

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH
STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2013

PRESENT:-

Vice-Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas (in the Chair)

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, T. Corden, L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell,
W.L. Moore and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Councillor
V. Doran and Councillors J.R. Armstrong, E. Butler, M.J. Doran,
P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness and S.L. McGuinness.

145. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made at the meeting.

146. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council
held on 5th February 2013 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman of the meeting, subject to Minute 139 (1)
being deleted and substituted by the following:-

“that during the Christmas holiday period there had been 12
burglaries in Armthorpe and since 14th January five extra police
officers would periodically assist the police contingent in the
village”.

147. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Armthorpe
Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held on 5th and
12th February 2013, be noted.

148. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there
had been 4 interments and 3 interments of cremated
remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that with effect from 1st April 2013 fees for burials in the
Rands Lane Burial Ground be increased to the amounts
shown in the attached schedule of fees.

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149. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Yorkshire Water	48.86	Water charges - Burial ground	508117
Smales Planning & Regeneration Services Ltd.	3,653.45	Stage 2 payment	508118
A. Boshell	180.00	Pest control - Burial ground	508121
Doncaster M.B.C.	341.03	Grounds maintenance	508124
Sage (UK) Ltd.	26.52	P60 stationery	508125
Sage (UK) Ltd.	708.00	Payroll software	508126
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,008.73	Superannuation contributions	508127
HMRC	2,071.83	Tax, National Insurance	508128
Employees	7,293.01	Pay	508129-508141

- (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 19th February 2013, be noted:-

	£		
B.A. Cheetham	220.00	Stocktake fees	508108
M.J. Gladders	180.00	PAT testing	508110
Christmas Plus Ltd.	1,788.84	Remove & store Christmas motifs	508111
E.ON	1,723.15	Electricity charges	508113
MacMillan Nurses Fund	250.00	Grant - Memory Tree	508114
Fridgeland Online Ltd.	249.60	Bottle cooler	508116
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire	508119
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	35.64	Copy paper etc.	508120
npower	333.08	Electricity charges	508122
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	87.12	Cleaning equipment	508123

150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to the four applications submitted to Doncaster Borough Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council, for planning permission to carry out development in Armthorpe.

151. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillor T. Corden be thanked for reporting and supplying information on the following matters:-

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- (1) a total of 34 fixed penalty charge notices had been issued for various offences committed in the village, including some for wheelie bins being left out and obstructing the footway;
- (2) the investigation into water discharging from the drainage cover in Colbeck Close had revealed that the problem had been caused by a blockage in the public sewer in Church Street;
- (3) a drainage plan for the car wash on Mill Street had still not been agreed and this outstanding matter was being pursued by Doncaster Borough Council;
- (4) he had attended a meeting with a representative of the Coal Authority who had agreed to consider any proposal to erect some kind of monument and seat on Markham Main Heath but the Parish Council would have to accept responsibility for any such structures.

152. TOPOSCOPE – MARKHAM MAIN HEATH

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for reminding the Council in response to Minute 151 (4) that the Coal Authority had agreed to consider providing a toposcope and steel wayside seats/benches on the top of Markham Main Heath but no action had been taken owing to financial constraints.

153. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 2nd April 2013 and preceded by the next meeting of the Parish Council which shall commence at 7.00 pm on that date.

154. ACCESS FROM CHURCH STREET

RESOLVED that following the reply from Doncaster Borough Council referred to in Minute 141 (1) (d), it be noted that the Parish Council's records (together with information received from the former Clerk to the Council) indicated that no formal agreement had been made between the Trustees of the Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme and the Borough Council about maintaining the access road leading from Church Street to the Cricket Ground/Sports Centre, which is owned by the Trustees.

155. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council to complaints made by the Parish Council, be noted:-

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- (a) the dyke in Barton Lane is not the responsibility of the Council and it has been unable to establish ownership at this stage but will continue to investigate;
 - (b) the rubbish in the pond at Shaw Wood has been reported to the Trees and Countryside Team and progress will be monitored;
 - (c) the Household Waste Recycling Centre has been notified of the rubbish on Armthorpe Road and this will be monitored;
 - (d) the defective street lighting columns in Tranmoor Lane have been reported although there is an ongoing problem affecting numerous lights as advised by Yorkshire Electricity but the problem should be resolved soon;
 - (e) the repair of the defective street lighting column at the junction of Pastures Close/Bellrope Acre has been passed for inspection in the evening but it is expected to be resolved at the same time as the other lights reported;
 - (f) the defective lighting column on the multi-use games area on Wickett Hern Road has been passed to Bob Allan, although the term of the guarantee will be investigated as this has only just been handed over to the Council;
- (2) that the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council had received information to the effect that the dyke in Barton Lane and the trees on the lane were owned by the Forestry Commission;
 - (3) that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for the information supplied regarding the Borough Council's proposal to reduce the number of Area Offices from 5 - 4;
 - (4) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
 - (a) investigate whether a telegraph pole and some street lighting columns in Nutwell Lane, between Wickett Hern Road and the Horse & Groom public house, which are leaning at an angle, are a source of danger to pedestrians and motorists;
 - (b) repair a defective street lighting column situate in Nutwell Lane between Wickett Hern Road and the Horse & Groom public house;

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- (c) arrange for the removal of accumulations of litter and dog faeces from the bottom of Mere Lane;
- (d) fix three kerb stones that have become dislodged at the rear of 19-21 Maple Grove;
- (e) investigate what steps can be taken to prevent the footway at the side of 9 Maple Grove from being used as a urinal;
- (f) investigate whether the extension being built at the rear of 57 Doncaster Road has planning permission.

156. BRIAR ROAD PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED it be noted that as a result of the Briar Road playing field not being locked on Friday, 1st March 2013 a quantity of beer bottles and cans need removing from the field.

157. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying the following information:-

- (1) that there had been a significant reduction in burglaries from dwelling houses in Armthorpe during the 10 year period February 2004 to February 2013, from 265 recorded offences in 2004 to 125 in 2013;
- (2) within the next few weeks the police will be paying attention to offences of rogue trading and cold calling.

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