

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 5TH APRIL 2011

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

Councillors L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell, I.P. Hutchinson, V. Jennings,
J.R. Lowndes, W.L. Moore, T.D. O'Connor and M. Pinkney.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Brown,
A.J. Brown, M. Davison and P. Moscardini.

184. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings - Minute 187 relating to the allotments.
Councillor S.A. Pickles - Minute 189 re cheque number 507274.

185. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
1st March 2011 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

186. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance
Committee held on 22nd March 2011 and the recommendations
contained therein (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved.

187. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

(1) that the following quotations (which were all subject to VAT
@ 20%) received for the supply and erection of palisade
fencing at the Mercel Avenue allotment site, be noted:-

AGN Fencing	£12,939.46
Bentley Fencing Ltd.	£10,914.00
Darfen Durafencing	£11,609.60
ECS Construction Ltd.	£13,195.00
Fencing 4U	£17,130.00
Termstall	£13,146.75

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- (2) that the lowest quotation in the sum of £10,914.00 plus VAT from Bentley Fencing Limited, be accepted and an order placed for the necessary work and any variation to the same agreed by the Clerk.

188. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been two interments and one interment of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J.R. Armstrong, be thanked for his undertaking to repair/replace the tap in the burial ground, which is leaking.

189. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Keeble Hawson LLP	150.00	Legal fees	507245
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	549.34	Superannuation contributions	507246
Inland Revenue	2,080.48	Tax, National Insurance	507247
Doncaster M.B.C.	34.22	Grounds maintenance - 6/12/10-2/1/11	507249
BTCV	987.24	Supply & plant hedgerow plants etc.	507252
D. Cooke	400.00	Tree felling - Shaw Wood	507253
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	42.24	Copying charges	507254
Employees	6,301.14	Pay	507256-507266
Lazarus Properties Ltd.	676.04	Allotments Rent 2009 & 2010	507267
J. Hepworth	247.10	Accountancy services	507269
Cnr. S. A. Pickles	120.00	Chairman's telephone allowance	507274
YPO	249.96	Copy paper, cleaning materials, etc.	507276
Staples	22.06	Office sundries - paper clips, etc.	507277
Sage (UK) Limited	654.00	Sage Payroll Extra Cover	507280

- (2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 15th March 2011, be noted:-

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	£		
Don Valley Cycles	93.80	Supply new tyres and service pedal cycle	507226
Post Office Ltd.	2,014.09	Electricity charges	507227
Gas & Hire Ltd.	17.82	Cylinder hire	507241
A Bouncy Castle Man	400.00	Hire of inflatable equipment	507242
Cash	149.06	Petty cash - S & R	507243
A.G. Barr plc	42.96	Soft drinks	507244
Gas & Hire Ltd.	17.82	Cylinder hire	507248
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	115.65	Bibs, inflator & needle adapters	507250
BT Payment Services Ltd.	145.80	Internet services	507251
R. Wattam	90.00	Splash - coaching fee	507255

190. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 8 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 the erection of 12 no. one and two bedroom apartments and associated parking on the former site of Gertrude Bell Hall, Church Street (being resubmission of application 0/01102/FUL) withdrawn 08/06/10), for the following reasons :-
 - (a) that the proposed access road currently belongs to the Trustees of the Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme, which provides access to its cricket field and cannot be used for access without their permission;
 - (b) application is being made to the Borough Council's Public Rights of Way Section for this right of way to be classified as a public highway on the grounds that the public have used the same as of right for a period in excess of 20 years;
 - (c) that vehicles accessing/egressing the site will cause danger to road users and pedestrians:-
 - (i) due to the position of the access in relation to the bend in Church Street and the pedestrian crossing; and
 - (ii) the proposed access road is used by numerous children going to and from The Armthorpe School;

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- (d) that the development will generate extra traffic during construction and after completion onto an already very busy main road;
 - (e) that the designs of the buildings are not in keeping with the surroundings and would be detrimental to the residential amenity of adjacent properties by virtue of overlooking/overshadowing the same;
 - (f) planning permission was granted for two dwellings on Stone Bank, situate to the rear of the proposed development, which contained a condition that these two dwellings would “be limited to one and a half-storeys in height in the interests of the amenities of neighbouring occupiers and the overall appearance of the site.”
 - (g) that there is insufficient turning space to accommodate service vehicles and emergency service vehicles;
- (3) that objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the application for change of use of the former site of Gertrude Bell Hall, Church Street, to used car sales, for the following reasons :-
- (a) that vehicles accessing/egressing the site will cause danger to road users and pedestrians on a busy main road due to the position of the access in relation to the bend in Church Street and the pedestrian crossing;
 - (b) customer vehicles and vehicles for sale are parking on the bend in Church Street, causing danger to road users and pedestrians;
 - (c) the number of vehicles for sale on the site is excessive and there is insufficient space for customer vehicles to park within the site;
 - (d) motor vehicle repairs are being carried out in the building situate at the rear of the site, which is a use not covered by the current application;
 - (e) that there is insufficient turning space in the site to accommodate service vehicles and emergency service vehicles, which would have to park on the bend on Church Street to the further detriment of road safety;

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- (4) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the 6 remaining applications considered;
- (5) that Councillor V. Jennings be thanked for the information supplied regarding an alleged breach of planning control at the premises of the Haith Group, Cow House Lane, where a building had been erected without the requisite planning permission.

191. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT GRANGE FARM

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter sent by a local resident, Mrs. P. Townley, to Miller Homes, about the company's apparent lack of full public consultation on its proposed residential development at Grange Farm, Armthorpe, be noted.

192. 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) the drivers of a number of motor vehicles had received fixed penalty notices for offences committed in Armthorpe;
- (2) 22 people in the Borough had received a total of £6,000 in fines for the offence of depositing litter;
- (3) the problem of litter on Armthorpe Road in the vicinity of the Household Waste Recycling Centre had been raised with the Cabinet Member, Councillor C. Ransome;
- (4) at a seminar held recently on dog fouling, it was revealed that the number of offences had decreased, as only 94 fixed penalty notices had been issued.

193. SNOW CLEARING

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, confirming that it would not authorise a local farmer to clear snow from side roads in Armthorpe, as such clearance needs to be followed by salting treatment, which needs to be done in a planned manner;
- (2) as a result, all operators using farm tractors have to be on the Authority's approved list and the number and availability of such operators is to be looked at as part of the Borough Council's winter review.

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194. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents correspondence be noted from Doncaster Borough Council confirming:-
 - (a) that the appropriate teams had been instructed to investigate the issues raised by the Parish Council at the previous meeting and to take action as necessary;
 - (b) the problem of litter on Armthorpe Road in the vicinity of the Household Waste Recycling Centre is being addressed on the lines reported;
 - (c) that it is “looking to install a litter bin in the vicinity” of the Wheatsheaf Hotel and making contact with the owners regarding them clearing the site of litter and keeping it to a good standard;
 - (d) that Cow House Lane and Wickett Hern Road, although recently subject to traffic claming works, are not part of the 20 miles per hour scheme and as a result such speed restriction signs cannot be erected;
- (2) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
 - (a) have attention paid to dog fouling in Mere Lane, Elm Place area, etc.;
 - (b) replace a missing horizontal post to the fence on the grass verge outside the premises of Kailash Balti House, Doncaster Road;
 - (c) take action to prevent motor vehicles continually parking on the grass verge outside 66 Tranmoor Lane;
 - (d) replace the public bench seat that has been removed from the Basil Avenue/Mansfield Crescent junction;
 - (e) cause the stop tap cover to be replaced that is missing from outside 47-49 Parkway;
 - (f) investigate an alleged breach of planning control regarding a building at rear of Dial-A-Cab, Church Street, which is being used as an office without the requisite planning permission;

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- (g) clear grass cuttings from footways in and around senior citizens' housing accommodation, as it is detrimental to amenity and a source of danger to elderly pedestrians, particularly in wet weather.

195. ARMTHORPE MINERS' WELFARE SCHEME

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter from the Secretary to the Trustees of the Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme, in response to the Chairman's request for the Trustees to attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on 5th April 2011, be noted;
- (2) that the Trustees be supplied with dates of future meetings of the Council and the Secretary informed that his contention that "the Welfare land is not held in trust for the people of Armthorpe" is a matter of semantics, as the objectives of the charity quite clearly states (amongst other things), "Its objectives are to provide a Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Armthorpe near Doncaster particularly (but not exclusively) those who are members of the mining community."

196. WHITE HOUSE FARM MEDICAL CENTRE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from the Practice Manager of Dr. Ahmad & Partners, White House Farm Medical Centre, Church Street, ("the Medical Centre") requesting that Armthorpe Community Centre ("the Community Centre") be used as alternative accommodation in the event of the Medical Centre not being available for its normal operating use;
- (2) that the Council approves the request, subject to the following conditions and any others that the Clerk in his sole discretion deems appropriate at the time:-
 - (a) the Community Centre may be used when the Clerk is satisfied that its use is only for emergency purposes of the Medical Centre;
 - (b) the Medical Centre (for the whole period of its use of the Community Centre) shall reimburse the Council with:-
 - (i) the full amount of all lost revenue arising from the cancellation of Community Centre bookings and functions, including projected average income lost from bar sales; and

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- (ii) the full cost of all overheads, including heating, lighting, water, business rates, cleaning, supervision of the premises, etc.;
- (c) the Medical Centre agreeing to:-
 - (i) use the Community Centre in a proper and professional manner and taking due care of all the fixtures and fittings therein;
 - (ii) pay for all damage occasioned to the fabric of the Community Centre and its fixtures and fittings therein;
 - (iii) comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974 and of any other Acts, Regulations or Orders pertaining to the health and safety of its employees currently in force or in force at any time during the period of its occupation of the Community Centre;
 - (iv) indemnify and keep indemnified the Council against all actions, claims, demands, proceedings, damages, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever arising out of its use of the Community Centre;
 - (v) allow the Chairman of the Council and/or the Clerk to the Council access to the Community Centre at all times to inspect the same with a view to ensuring that it is being used in a proper manner and for the purpose approved.

Signature