

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

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

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, M. Davison, L.S. Dickman, D.P. Hill,
I.P. Hutchinson, V. Jennings, W.L. Moore, P. Moscardini and
T.D. O'Connor.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.J. Farrell and
M. Pinkney.

62. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED that the presentation of the following awards for the
Annual Allotments Competition be noted:-

First Prize - Mr. G. Mitchell (Plot 20), who received a
trophy and a cheque for £30.00

Second Prize - Mrs. V. Jennings (Plot 25), who received a
cheque for £20.00

Third Prize - Mr. L. Marsden (Plot 21), who received a
cheque for £15.00

63. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings - Minute 67 relating to the allotments.

Councillor S.A. Pickles - Minute 69 relating to cheque numbers
506963 and 506995; and Minute 71 relating to Planning Application
numbers 10/02436/OUT and 05/03109/RET.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
6th July 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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65. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 20th July 2010 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66. NOMINATION TO OFFICE OF FREEMAN

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Mr. Haydn Griffiths, M.B.E., confirming his acceptance of the offer of the Award of Freeman of the Parish of Armthorpe, be noted.

67. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED it be noted:-

- (1) that arrangements had been made for this year's allotment rents to be collected on Saturday, 25th September 2010; and
- (2) that the allotment rent for the year commencing 29th September 2011 would be increased by 4.8% (in accordance with the increase in the Retail Price Index to 1st August 2010 and rounded up to the nearest pound) to £18.00 per annum and all tenants had been served with formal notice.

68. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the meeting of the Council held on 6th July 2010 there had been three interments and six interments of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground.

69. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	44.46	Copying charges	506952
Doncaster M.B.C.	773.53	Grounds maintenance - 29/3 - 24/5/10	506954
Doncaster M.B.C.	129.58	Refuse collection - Burial ground	506955
D. Cooke	709.59	Gardening charges - May & June 2010	506958

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	£		
D. Cooke	35.02	Petrol	506959
Armthorpe Community Leadership Academy	500.00	Part payment of grant	506963
H.M. Revenue & Customs	2,488.48	Tax, National Insurance	506964
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	537.53	Superannuation contributions	506965
Employees	6,819.08	Pay	506966-506977
Doncaster M.B.C.	587.50	Roadside stone name planter	506980
Yorkshire Water	51.83	Water charges - Allotments	506983
Yorkshire Water	32.07	Water charges - Burial ground	506984
H.M. Revenue & Customs	2,482.17	Tax, National Insurance	506987
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	549.34	Superannuation contributions	506988
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	39.79	Copying charges	506993
Armthorpe Community Leadership Academy	1,500.00	Part grant	506995
A. Mumford	21.74	Phostoxin	506997
Employees	6,535.99	Pay	506998-507009

(2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 20th July 2010, be noted:-

	£		
Health & Safety Publications	500.00	Preparing Health & Safety Policy etc.	506922
Health & Safety Publications	180.00	Preparing Food Safety Management Plan	506923
British Gas Business	1,077.11	Gas charges	506924
J.W. Oxby & Son	23.64	Glass shine & rinse aid	506943
Tini Wini Entertainments	600.00	Disco & Karaoke x 2	506946
Doncaster Cash Register Services Ltd.	223.25	Supply new cash register	506947
E. Ackroyd	178.85	Supply tablecloths	506948
Approved Fire Protection Ltd.	69.33	Fire extinguishers - annual inspection	506949
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	159.86	Art and craft materials	506950
Gas & Hire Ltd.	17.45	Cylinder hire	506951
Gartec Ltd.	299.63	Annual maintenance charge	506953
Doncaster M.B.C.	129.58	Refuse collection - Community Centre	506956
Rural Action Yorkshire	35.00	Annual subscription	506957
Councillor W.L. Moore	73.43	Supply banner	506960
Mariners Restaurant	405.45	Supply meals - Seaside trip	506961

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70. ARMTHORPE MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to indicate what status the Armthorpe Master Plan will be afforded when future planning applications are considered for determination by the local planning authority.

71. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 16 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 the action of the Clerk (in consultation with the Chairman during the August recess) in submitting an objection to the retrospective planning application for the erection of a boundary fence at 20 Cleveland Road, on the grounds that the fence, which is made from wooden pallets, is incongruous and detrimental to the character and street scene of the residential area, be confirmed;
- (3) that objections be submitted to the application to extend the tarmac area and retention of the existing access and egress for a hand car wash and valet service on vacant land adjacent to the Mill Street Shopping Precinct, on the grounds that the proposed development:-
 - (a) would be a danger to road safety as it will generate increased traffic on Mill Street, which is a very busy main road opposite to the junction with Larch Drive;
 - (b) would interfere with the free flow of traffic on Mill Street, particularly as some vehicles will at times have to queue and wait on Mill Street to access the car wash;
 - (c) would cause conflict between vehicles accessing/egressing the site and heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) (delivering to and leaving the Tesco Supermarket premises), as these HGV's have to reverse from Mill Street into the access road leading to the proposed development;
 - (d) the access/egress to the site is too narrow to accommodate vehicles passing in each direction, with the result that right turning vehicles into the site will undoubtedly interrupt the free flow of traffic, whilst waiting for vehicles to emerge from the site;

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- (e) there is no provision for recycling water used in the car washing operation in the same way that other permitted car wash facilities have to provide on garage forecourts, etc;
- (4) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered;
- (5) it be recorded that the Chairman (who had declared an interest in the planning applications relating to (i) land at Whiphill Lane (10/02436/OUT) and (ii) The Armthorpe School (05/03109/RET) left the meeting during consideration of the same and that the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting for these two items of business.

72. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the report of the Chairman of the Council detailing (amongst other things) his comments and observations on Doncaster Borough Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation, including his recommendations on the 'Preferred Options', be noted;
- (2) that the Chairman's recommendations be approved and the Council records its sincere thanks for his detailed report on this matter;
- (3) that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to convey the comments and representations in the Chairman's report to the Borough Council;
- (4) that representations also be made to the Borough Council for the Green Belt designation to be extended across the Parish of Armthorpe, in order to protect the loss of valuable countryside from development in the eastern half of the Borough, as recommended by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

73. COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS 2009/10

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that by a letter, dated 13th August 2010, BDO LLP, the external auditor of the Council's Accounts, had requested (amongst other things) that Boxes 1 and 6 be reviewed in Section 1 of the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2010, which had previously been approved by the Council at a Special Meeting held on 22nd June 2010;

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- (2) that the following amendments be made to the Annual Return for the financial year 2009/10:-
- (a) amend Box 1 to read £65,554 (so that it agrees with Box 7 for the financial year ending 31st March 2009);
 - (b) amend Box 6 to read £118,312;
 - (c) that the amendments to Boxes 1 and 6 be initialed by the Clerk and the amended Annual Return be returned to BDO LLP.

74. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of letters received from the Spinal Injuries Association and Sue Ryder Care thanking the Council for its donation of £50.00 and £100.00 respectively, be noted;
- (2) that the request from the Armthorpe Village Children's Centre, for the Council to contribute the sum of £3,000.00 per annum, to support Relate counselling services held at the Children's Centre, be refused.

75. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 13th July 2010 (copies of which had been circulated to each Member), be noted.

76. CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK, REEVES WAY

RESOLVED that the contents of a copy letter from the local Neighbourhood Manager of Doncaster Borough Council to the Rt. Hon. Ms. Rosie Winterton, M.P., explaining the current position regarding the uncompleted works to the Children's Play Park on Reeves Way, be noted.

77. MANSFIELD CRESCENT PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, confirming (amongst other things) that its land asset portfolio in Armthorpe was being examined for any sites that may be suitable for an equivalent exchange of land for the Mansfield Crescent Playing Field.

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78. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE COUNCIL

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

- (1) a letter from The Armthorpe School confirming its interest in the proposal to dispose to the Council the school's playing field situate opposite Oak Road, subject (amongst other things) to the outcome of certain enquiries; and
- (2) a letter from the Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme confirming that the Trustees have no intention to dispose of any of its property and that they "will ensure the sustainability of their land and its availability for the inhabitants of Armthorpe".

79. WELFARE REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

RESOLVED that the request from Mr. B. McKevitt for the Parish Council to accept responsibility for locking/unlocking the gate to the Welfare Remembrance Garden, be approved subject to the Council accepting no responsibility for any maintenance of the land or monitoring its use by members of the public.

80. NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from the Campaign Co-ordinator of the No Need for Nuclear Group, be noted and that the Rt. Hon. Rosie Winterton, M.P., be asked to support Early Day Motion 557, requesting an inquiry into whether or not new nuclear power stations are needed.

81. WARD COUNCILLORS' FLEXIBLE BUDGET

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from Mr. B. McKevitt requesting information about the Councillors' Flexible Budget for the Armthorpe Ward, be noted and forwarded to Ward Councillor C.J. McGuinness and Mr. A. Cunningham, the local Neighbourhood Manager, requesting that they:-

- (a) reply direct to Mr. McKevitt on the points he has raised (copying the reply to the Parish Council); and
- (b) publish regular information about the Budget along similar lines to that provided for the Bessacarr and Cantley Area Flexible Budget.

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82. PRECEPT CAPPING - CONSULTATION

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of central government's consultation on its proposal to cap "excessive" Parish/Town Councils Precepts, be noted; and
- (2) that objections be submitted to the proposal for (amongst other things):
 - (a) that the definition of "excessive" is relative and cannot be universally imposed for the reason reported;
 - (b) that there is already a mechanism for council tax payers to object to increases in the Precept by using the Parish Poll procedure.

83. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the offer of Doncaster Borough Council's Standards Committee to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to provide (amongst other things) advice on Code of Conduct issues, be declined.

84. NHS DONCASTER - AGM

RESOLVED that the Chairman represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of NHS Doncaster, which is to be held on 28th September 2010 in The Ivanhoe Centre, Gardens Lane, Conisbrough.

85. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details be noted of the following orders made by Doncaster Borough Council to temporarily prohibit through traffic on roads in:-
 - (a) the Park Avenue area to install speed cushions; and
 - (b) Cow House Lane, Ruskin Drive and Nutwell Lane to reconstruct the carriageways;
- (2) that the proposed amendments to a prohibition of waiting order to be made by the Borough Council relating to a part of Church Street near its junction with Beech Road, be noted;

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- (3) that the letter addressed to the Chairman from a Mr. P. White, regarding the increasing numbers of vehicles using Eastfield Road and their excessive speeds, be forwarded to the Borough Council for its attention and appropriate remedial action;
- (4) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) erect a 'Concealed Entrance' sign and a 'No Parking' sign at the entrance to the Larch Drive Garage site on Woodlea Grove;
 - (b) carry out remedial works to the footway outside 4 and 6 Cow House Lane, which ponds to depths in excess of 3 inches in wet weather;
 - (c) replace a broken manhole cover outside 82 Rands Lane;
 - (d) clear the public footpath situate off Nutwell Lane and running alongside the back of Fiddlers Drive, which is overgrown;
 - (e) investigate alleged breaches of planning control at:-
 - (i) the martial arts building in St. Mary's Drive, which is advertising both lettings and Tagit Designs on the exterior of the building; and
 - (ii) the premises of Doncaster Storage Limited, Gunhills Lane Industrial Estate, which appears to be used for storing and scrapping old motor vehicles;
 - (f) remove an accumulation of rubbish, including tyres, from the tennis courts and surrounding area within the Armthorpe Welfare Park;
 - (g) arrange for the grass to be cut on a regular basis in the Welfare Park in order to prevent vandals setting fire to the same, as they have done already this summer;
 - (h) confirm that the works to reconstruct the carriageways on Cow House Lane, Ruskin Drive and Nutwell Lane include the installation of speed cushions and whether such works also include speed cushions on Wickett Hern Road, as previously agreed with the local Ward Members to be paid out of Section 106 monies.

86. MARKHAM MAIN HEATH

RESOLVED that the Coal Authority be requested to arrange the removal of accumulations of rubbish on Markham Main Heath, which is detrimental to the amenity of the area and a hazard to users of the site.

Signature