

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY 2012

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

Councillors T. Corden, L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell,
V. Jennings and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

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

143. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

144. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council
held on 10th January 2012 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

145. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the special meeting of the Council
held on 25th January 2012 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

146. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council,
there had been 1 interment and 1 interment of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground.

147. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	999.38	Superannuation contributions	507632
Employees	6,947.16	Pay	507633- 507645
Yorkshire Water	273.80	Water charges - Allotments	507647

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	£		
G. Shephard	388.00	Law Society Practising Certificate Fee	507648
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	83.99	Copying charges	507650
J. Hepworth	367.85	Accounting services	507652

- (2) it be noted that cheque number 507631 issued on 11th January 2012 in the sum of £2,411.99 for payment of Income Tax and National Insurance had not been received by HMRC on 3rd February 2012, so the cheque was stopped at the Bank and in order to prevent a £100 penalty being levied against the Council this sum was paid by BACS transfer;
- (3) that stopping payment of cheque number 507631 at a cost to the Council of £12.00 and payment of the amount owing to HMRC by BACS transfer, be approved;
- (4) that the following schedule of accounts paid or for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 17th January 2012, be noted:-

	£		
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	21.24	Coloured copy paper	507616
Michelle Brookes	632.50	Beauty sessions x 8 ACC £395 Fireworks Display £125 DN3 Club £112.50	507617
Christmas Plus Ltd.	5,181.96	70% installation and hire costs of Christmas motifs	507620
A.G. Barr plc	29.34	Soft drinks	507621
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire	507624
BT Payment Services	153.00	Internet charges	507626
Doncaster M.B.C.	115.83	Refuse collection - CC	507627
Health and Safety Publications	105.00	H & S Service Level Agreement - quarterly charge	507630

148. 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;
- (2) that objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the application for proposed residential and commercial/employment (B1, B2 and B8) development on land to the east side of Hatfield Lane (being resubmission of application 10/01725/OUTM, refused on 18/10/11) for the following reasons:-

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- (a) the proposed development does not comply with the provisions of the current Development Plan, as the site is designated within a countryside policy area;
- (b) the proposed development does not comply with the provisions of the Armthorpe Master Plan, which reflects the views of the Parish Council and local residents for the overall planning for the area;
- (c) the proposed site is open countryside and causes harm to the same despite Paragraph 2.1 of the Design and Access Statement (“the Statement”) spuriously describing it “... as infill development between the existing urban built form and the two major roads, without causing detriment to the open countryside or the urban edge of the Borough to the north;”
- (d) the existing educational facilities are unable to meet the extra demand that will be created by the proposed development;
- (e) there is no justification for the proposed development as:-
 - (i) there is currently spare capacity for the proposed B1, B2 and B8 uses on other business parks situated within the Borough, including the existing West Moor Business Park and the Gazeley Park extension, which is immediately adjacent to the proposed site;
 - (ii) the Applicant has not demonstrated a need for the same by providing details of any potential users of the proposed employment/commercial buildings and there is no justification at this time for developing the site within a countryside policy area;
 - (iii) the site of the proposed development has visual significance and has a role as a significant green wedge between the existing residential settlement and the busy A630 West Moor Link;
 - (iv) the site should remain in its existing state/use in order to retain the identity of Armthorpe as a separate entity to prevent any coalescence in the future with Edenthorpe;
 - (v) it offers no major benefit to the village, such as significant improvements to services, community benefits or infrastructure;

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- (vi) the emerging LDF and Allocations DPD has not yet identified other sites that may be more suitable within Armthorpe or other areas of the Borough;
 - (f) the proposed two balancing ponds and a third pond situate in the north eastern corner of the site are considered to be a danger to the health and safety of young children playing on the public open space or walking the footpaths through the site;
 - (g) the proposed commercial development in such close proximity to the burial ground is not acceptable, as it will affect the tranquillity and amenity of the same;
 - (h) the proposed public open space in such close proximity to the burial ground is not acceptable, as it will attract youngsters who have a tendency to cause nuisance in the burial ground (as past experience has shown);
 - (i) the proposed development will generate significant vehicular movements into and out of the site, which will create increased traffic on local roads which are already congested at peak morning and evening times, causing further delays to commuters and detriment to road safety;
 - (j) paragraph 4.1 of the Design and Access Statement details an “Indicative Schedule of Accommodation and Buildings” and shows the number of residential dwellings to be 500 but paragraph 4 implies that 608 dwellings will be the eventual built number, thus exacerbating even more the traffic situation referred to in (i) above;
- (3) that no objections or comments be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining six applications considered.

149. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that at the next meeting of the Council, a representative of Planning Aid England would give a short presentation about the new Neighbourhood Planning Regulations;

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- (2) it be noted that Councillors A. and A.J. Brown will be attending the CPRE Neighbourhood Planning Workshop to be held on Friday, 9 March 2012, at The Pavillion, Tickhill, and that two additional places be reserved for Councillors F.J. Tyas and S.A. Pickles.

150. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

- (1) Planning Enforcement Officers had concluded their investigation into the proliferation of signs displayed on the premises of the Mill Street Car Wash, which resulted in a reduction in the number of such signs in order to comply with deemed planning consent;
- (2) the Planning Officers were still investigating the alleged unauthorised use of the Mill Street Car Wash for the selling of motor vehicles;
- (3) a street cleansing rota had been requested and was still awaited;
- (4) a further complaint had been made about the recurring litter nuisance in the vicinity of the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Armthorpe Road and attempts were being made to ensure that regular litter picks were undertaken in that location;
- (5) it be noted that Councillor C.J. McGuinness had telephoned the Clerk and asked him to inform the Parish Council that:-
 - (a) yellow line parking restrictions would not be provided on Doncaster Road but Doncaster Borough Council were looking into erecting bollards to prevent parking on the grass verges; and
 - (b) seven fixed penalty notices had been issued on one day in Armthorpe for the offence of depositing litter in the open air;
 - (c) that in respect of street naming of the new residential development on the site of the former Methodist Chapel on Paxton Crescent, the Borough Council had forwarded three names from the Lychgate Memorial to the developer to seek its preference.

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151. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from Doncaster Borough Council, enclosing a schedule of proposed changes to the Borough's Polling Districts and Polling Places, be noted.

152. ARMTHORPE POORS ESTATE CHARITY

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from the Clerk to the Trustees of the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity, enclosing a cheque for £500 to support the Parish Council in its work to benefit certain residents, be noted; and
- (2) that the sincere thanks of Members of the Council be conveyed to the Trustees of the Charity for their generous donation in this matter.

153. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLVED that information received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations on the following matters, be noted:-

- (a) forthcoming events relating to the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning;
- (b) Briefing Note on the abolition of the current standards regime and implementation of a new system.

154. POLICING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the contents of the following, be noted:-

- (a) an email regarding the January edition of the Crime and Policing Policy News Update;
- (b) the Armthorpe Safer Neighbourhood Team January newsletter.

155. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding an application to divert a section of Public Footpath No. 1 Armthorpe, to allow for residential development to take place off Nutwell Lane, be noted and no objections be submitted to the application;
- (2) that the Borough Council be requested to:-

- (a) consider imposing a weight limit on heavy goods vehicles using Gunhills Lane in the interests of residential amenity and to prevent problems caused by such vehicles at the junction with Rands Lane;
- (b) ensure that in icy weather conditions priority is given to gritting roads and footways in the vicinity of senior citizens dwellings;
- (c) confirm whether there is a gritting plan for Armthorpe and if so supply details of the same;
- (d) provide an update on the investigations being undertaken by the Planning Department into the unauthorised use of the site of the former Gertrude Bell Hall for the sale of motor vehicles;
- (e) replace the trapped and broken cover for the stop tap situate outside 71 Southfield Road;
- (f) repair the street light column number 31542 in Tranmoor Lane and number 4498 in Church Street, outside the entrance to Armthorpe Community Centre;
- (g) investigate the problems created by motor vehicles parking outside the Post Office on Church Street both on the footway and within the confines (zig-zag lines) of the pedestrian crossing;
- (h) cause the hoardings and scaffolding to be removed from the curtilage of the new shops on Church Street;
- (i) extend the fencing on Tranmoor Lane near to its junction with Eastfield Road in order to prevent motor vehicles parking on the grass verges;
- (j) investigate complaints of noise nuisance emanating from the Motor Cycle Park on Holmewood Lane, where the bumps are positioned higher than the earth bunds constructed (for amongst other things) to reduce the level of noise;
- (k) clear a blocked drain situate on Armthorpe Road between the White Towers Caravan Site and the parish boundary at the railway bridge.

Signature