

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 4TH JANUARY 2011

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles
Vice-Chairman - Councillor J.R. Armstrong

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, P.J. Farrell, I.P. Hutchinson,
J.R. Lowndes, W.L. Moore, T.D. O'Connor and P. Moscardini.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Davison,
L.S. Dickman, V. Jennings and M. Pinkney.

134. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
7th December 2010 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

135. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the special meeting of the Council
held on 11th December 2010 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

136. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there
had been 2 interments and 1 interment of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground; and
- (2) the Council records its sincere thanks to the Vice-Chairman:-
 - (a) (with some assistance from Mr. J. Hardy, the
Council's General Assistant) for turning out to a
profusely leaking tap in the burial ground, obtaining
the necessary parts and carrying out extensive
repairs, both prior to, during and after what was the
New Year holiday period;
 - (b) for his undertaking to repair at a future date one of the
gates at the burial ground, which cannot be opened
sufficiently to allow vehicles to enter the site; and

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- (c) for the selflessness and generosity of spirit he has shown since his election as a Councillor by frequently carrying out work on the Council's behalf, with the sole objective of saving money for the Council taxpayers of Armthorpe.

137. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Help for Heroes	300.00	Donation	507094
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	239.98	Copying charges	507098
Heritage Inspired	50.00	Grant	507158
Inland Revenue	2,479.79	Tax, National Insurance	507159
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	504.34	Superannuation contributions	507160
D. Cooke	468.72	Gardening etc. charges	507166
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	507167
Employees	6,640.87	Pay	507169- 507179
Vaughtons	1,832.39	Freeman's scroll, holder & badge	507183

- (2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 21st December 2010, be noted:-

	£		
Festive Lighting Company Ltd.	5,430.86	Supply Christmas illuminations	507071
M.J. Gladders	235.00	PAT Testing and fitting extractor fan	507073
Tini Wini Entertainments	420.00	Inflatable equipment hire - Splash	507088
Tini Wini Entertainments	160.00	Inflatable equipment hire - 31/10 & 5/11	507089
R. McCombe	50.00	Breakdance tuition - 4/11	507090
J. Copeland	50.00	Breakdance tuition - 5/11	507091
Councillor A. Brown	60.96	Supplying 4 Christmas hampers	507093
Councillor V. Jennings	49.47	Reimburse cost of pantomime raffle prizes	507095
Councillor W.L. Moore	16.00	Reimburse cost of flags	507096
Staples	179.00	Stapler, laminating pouches, chair etc.	507097
B.A. Cheetham	110.00	Stocktake reports	507099

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	£		
G. Shephard	159.00	Reimburse cost of Christmas trees	507100
Health and Safety Publications	150.00	Risk assessment fee re Firework Display	507151
J.W. Oxby & Son Ltd.	179.89	Supply crockery	507152
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	580.90	Supplying ice melt, spreader, binding machine, cleaning materials etc.	507153
	£		
BT Payment Services Ltd.	142.76	Broadband charges	507154
Cash	100.00	Petty cash - Sports and Recreation Officer	507155
J.F. Monks (Doncaster) Ltd.	94.00	Receipt books - lettings	507156
Dale Entertainment Productions	450.00	Pantomime fee	507157
A.G. Barr plc	45.83	Supply soft drinks	507161
Complete Catering Service	2,645.87	Supplying 324 Christmas teas	507162
Walkers Nurseries	40.00	Supply Christmas tree	507163
G. Shephard	20.00	Reimburse cost of engraving - scroll holder	507165
Gas & Hire Ltd.	17.45	Cylinder hire	507168
Christmas Plus Ltd.	4,827.25	70% installation costs - Christmas illuminations	507180

138. PLANNING

RESOLVED that details of the 4 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 made in respect of the same.

139. BUDGETARY ESTIMATES/PRECEPT

RESOLVED that a special meeting of the Council be held on 25th January 2011 at 7.00 p.m., to consider the provisional budgetary estimates for the financial year 2011/12 and to determine the precept for that year.

140. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillor C.J. McGuinness be thanked for his attendance at the meeting and both he and Ward Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for reporting on the following matters:-

- (1) proposed road safety improvements to the C86 Doncaster Road/Church Street in the current financial year;

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- (2) information received from the Local Government Association about the Localism Bill (which is going through its various stages in Parliament), with particular reference to powers and processes for parishes to develop neighbourhood plans and neighbourhood development orders;
- (3) street lighting not being provided in Wakelam Road and Harris Drive since the dwellings were erected two years ago, but steps are now being taken to remedy this situation;
- (4) Gazeley UK Limited, who obtained outline planning permission to extend the West Moor Business Park, had requested a meeting with the Neighbourhood Manager and Ward Members to discuss the requirements of the Section 106 Agreement, which expired in December 2010;
- (5) complaints about problems with the Doncaster to Armthorpe bus service, where passengers alighted between Prince's Street and the Doncaster Royal Infirmary, which will be resolved by Intake buses resuming their journeys up Hallgate and Thorne Road with effect from 30th January 2011.

141. SNOW CLEARING

RESOLVED that the proposal submitted by Councillor P.J. Farrell, to seek the consent of Doncaster Borough Council (the local highway authority) to allow a local farmer to clear snow from public highways, on side roads in Armthorpe, be approved and the Clerk seek the necessary consent.

142. MANSFIELD CRESCENT PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of e-mail correspondence received from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), be noted;
- (2) that the BTCV be requested to order and plant on the boundary of the Mansfield Crescent play area 1000 mixed hedgerow bareroot trees (40-60cm) plus guards and canes for the sum of £822.70 plus VAT.

143. CONFERRMENT OF OFFICE OF FREEMAN

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Mr. Haydn Griffiths, MBE, which (amongst other things) thanked the Council for conferring on him the Freedom of the Parish of Armthorpe, be noted.

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144. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Help for Heroes, thanking the Council for its donation of £300.00, which had been collected at the 40's Night Concert, be noted.

145. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence received from the Environment Agency, regarding changes to the Flood Warning Service and Codes, be noted and the details placed on the Parish Council's website www.armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk.

146. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter be noted from the Armthorpe School, which confirmed that it would not be in the best interests of the school and its students, to sell land situate off Mere Lane to the Parish Council.

147. WARD COUNCILLORS' FLEXIBLE BUDGET

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence be noted from the local Neighbourhood Manager of Doncaster Borough Council about:-

- (1) his understanding of the consultation process that took place between the three Ward Members who were in office to May 2010 and Members of the Parish Council, regarding expenditure incurred from Ward Councillors' Flexible Budgets; and
- (2) the expenditure totalling £24,060 on projects committed from the current year's Ward Councillors' Flexible Budget.

148. DOUBLE TAXATION

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding the proposal of the Mayor to cease the Double Taxation Grant funding for the next financial year;
- (2) that representations be made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to seek his views on the reasonableness of the discretionary power of principal councils to award double taxation grants and subsequently withdraw them at their whim.

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149. PARISH COUNCILS' JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Together declining a request for representation on its board that it had received from the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC);
- (2) that the Minutes of the PCJCC meeting held on 19th October 2010 (copies of which had been circulated to each Member), be noted.

150. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Minutes of the Public Rights of Way Forum held on 25th November 2010 (copies of which had been circulated to each Member) be noted;
- (2) it be noted that the next meeting of the Public Rights of Way Forum was to be held at the Carr House Centre, Danum Road, Doncaster on 17th March 2011.

151. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the order made by Doncaster Borough Council to temporarily prohibit through traffic in Wickett Hern Road, Walbank Road and Holmewood Lane, to facilitate road works, be noted;
- (2) that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, confirming that the appropriate teams had been instructed to investigate the issues raised by the Parish Council at its previous meeting and take action as necessary;
- (3) that the Borough Council be requested to :-
 - (a) ensure that when improving the street lighting on Church Street at its junction with Mere Lane (as part of C86 Doncaster Road/Church Street road safety improvements), the requisite gearing is incorporated in the columns to enable the lighting of Christmas illuminated motifs;

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- (b) investigate a complaint alleging that two foxes were being kept on the Cow House Lane Caravan Park;
- (c) investigate an alleged breach of planning control at 35 Paxton Crescent, where a blue steel storage container has been sited in the garden and used for business purposes;
- (d) confirm whether the Armthorpe Grill situate on Church Street requires planning permission for its illuminated sign;
- (e) take steps to prevent motor vehicles travelling over the open plan frontage between 31 and 33 Elm Place, as they are churning up the grassed area;
- (f) repair potholes situate outside 56 and 60 Tranmoor Lane;
- (g) investigate complaints of excessive noise emanating from the use of the Motor Cross Parc, situate off Holmewood Lane;
- (h) supply the Parish Council with a copy of its grass cutting policy;
- (i) investigate complaints received about the tactile paving laid in Doncaster Road between its junction with Mere Lane and the parish boundary situate at the railway bridge, which cyclists allege is dangerous in wet weather;
- (j) replace the black ash surface on the footpath near the end of Barton Lane (in the vicinity of Southmoor Avenue), as it is dangerous in frosty weather and malleable/sludgy in wet weather to the detriment of persons using the path.

Signature