

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 1ST JULY 2014

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

Councillors M. Andrews, J.R. Armstrong, T. Corden, L.S. Dickman,
M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell, P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness and
S.L. McGuinness.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Butler,
W.L. Moore and S.A. Pickles.

57. ELECTION TO VACANT OFFICES OF COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that Messrs. Michael Andrews and Michael Walton were elected (uncontested) to the vacant offices of councillors, which arose as a result of the resignations of Councillors Anthony John Brown and Ann Brown;
- (2) it be noted that Councillor Andrews joined the meeting after signing his declaration of acceptance of office;
- (3) that the Council records its thanks to the two other local residents who had withdrawn their nominations for election to the office of councillor, in order to save the Council the costs of paying for a bye-election.

58. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 64 relating to Planning and he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

59. MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28th May 2014 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd June 2014 (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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61. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th June 2014 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been one interment of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground.

63. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
HMRC	2,044.29	Tax, National Insurance	508771
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	973.20	Superannuation contributions	508772
HMRC	55.71	Unpaid tax 2013/14	508773
Employees	8,008.50	Pay	508774- 508785 508788
Zurich Municipal	5,850.57	Annual insurance premium	508786
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	50.00	Course fees x 2	508787
Doncaster MBC	375.00	Traffic management fee - Fun Run	508794
M. Teasdale	450.00	Internal audit fee	508796
J. Hepworth	422.10	Accountancy fees	508797
G. Shephard	44.39	Travel and subsistence - Training 20/6	508798

(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 17th June 2014, be noted:-

	£		
L. McKevitt	80.10	Make & supply sills re clock tower	508751
Quicksteps Trophies	220.41	Trophies & medals re School Sports Competition	508752
Cash	100.00	Petty cash - CC	508753
J. Farmer	57.96	Paint and rake	508756
J.F. Bodman Ltd.	100.00	Supply & fix safety glass window	508757
npower	1,863.66	Electricity charges	508758

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	£		
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	126.00	Case of 25 fluorescent lamps	508760
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	75.53	Pipe duster & misc lamps	508761
Armthorpe Elmfield Band	800.00	Entertainment fees 2013	508762
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	50.40	Fluorescent lamps	508766
A to B Cycle & Car Care Centre	25.00	Cycle repair	508767
O. Garner	185.00	Dance fees - May	508768
P. Farrell	200.00	Replace clock tower sills & ridge tile	508769
Aircon Refrigeration Ltd.	137.40	Routine maintenance	508770

64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that 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 an objection be submitted to the planning application submitted to proposed residential development on 0.70 ha of land at the former Blacks Engineering Works, Barton Lane, for the following reasons:-
 - (a) access to and from the site along Westfield Road would be contrary to the main aim for development on Barton Lane, that is identified in the Draft Armthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan as a residential policy area, which states (amongst other things) "It is anticipated that a comprehensive development of the whole site would best meet the needs of the area and help mitigate against piecemeal development" Consequently, it is considered that the current application should not be allowed, more particularly as it is proposed to be accessed from Westfield Road;
 - (b) if the application is approved with access being permitted from Westfield Road, it will set a precedent that will be difficult to resist in respect of future applications that may be submitted from residential developers wishing to use existing side roads to access their sites and as such Barton Lane would never be improved;
 - (c) Westfield Road is not suitable for two way traffic for heavy goods vehicles that would need to access/ egress the site of the proposed development;

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- (d) the proposed development will be detrimental to the amenity of the existing occupiers of residential properties in Westfield Road, many of whom are elderly and who have enjoyed quite enjoyment of their properties for decades;
- (3) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining 7 applications considered.

65. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillors T. Corden, C.J. McGuinness and S.L. McGuinness be thanked for reporting and supplying information on the following matters:-

- (1) now that Doncaster Borough Council has made the decision to close its residential care homes (including Rose House), the properties have to be advertised for a period of 3 months to ascertain if anyone is interested in purchasing them;
- (2) the governing bodies of Bessacarr Primary School and Armthorpe Southfield Primary School have decided to federate their two schools with effect from 1st November 2014 and are currently consulting on the proposal;
- (3) the Borough Council was now consulting on its proposals to expand (a) Southfield Primary School by 3 additional classrooms and (b) from a 210 place (1 form entry) school to a 300 place primary school;
- (4) a bid to bring a 3,000 pupil HS2 rail college to a site at Lakeside, Doncaster, which would be a research and teaching centre focused on developing world class engineering skills, had been submitted to central government;
- (5) the Borough Council (with Grant aid from the Homes and Communities Agency) is proposing to build 12 houses on the site of the former housing repairs depot at Mere Lane, for social housing.

66. ELECTORAL REVIEW - DONCASTER

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from the Review Officer (Doncaster) of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and a summary of the Commission's report, which outlined (amongst other things) its draft recommendations on the warding arrangements for Doncaster Borough Council;

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- (2) that further representations be made to the Review Officer (Doncaster) for Armthorpe to remain as a single Ward.

67. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that no action be taken on the request for financial assistance received from Owen Turner, towards his costs to compete for the Great Britain Taekwondo Team at the 1st Cadet World Championship in Baku Aerbaijan in July;
- (2) that the contents of a letter received from Children with Cancer UK, thanking the Council for its donation of £100 to its Brain Tumour Appeal, be noted;
- (3) that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur expenditure in the sum of £100 to the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity, as in the Council's opinion, the payment is 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.

68. HOUSING REPAIRS DEPOT, MERE LANE

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter be noted from Doncaster Borough Council, confirming that the former housing repairs depot located off Mere Lane will not be listed for inclusion in its Assets of Community Value Register, as it was felt that the nomination does not meet the listing criteria, for the following reasons:-

- (1) the main and most recent use of the building as an operational housing repairs depot was not considered to directly further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. The property has not been used by members of the community for the purposes of cultural, recreational or sporting activities;
- (2) as an operational asset used for Council service delivery purposes, the building has not been accessible to members of the public.

69. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to re-fix the 30 miles per hour speed restriction sign on Rands Lane, which was lying on the ground.

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70. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, ETC.

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying the meeting with (amongst other things) copies of the following documents:-

- (1) a letter from Eddie Murphy, Chief Superintendent, Doncaster Division, South Yorkshire Police, to all police officers and support staff regarding Doncaster's performance regarding crime in the division;
- (2) information regarding domestic violence protection notices and orders;
- (3) crime figures reported to the Doncaster East Neighbourhood Watch Association.

71. VICTIMS OF CRIME

RESOLVED it be noted that

- (1) the Victims' Code of Practice came into effect in December which aims to improve the services offered to those who become victims of crime and later this year Police and Crime Commissioners will take responsibility for commissioning victims' services;
- (2) the aim of the Commissioner for South Yorkshire is to simplify and improve the experience of victims by taking their views into account and two surveys are available for completion by victims of crime or members of the public on the Police and Crime Commissioners website <http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/Get-Involved/Have-Your-Say.aspx> so that work can be commissioned according to the findings.

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