

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, I.P. Hutchinson, V. Jennings and J.R. Lowndes.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J.R. Armstrong and Councillors M. Davison, L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell, W.L. Moore, P. Moscardini and M. Pinkney.

114. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings relating to the allotments.

115. LAND AT GRANGE FARM, ARMTHORPE

RESOLVED that the Council formally records its thanks to Mr. T. Williams (Miller Homes Limited) and Messrs. N. Tucker and M. Quail of WYG Planning and Design, for their attendance at the meeting to confirm:-

- (1) it had held good consultation meetings with the general public regarding its proposed residential development on land at Grange Farm, Armthorpe, where it received positive feedback;
- (2) it was Miller Homes' intention to engage in dialogue to obtain the views of as many people concerned rather than present a scheme which would appear to be a fait accompli and unacceptable to the majority of residents and other consultees;
- (3) the next step would be to take into account the comments received, such as the need for allotments, leisure facilities, coalescence with Edenthorpe, traffic on the West Moor Link, flooding issues and return in the new year with a further round of public consultation sessions.

116. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd November 2010 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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117. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30th November 2010 and the recommendations contained therein (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved.

118. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED it be noted that no action had yet been taken in accordance with Minute 16 of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30th November 2010, as the Council was awaiting the formal consent of the landlord of the Mercel Avenue allotments site, to erect a steel palisade fence along parts of the perimeter of the land.

119. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 6 interments and 2 interments of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground.

120. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Yorkshire Water	36.59	Water charges - Burial Ground	507147
Inland Revenue	2,449.71	Tax, National Insurance	507148
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	553.12	Superannuation contributions	507149
Post Office	413.00	Stamps	507054
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	219.16	Copying charges	507055
D. Cooke	384.08	Gardening charges	507056
D. Cooke	20.00	Petrol	507057
Festive Lighting Co. Ltd.	5,430.86	Christmas illumination motifs	507071
Westmoreland Plant Hire Ltd.	881.25	Levelling soil - Briar Road field	507072
Employees	6,725.48	Pay	507074-507086
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	75.00	Poppy wreath	507087
J. Hepworth	377.25	Accountancy services	507092

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(2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 16th November 2010, be noted:-

	£		
S.J. Security	117.50	Annual maintenance charge	507131
1-2 Clear Ltd.	338.40	Clear blocked gullies	507132
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	339.76	Cleaning materials, trolley etc.	507133
Yorkshire Water	108.19	Water and sewerage charges	507134
Viking Pumps Ltd.	156.57	Annual maintenance charge	507135
	£		
A. Ajimati	48.97	Camouflage nets etc. - 40's Night	507139
G.A. Mudford & Sons Ltd.	396.56	Deposit - Marquee hire - Fireworks Display	507141
Cash	75.00	Petty cash - Community Centre	507143
Councillor A. Brown	75.00	Gift vouchers - Halloween	507144
Joseph Jay	250.00	Children's Entertainer - Halloween	507145
J. Hardy	230.73	Extractor fan, electrical supplies etc.	507146
Fuse Fireworks Ltd.	3,995.00	Fireworks Display	507150
Green Toilet Company Ltd.	487.62	Hire of Toilets - Fireworks Display	507051
G.A. Mudford & Sons Ltd.	1,189.69	Balance of Marquee hire fee - Fireworks Display	507052
BikeRight Limited	235.00	Post course assessment fee	507053
Councillor W.L. Moore	116.00	Flags, bunting etc. - Halloween	507058
A.G. Barr plc	43.44	Soft drinks	507060
Zurich Insurance Company	144.87	Additional premium - Fireworks Display	507061
E.ON	1,878.71	Electricity charges	507062
Gas & Hire Ltd.	17.45	Cylinder hire	507063
R. Brown	150.00	Honoraria - Fireworks Display	507064
C.A. Hughes	150.00	Honoraria - Fireworks Display	507065
Dons Lakeside Community Foundation	360.00	Coaching - Touch Rugby League Fireworks Display	507066
A Bouncy Castle Man	110.00	Bouncy castle hire fee - Fireworks Display	507067
Jack Cook	80.00	Disco fee - Fireworks Display	507069
Backstage Security Services Ltd.	775.50	Security services - Fireworks Display	507070

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121. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 3 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 in respect of the application for the erection of residential development comprising 5 town and 3 detached dwellings on 0.27 ha of land at 28 Cow House Lane, following demolition of existing buildings, the Parish Council objects to the same for the following reasons:-
 - (a) the proposed development is not in keeping with the surrounding properties in that vicinity;
 - (b) the proposed two storey dwellings would be detrimental to the residential amenity of the surrounding single storey bungalows in that vicinity;
 - (c) the erection of similar town houses in Armthorpe has resulted in inadequate provision being made for refuse bins, with a result that they are constantly left at the front of the dwellings to the detriment of the residential amenity of the area;
- (3) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered;
- (4) that the Borough Council be requested to investigate a potential breach of planning control on the site of the former Gertrude Bell Hall, Church Street;
- (5) it be noted that the planning application for the proposed residential and employment development to the rear of Mercel Avenue, was still being reviewed by the Borough Council and it was anticipated that a public consultation meeting would be arranged by the applicants in the next few months.

122. ARMTHORPE MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED it be noted that it was the view of Doncaster Borough Council, the local planning authority, that:-

- (1) as the Armthorpe Master Plan had not been through any formal planning process it does not have any recognized planning status and could not be viewed as a supplementary planning document; but

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- (2) as the Plan was subject to a public consultation process it can be a material consideration when future planning applications are considered and in the longer term it can inform the Allocations DPD in the Local Development Framework (depending on changes to planning legislation, which are expected in the Localism Bill).

123. LOCALISM BILL

RESOLVED

- (1) that when the Localism Bill is published by Central Government, a special Council meeting be arranged for the Council to discuss its contents, with a view to determining its impact on the Council and the community of Armthorpe;
- (2) that the e-bulletin issued by the National Association of Local Councils on 19th November 2010 regarding the developing role of local councils in the Government's localism and Big Society agendas including neighbourhood planning, be noted.

124. MMI SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

RESOLVED that the latest schedule of information received from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited, relating to the Scheme of Arrangement for the six months ending 30th September 2010, together with a copy of the Company's Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 30th June 2010, be noted.

125. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur the following sums which, in its opinion, are in the interests of the area or part of it or all or some of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-
 - (a) the sum of £300 to the Help for Heroes charity;
 - (b) the sum of £75.00 to Age Concern Doncaster upon production of copy invoices showing the services/ goods procured for use at the senior citizens Christmas Party held in Armthorpe Community Centre;

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- (2) that a donation of £50.00 be made from the Chairman's Allowance to Miss C. Stevens towards her studies in Cuba in a project which is part of Operation Wallacea and she also be advised to apply for a grant from the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity.

126. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from the Armthorpe School, confirming it is still in the process of making enquiries with the local education authority regarding the Parish Council's request to purchase land situate off Mere Lane under the school's control, be noted; and
- (2) the Chairman be thanked for his undertaking to raise this outstanding matter with the Head Teacher of the school.

127. MANSFIELD CRESCENT PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter from Doncaster Borough Council confirming it is unable to provide an equivalent area of land to exchange for the Mansfield Crescent playing field, be noted;
- (2) that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held of the Community Centre and General Purposes (Mansfield Crescent Playing Field) Sub-Committee, in order to discuss how to proceed with the playing field site.

128. SEVEN YARDS ROAD

RESOLVED that Mrs. J. Guest, Public Rights of Way Officer of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, be requested to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to give an update on the position with regards to the Definitive Map Modification Order relating to Seven Yards Road.

129. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, responding to the complaint regarding traffic numbers following the introduction of the 20 mph calming scheme in Eastfield Road, be noted and a copy forwarded to the original complainant, Mr. P. White;

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- (2) a letter be forwarded to the Borough Council complaining about its poor performance in treating roads and footpaths in the vicinity of elderly residents' dwellings;
- (3) that the Borough Council be requested to :-
 - (a) write to the occupiers of shops in Armthorpe requesting them to clear snow from the shop frontages in severe winter weather;
 - (b) remind local residents of the method of disposal of plastic bottles in the green recycling boxes;
 - (c) require in respect of the new parade of shops on Church Street the implementation of:-
 - (i) the condition in the planning permission that stipulated a one way traffic system into and out of the parade;
 - (ii) remedial works to level the gradient of the exit of the parade, as in icy weather, vehicles have not been able to stop and skidded into Beech Road and caused danger to pedestrians and vehicles in that road.

130. FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that the Festival of Remembrance held at the Community Centre on 13th November 2010 had been hailed as a resounding success, as accolades had been received from many people who were present at the evening;
- (2) that the Committee once again records its sincere thanks to Councillor J.R. Armstrong for the work undertaken in this matter, which ensured the event was the success it was.

131. 2011 CENSUS

RESOLVED that the Council accepts the offer from Mr. Michael Whetton, Census Area Manager for Rotherham and Doncaster (D110) to give a presentation on the 2011 Census at a future meeting of the Council.

Signature