

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL 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.

173. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor P.J. Farrell - Minute 183 relating to the Southfield Kids
Club.

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 179 relating to Planning and
he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

174. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council
held on 6th March 2012 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

175. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee
held on 27th March 2012 and the recommendations
contained therein (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved; and
- (2) it be noted that owing to an increase in the alcohol duty
escalator announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in
the Budget, bar prices at Armthorpe Community Centre had
to be increased by 5% with effect from 26th March 2012;
- (3) it be noted that Branagans Accountancy Services Limited
were now unable to undertake the internal audit of the
Council's accounts.

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176. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED that Lazarus Properties Limited, as owners of the land situate at Mercel Avenue comprising two acres or thereabouts, which is leased to the Council for allotment purposes, be requested to sell the freehold of both this site and an area of the company's adjoining land, to the Council.

177. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 3 interments and 3 interments of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that the contents of a letter received from Mr. A. Boshell, t/a Practical Pest Control, offering to deal with the problem caused by rabbits at the burial ground, be noted and the Council agrees to engage his services for one year at a total cost of £360.

178. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Society of Local Council Clerks	197.00	Annual subscription	507689
BT Payment Services Ltd.	69.44	Charges - 709699	507690
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	989.74	Superannuation contributions	507691
HMRC	2,128.02	Tax, National Insurance	507692
Employees	6,696.73	Pay	507695-507706
J. Hepworth	140.00	Accountancy services - (Budget monitoring)	507708
Lazarus Properties Ltd.	367.28	Allotment rent	507709
Staples	95.45	Ink cartridges	507712
Sage (UK) Ltd.	372.00	Payroll support	507715
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	87.66	Copying charges	507717

- (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 March 2012, be noted:-

	£		
A Bouncy Castle Man	400.00	Inflatable hire - Splash 13-16/2	507678
A. Hurst	120.00	Sports Leader fee - Splash 13-16/2	507679

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L. Jones	£ 120.00	Sports Leader fee - Splash 13-16/2	507680
A. Lang	120.00	Sports Leader fee - Splash 13-16/2	507681
Councillor A. Brown	60.00	Raffle prizes - St. George's Day	507684
Councillor V. Doran	30.00	Reimburse cost of flowers	507685
E. Ackroyd	125.00	Supply 50 Union flags	507687
A.G.Barr plc	37.42	Soft drinks	507688
Councillor A. Brown	76.24	Tablecloths, banquet roll, paper plates etc. - Jubilee Celebrations	507693
Health & Safety Publications	105.00	H & S Service Level Agreement - quarterly charge	507694

179. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 7 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 and no objections be submitted in respect of the same; and
- (2) that in respect of the application to undertake the development of the water based holiday lodge complex, etc. without compliance with condition 20 of the outline planning permission (09/00728/OUTA) granted on 8th October 2009, the Borough Council be requested to ensure that the holiday lodges are not permitted to become permanent residential homes;
- (3) that in respect of the public inquiry commencing 26th June 2012, into the appeal submitted against the refusal of a planning application (10/01725/OUTM) in respect of the proposed residential and commercial/employment development on land on the east side of Hatfield Lane, the Borough Council be requested to hold it at Armthorpe Community Centre.

180. 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) a copy of the street cleansing schedule for Armthorpe was still awaited from the Neighbourhood Manager of Doncaster Borough Council;

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- (2) the Borough Council had agreed to clear accumulations of litter, etc. every two weeks from Armthorpe Road, in the vicinity of the Household Waste Recycling Centre and the White Towers Caravan Site;
- (3) complaints regarding accumulations of rubbish on Markham Main Heath (site of the former pit tip) had been dealt with and the situation would be monitored to ensure removal of future deposits of litter, etc;
- (4) the Neighbourhood Manager had been requested to make enquiries about the current state of the works to provide a play area on the land adjacent to Wickett Hern Road, which was a requirement of the Section 106 Agreement and planning permission relating to the Gazeley (UK) Limited extension of the West Moor Business Park;
- (5) central government had introduced more stringent criteria for eligibility to the Blue Badge (disabled parking) Scheme administered by principal councils, which involved (amongst other things) a desk top exercise whereby applicants were required to acquire sufficient points to qualify for a badge.

181. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that no nominations be submitted to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations regarding:-
 - (a) the appointments to the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the South Yorkshire Branch; and
 - (b) a representative to the Joint Executive Board;
- (2) that Councillor J.R. Armstrong represent the Parish Council on the South Yorkshire Branch of the Associations.

182. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED that the contents of a legal topic note on Pre-Determination, received from the National Association of Local Councils, be noted.

183. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur expenditure in the sum of £75.00 to Southfield Kids Club, as in the Council's opinion, the payment 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.

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184. AIDEN HUGHES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Mrs. W. Hughes seeking financial assistance towards the travel costs of her 11 year old son Aiden, who had been chosen to represent England at the World Kickboxing Championships in Canada; and
- (2) that a donation of £100.00 be made from the Chairman's Allowance and Mrs. Hughes be advised to make an application (on behalf of her son) for a grant from the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity.

185. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that Ward Councillors T. Corden and C.J. McGuinness be thanked for their undertaking to make representations to Doncaster Borough Council to arrange for the adoption (without further delay) of the roads and footways on the Southmoor Estate;
- (2) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
 - (a) repair street lighting columns 31599 and 31602 in Oakwood Drive, which are situate outside numbers 5 and 27 respectively;
 - (b) give further consideration to the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Nutwell Lane in the vicinity of the Horse and Groom public house, as it is considered dangerous for pedestrians who try to cross the road in that location and in the process of doing so are kept waiting for inordinate periods of time;
 - (c) investigate and undertake remedial repairs to a blocked/collapsed drain in Nutwell Lane outside the Horse and Groom public house;
 - (d) investigate the current state of the infilled pot holes in Nutwell Lane and indicate whether this road will be resurfaced in the near future;
 - (e) explain the current position with regard to the complaints made by the Parish Council about the alleged breaches of planning control, relating to the sale of motor vehicles on the site of the former Gertrude Bell Hall, Church Street and the Car Wash facility in Mill Street;

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- (f) investigate whether the wall being erected along the frontage of 2 Doncaster Road requires planning permission;
- (g) take action to prevent motor vehicles parking on both sides of the road in Yorkshire Way, which is causing problems for bus drivers and others using this road;
- (h) indicate what steps are being taken to prevent
 - (i) horses using the playing field situate off Wickett Hern Road and
 - (ii) the owner's motor vehicle being driven through the boundary hedge;
- (i) clear accumulations of litter on the Mercel Avenue public open space and arrange for members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to pay attention to the problem in this area;
- (j) require the owners of the Tadcaster Arms public house, Doncaster Road, to remove the unused designated smoking area outside the premises, as it is considered to be detrimental to the amenity of the area and a danger to young children playing on the same.

Signature