

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH 2014

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

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran,
P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness, S.L. McGuinness and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.R. Armstrong,
E. Butler, T. Corden, P.J. Farrell and W.L. Moore.

149. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 154 relating to Planning and
he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

150. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council
held on 4th February 2014 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

151. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there
had been 2 interments and 2 interments of cremated
remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that with effect from 1st April 2014, fees in respect of the
Rands Lane burial ground be increased to the amounts
shown in the attached schedule of fees.

152. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

G. Shephard	£ 59.99	Reimburse cost of new answerphone	508603
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	£		
C. Farmer	480.00	Leaflet delivery	508604
Yorkshire Water	329.47	Water charges - Allotments	508606
Post Office	250.00	Stamps	508608
HMRC	2,067.61	Tax, National Insurance	508610
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,080.67	Superannuation contributions	508611
Employees	7,436.34	Pay	508612-508626
Lyreco UK Ltd.	156.17	Supply envelopes & labels	508629
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	49.51	Copying charges	508631
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	30.95	Copying charges	508633
G. Shephard	16.11	Adobe Export PDF	508634

- (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 18th February 2014, be noted:-

	£		
npower	1,293.21	Electricity charges	508594
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	38.82	Floor pads	508596
A.G. Barr plc	44.99	Soft drinks	508599
Cash	91.18	Petty cash - Bar	508600
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	114.96	Cleaning materials	508601
Christmas Plus Ltd.	1,788.84	Outstanding balance - Christmas motifs	508602
AEL	2,132.40	Electrical works - maintenance, fire alarm repairs, installation test, lighting column fault	508605
Gas & Hire Ltd.	9.90	Cylinder hire	508607

153. INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report of the Clerk to the Council to enable the Council to demonstrate that it has an adequate and effective internal audit system and a system of internal control, be noted;
- (2) the Audit Plan attached to the Clerk's report be adopted for use by the internal auditor;
- (3) the internal auditor be required to follow the Audit Plan;
- (4) the internal auditor submits a written report (together with the completed Audit Plan) for consideration by the Council with the draft year-end final accounts;

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- (5) that the Council has undertaken an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control, as required by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

154. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 10 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 consideration of the retrospective application for change of use of land for car sales, including siting of relocatable buildings (14/00431/FUL) be deferred until further information is received from Borough Council planning officers;
- (3) that in respect of the application for erection of a detached house on approximately 0.02 ha of land at 99 Doncaster Road (14/002554/FUL), if the Borough Council is minded to approve the application it should require surface water from the proposed development to be drained into public sewers and not via soakaways;
- (4) that objections be made to amend the outline application for employment park on land south of Holmewood Lane comprising buildings for use within Classes B1(c), B2 and/or B8 and B8, construction of roads and ancillary facilities, and landscaping on approx. 46.52ha of land (being amendment to maximum size and height of the Class B1 units (P, Q and R)) (without compliance with conditions 6 and 24 of outline planning application 08/02201/OUTA granted on 24/12/09 - replace existing Masterplan/increase height of Unit C) for the following reasons:-
 - (a) the Parish Council objected to the original outline application for the proposed development on this land for several reasons, including the fact that “the proposed buildings A, B and C are excessive, incongruous and detrimental to the amenity of residential occupiers”;
 - (b) it is axiomatic that the Parish Council’s original objection to the height of those Units was ignored, as planning permission was granted but it is contended that those reasons still apply to the current application to increase Unit C by 5 metres to 25 metres;

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- (c) proposals to increase the height of buildings on this development are never ending as in 2013 the Borough Council approved an amendment to the height of the proposed buildings P, Q & R on this development;
- (d) the Borough Council is not consistent in its approach as in 2008 the original applicant reduced the height of these buildings (P, Q & R) "...in the light of concerns raised by local people" The applicant's agents further stated that, "These changes to the maximum heights of the buildings and to their maximum lengths and widths, coupled with the use of planning conditions in relating to lighting, noise (for instance from building mounted plant) and materials, should enable the Council to exercise significant control over the final design and use of the buildings in order to ensure that residential amenity is maintained." The Borough Council now appears to give little weight to preserving residential amenity;
- (e) considerable public opinion strongly objected to the original application in 2008/2009 and the planning statement for the current application blatantly undermines this by containing an incorrect conclusion to support the current application, namely,

"Consultation.

During and up to the point of approval of the previous reserved matters, Gazeley UK Ltd have completed a thorough consultation process with the local community, Statutory bodies and other interested stakeholders.

There has been local support for the development and few objections to date. We see no reason why this revised proposal will change public opinion."

- (5) that no objections be raised to the remaining applications considered by the Parish Council.

155. PLANNING APPEAL

RESOLVED it be noted that an appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of a 3 bedroom detached house, including formation of new hard-standing on approx. 0.07 ha of land at rear of Holly Dene, Whiphill Lane, had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

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156. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that Ward Councillors C.J. McGuinness and S.L. McGuinness, be thanked for reporting and supplying information on the following matters:-
 - (a) an application had been made to the licensing authority for a premises licence to sell alcohol from a log cabin at the residential premises 27 Fairholme View between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday;
 - (b) the traffic survey undertaken in the vicinity of Southfield Primary School had now been completed and its results were being assessed;
 - (c) the highway audit required by the planning permission for the proposed development of the Tadcaster Arms had now been submitted to Doncaster Borough Council and was being assessed;
- (2) that objections be submitted to the licensing authority in respect of the application for a premises licence to sell alcohol from a log cabin at 27 Fairholme View and the breach of planning control at the property be reported to the Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Team.

157. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2014 and preceded by the next meeting of the Parish Council which shall commence at 7.00 pm on that date.

158. LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of an email from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, regarding consultation on the draft Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, be noted;
- (2) that representations be made to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations objecting to the proposed Regulation 7 of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, on the grounds that making a written record of every delegated decision granting permissions or licences is unnecessarily bureaucratic, time wasting and serves no useful purpose as the information to be recorded is contained within such permissions and licences.

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159. 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINERS' STRIKE

RESOLVED that details of the arrangements for the march to be held on 16th March 2014 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1984 Miners' Strike, be noted.

160. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council to complaints made by the Parish Council, be noted:-
- (a) the gullies on Armthorpe Road was the responsibility of the Urban Team and the request to clear those that were blocked had been passed to that Team, as it was also looking at refuse issues around the recycling centre;
 - (b) the request for remedial works to be carried out to the footway on Hatfield Lane between Willow Road and Ash Grove had been passed to Highways to inspect the area concerned;
 - (c) Gunhills Lane and Cow House Lane junction is not on the route to be gritted, however accident statistics had been requested from Road Safety and if it is an accident black spot, a road safety request would be made for the area to be gritted;
 - (d) Planning Enforcement have requested the owners of the car wash on Mill Street to wash the cars further away from the site frontage to prevent excess water draining onto the footpath and this will be monitored;
 - (e) the stop tap cover missing outside 83 Beech Road was reported to Yorkshire Water in December and has been replaced;
 - (f) dog fouling is a nuisance throughout the Borough and regular patrols are carried out, including in Armthorpe; the Council is committed to tackling this problem with (amongst other things) 'Love where you Live' campaigns which will highlight areas where high amounts of fouling is found - this has been very effective previously;
 - (g) the Holmewood Lane area near to its junction with Wickett Hern Road will be patrolled during the hours of darkness and any defective lighting columns will be reported to Street Lighting;

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- (2) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) replace the street sign situate at the junction of Elmwood Crescent and Southwood Avenue, which has become dislodged from its mountings;
 - (b) take action to remove fencing that is obstructing the footpath at the side of 104 Doncaster Road;
 - (c) arrange for remedial works to be carried out to the footpath at Green Common (near to Toftstead) which is in a poor condition;
 - (d) repair the defective street lighting column 47279 in Brampton Lane;
 - (e) arrange for the protruding surface water gully situate on the Lychgate footway to be realigned with the footway surface.

161. SEATING AREA - ROSE GROVE/CHURCH STREET JUNCTION

RESOLVED that St. Leger Homes of Doncaster be requested to supply details of its proposals for the former seating area situate at the Rose Grove/Church Street junction.

162. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

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

- (a) the results of Operation Lockdown for December 2013 and January 2014;
- (b) monthly reactive/proactive reports recorded by partners for Doncaster.

Signature