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	55.08	Coloured copy paper, etc.	507614

128. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 6 applications submitted to Doncaster Borough Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council for planning permission to carry out development in Armthorpe, be noted;
- (2) that the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council objects to the following two applications for the reasons shown:-
 - (a) that in respect of the application for change of use of part of the former police station, Mere Lane, to a taxi rank (11/03431/COPU):-
 - (i) the proposed development is an over-intensification of the use of the premises in that location;
 - (ii) the provision of two vehicle parking spaces for the proposed development leaves less space available for customers of the approved supermarket development, which will lead to additional motor vehicles being parked on the adjacent highway to the detriment of road safety;
 - (iii) the property is situate on the corner of a busy road junction, where the parking of motor vehicles on the adjacent highways is a constant source of danger to pedestrians, particularly young children during school times and the proposed development will exacerbate this danger;
 - (iv) the proposed development will be detrimental to the amenity of the adjacent property by reason of noise nuisance from vehicle engines, slamming of car doors and the voices of employees/customers, particularly late at night and in the early morning;

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- (v) when the property was used as a police station, the indiscriminate parking of vehicles in that location was detrimental to the amenity of residents in the surrounding area who for years had difficulty in parking their vehicles, suffered noise nuisance from vehicle engines and the slamming of car doors and it is considered that the proposed use will cause this situation to recur;
 - (vi) the location of the proposed development is already in an area that has to contend with anti-social behaviour from youths congregating in large numbers and it is considered that customers attending at the premises and waiting for taxis during the evenings and late at night may exacerbate this situation;
- (b) that in respect of the application for change of use of the former police station, Mere Lane, to a mini-supermarket (Class A1) incorporating new shop front (being amendment to previous permission 11/01824/FUL granted on 22.9.2011 – installation of additional window and door) (11/03425/MAT):-
- (i) on the basis of the previous objections submitted by the Parish Council and local residents the original application should have been refused, as the objectors live and know the area and for years have had to contend with indiscriminate parking causing danger to road safety (particularly during school times) and anti-social behaviour caused by youths congregating in that vicinity to the detriment of residential amenity;
 - (ii) it is considered that as motor vehicles will be parking outside the proposed additional window and door such vehicles will block access from the premises in emergency situations to the detriment of customers;
- (3) that the Borough Council be requested to hold a site visit in respect of the above two applications;
- (4) that in respect of the application for change of use of the Briar Road playing field ‘from public open space to form a multi-use games area (MUGA), including erection of fencing, surfacing, etc.’ (11/03390/3FUL) the Borough Council be informed:-

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- (a) that the land has been used as a playing field for over fifty years and is not a public open space, so it does not require planning permission for change of use;
 - (b) the freehold is owned by the Borough Council but held on an annual tenancy by the Parish Council, which has not received formal notice of the application;
 - (c) the Borough Council's records are inaccurate as the land has not been used for tipping household waste since the 1950's;
 - (d) the Parish Council supports the application subject to there being a requirement for the applicant to provide CCTV coverage of the MUGA and floodlighting;
- (5) that in respect of the application to renew the planning permission for the erection of a mental health care facility on land adjacent to 2 Mill Street (11/03477/EXTM), the Borough Council be requested to ensure that there is no access/egress to the proposed development near to the Mill Street/Nutwell Lane/Church Street roundabout and that such access/egress should be via the rear of the shops in the Mill Street Shopping Precinct;
- (6) that no objections or comments be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining two applications considered;
- (7) it be noted that a public inquiry had been arranged to take place at the Carr House Centre, Doncaster on 10th and 11th January 2012, to hear an appeal against the refusal of an outline planning application for erection of 8 detached dwellings with parking provision on approx. 0.42 ha of land at Whiphill Lane (approval being sought for access and layout) (being resubmission of application no. 10/00301/OUT withdrawn on 30/3/10).

129. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillors T. Corden and C.J. McGuinness be thanked for reporting and supplying information on the following matters:-

- (1) the number of tickets issued by Doncaster Borough Council for various offences, including depositing litter in public places, prohibited parking, etc.;
- (2) a request had been made for the Borough Council to supply details of rotas of street cleaning in the village;

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- (3) the specification of works for the Wickett Hern Road play park had finally been approved and enquiries would be made as to who would be responsible for opening/closing the park gates and monitoring the CCTV coverage;
- (4) the owners of trailers left parked overnight on the West Moor Business Park had been written to regarding the road traffic contraventions;
- (5) the roads on the Southmoor Estate had not yet been adopted as highways maintainable at public expense;
- (6) the question of providing yellow line parking restrictions on Doncaster Road was being explored;
- (7) complaints regarding parking of motor vehicles on Harris Road had been investigated and the reply had been received that as the road had not been adopted no action could be taken.

130. BUDGETARY ESTIMATES/PRECEPT

RESOLVED that a special meeting of the Council be held on 25th January 2012 at 7.00 p.m., to consider the provisional budgetary estimates for the financial year 2012/13 and to determine the precept for that year.

131. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLVED that the information received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations on the Localism Act and material planning considerations be noted.

132. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur the sum of £50 to Vitalise which, in its opinion, is in the interests of the area or part of it or all or some of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

133. NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARTER

RESOLVED

- (1) that the draft Neighbourhood Charter (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) received from Doncaster Borough Council, be noted;
- (2) that feedback on the three questions posed by the consultation be as follows:-

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- (a) the Parish Council did not like anything about the previous Charter;
- (b) the Parish Council disliked everything about the previous Charter, as it considered that the majority of the aims/objectives of the same were not achieved/ complied with or monitored, owing to a lack of resources;
- (c) there are too many changes/improvements required to make the Charter workable and it is considered to be “just worthless propaganda” because experience has shown that its aims/objectives cannot be enforced and when they are not achieved there is no redress for complainants.

134. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY ‘LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE’ CAMPAIGN

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council regarding Keep Britain Tidy’s ‘Love Where You Live’ campaign, be noted.

135. DONCASTER BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL TRANSPARENCY

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, advising that as part of increasing openness and accountability, it will be publishing data on its website regarding any payments to suppliers and service providers valued over £500.

136. BRIAR ROAD PLAYING FIELD ACCESS ROAD

RESOLVED that the contents of an email be noted from Councillor C.J. McGuinness, regarding a complaint from a resident of Beech Road requesting action to gate the access road to the Briar Road playing field late at night, in order to prevent people with unlawful intentions gaining access to the rear of properties on Beech Road and Briar Road.

137. STREET NAMING

RESOLVED that Doncaster Borough Council be informed that it is inequitable not to continue using for street naming purposes the remaining names of the fallen on the Lychgate Memorial and:-

- (1) if it refuses to continue using these names, representations be made to the Mayor of Doncaster and the Chairman of the Borough Council’s Planning Committee;
- (2) as a last resort, the Borough Council be informed that the preferred name for the development off Paxton Crescent is Wesley Court.

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138. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council in response to the Parish Council's request for further clarification, be noted:-
 - (a) 67 Reeves Way - inclusion of the former right of way within the curtilage of the property requires planning permission and the person responsible has been advised to cease the use or alternatively submit a retrospective planning application;
 - (b) Dog Fouling Patrols - the Borough Council does not employ dog wardens but pest control officers carry out such duties and (amongst other things) they aim to deal with problems caused by straying dogs and bring about responsible dog ownership;
- (2) the Borough Council be requested to:-
 - (a) confirm whether the right of way adjacent to 67 Reeves Way is a public highway by virtue of the provisions of an agreement made pursuant to Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980;
 - (b) re-site dog fouling signs displayed on some street lighting columns in Doncaster Road, as they are concealing the column numbers;
 - (c) arrange for a broken manhole cover situate outside 82 Rands Lane to be repaired/replaced;
 - (d) take remedial action to improve the condition of the wayside seats situate outside Rose House, Rose Grove;
 - (e) arrange for the hedge laying of the hedgerow on Rands Lane on the boundary of the Mercel Avenue public open space and the farmer's field;
 - (f) take remedial action to repair surface stripping on Mere Lane, Woodlea Grove, Uplands Road, the footway on Gunhills Lane and the unnamed road on the Rands Lane Industrial Estate;
 - (g) consider imposing parking restrictions on Church Street near the White House (which has recently been widened) to enable traffic to pass on the inside of vehicles waiting to turn right into Mere Lane;

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- (h) have attention paid to dog fouling in Tranmoor Lane and Southfield Road;
- (i) cause the dog fouling signs on the footways in Parkway to be renewed;
- (j) cause the hedges overhanging the footways outside 2 Westfield Road and 40 Southfield Road (junction of Oakwood Drive) to be cut back;
- (k) investigate an alleged breach of planning control at 1 Fairfield Court where a two metre high fence has been erected adjacent to the highway;
- (l) arrange for the repair of street lighting columns 46197 in Eastfield Road, 46149 in Deansfield Close, 46083 in Tennyson Avenue and 44998 in Church Street.

Signature