

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT:-

Vice-Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas (in the Chair)

Councillors J.R. Armstrong, L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell,
P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness, S.L. McGuinness, W.L. Moore and
M. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Andrews,
E. Butler, T. Corden and S.A. Pickles.

145. THE LATE COUNCILLOR VANDA DORAN

- (1) Members of the Council and public present at the meeting stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to commemorate the late Councillor Vanda Doran, Chairman of the Council, who sadly passed away on 19th November 2014;
- (2) the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor F.J. Tyas, paid tribute to the work of the former Chairman, stating she would be greatly missed and a hard act for anyone to follow.

146. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 151 relating to Planning and he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

147. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th November 2014 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

148. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED it be noted:-

- (1) that plot 15 on the Mercel Avenue allotment site was in a poor condition and that the tenant had been informed that he must put it in good order before 1st April 2014;

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- (2) that enquiries were continuing, to try and find someone from the allotments waiting list who was willing to share the tenancy of plot 29, with the existing tenant.

149. BURIALS

RESOLVED 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.

150. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
BDO LLP	960.00	External audit fee	508973
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	109.82	Envelopes, copy paper etc.	508974
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund	125.00	Wreath - Chairman's Allowance	508980
HMRC	2,016.10	Tax, National Insurance	508985
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	973.20	Superannuation contributions	508986
Employees	7,640.75	Pay	508987-508999
D. Cooke	856.84	Gardening charges	508900
D. Cooke	25.00	Petrol	509001
Armthorpe Parochial Church Council	120.00	Grant (Chairman's Allowance)	509003
K. Burley	5,100.00	Professional fees - NDP	509006

- (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 18th November 2014, be noted:-

	£		
Baker Ross Ltd.	270.72	Art and craft materials	508960
M.L. Dyminiuk	80.00	Dance fees - October	508961
O. Garner	125.00	Dance fees - October	508962
Yorkshire Water	206.38	Water & sewerage charges - CC	508966
Gas & Hire Ltd.	13.86	Cylinder hire	508967
Fuse Fireworks Ltd.	4,400.00	Fireworks display	508968
Bagnall & Sons (East Midlands) Ltd.	8,696.40	Painting - CC	508969
npower	1,671.54	Electricity charges - CC	508970
G. Mudford & Sons Ltd.	2,256.00	Marquee hire - Fireworks Display	508972

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	£		
UK Security Services & Products Ltd.	747.60	Security - Fireworks display	508975
A Bouncy Castle Man	470.00	Hire of inflatables, disco etc - Fireworks display	508976
C. Hughes	175.00	Honoraria - Fireworks display	508977
J. Farmer	175.00	Honoraria - Fireworks display	508978
Councillor P.A. Hanson	300.00	Raffle prizes - Christmas Tea	508979
Michelle Brookes	75.00	Beauty treatments - Fireworks display	508981
Zurich Municipal	78.72	Insurance premium - Fireworks display	508982

151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 6 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 264 dwellings, landscaping, open space including equipped play areas and an eco-resource shelter at Grange Farm, Mere Lane (amended description and plans received - 12/02133/FULM), the Borough Council be requested to refuse the application for the following reasons:-
 - (a) the application is premature and is not allocated as a housing site in the emerging second draft Armthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan, which may shortly be submitted as a proposal to the local planning authority in accordance with the statutory regulations;
 - (b) despite (a) above, the proposed development does not comply with the provisions of the statutory development plan as the site is designated within a countryside policy area;
- (3) that objections be submitted to the Borough Council for the proposed alterations and single storey rear extension with roller shutter door to the existing Post Office, Church Street, conversion of existing first floor flat into two flats, including new access stair extension and first floor rear extension and relocation of existing garage (14/02719/FUL), for the following reasons:-
 - (a) the proposal is considered to be overdevelopment of the site, which would be detrimental to the amenity of the adjoining property;

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- (b) the sizes of the proposed flats are too small and below what are considered acceptable for comfortable living standards;
 - (c) there are already insufficient car parking spaces for the existing property and to extend the ground floor in the way proposed would attract additional vehicle users, some of whom park at the front of the premises and reverse on to the adjacent highway to the detriment of road safety;
- (4) that objections be submitted to the Borough Council for the erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses on approximately 0.12 ha of land at the rear of 46 - 48 Poplar Place, for the following reasons:-
- (a) access/egress to the proposed development and Almond Avenue/Chestnut Avenue, is via an unmade track that runs through the middle of a former garage site, which is both unsuitable and unacceptable;
 - (b) the unmade track and former garage site are owned by the Borough Council and the grant of a bare licence allowing access to the proposed development does not give any future owner occupiers sufficient long-term security should the Borough Council decide to redevelop the area;
- (5) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered.

152. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillors C.J. McGuinness and S.L. McGuinness be thanked for:-

- (1) informing the Parish Council that netting had been erected at the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Armthorpe Road, for the purposes of preventing litter being blown from the site on to the adjacent highway;
- (2) undertaking to:-
 - (a) request the Borough Council to take action to ensure that rubbish skips are emptied on a more frequent basis at the Mill Street Shopping Precinct, in order to ensure that they do not constantly overflow and cause a public nuisance; and

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- (b) make enquiries of the Borough Council as to whether it is aware of Next only employing foreign employees at its warehousing depots;
- (c) ascertain what works (if any) have been carried out to the footway on Hatfield Lane to prevent water ponding on the same.

153. DRAFT ARMTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLVED that following the postponement of the extraordinary meeting of the Council that should have been held on 25th November 2014, the next extraordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th December 2014 at 6.00 pm.

154. MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Community Centre and General Purposes Committee scheduled to be held on 16th December 2014 be postponed until 6.00 pm on 17th December 2014, to be followed at 7.00 pm by a meeting of the Finance Committee.

155. ELECTORAL REVIEW - DONCASTER

RESOLVED that the contents be noted of an email and summary report from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which:-

- (1) announced the publication of the Commission's final recommendations on the warding arrangements for Doncaster Borough Council;
- (2) confirmed that the full report and summary of its final recommendations are available on its website www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/south-yorkshire/doncaster-fer;
- (3) advised that the proposed changes must now be implemented by Order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny and will provide for new electoral arrangements for Doncaster to be implemented at the local elections in 2015.

156. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from the Secretary of Wentworth Residents Association, seeking the Council's comments/views on setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme in South Yorkshire, be noted and no action taken in respect of the same.

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157. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to arrange for:-

- (1) the hedge situate alongside Armthorpe Road (Wheatley Golf Club side) and the grass/weeds on the highway verge obstructing the stone 'Armthorpe' sign, to be cut back;
- (2) the litter bin on Chestnut Avenue to be emptied on a more frequent basis;
- (3) an illuminated 'Slow Down' matrix to be provided on Hatfield Lane (same as the one on Nutwell Lane) in the event that the 30 miles per hour speed restriction sign is not moved nearer to the Hatfield Lane roundabout, as previously requested by the Parish Council.

158. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for:-

- (1) informing the Parish Council that policing in South Yorkshire would be changing significantly within the next two years and that he would provide further information on this matter as and when it becomes available;
- (2) supplying crime statistics for both Armthorpe and the Doncaster East Area during the previous two months, together with comparative incident statistics by 'result class and qualifer' for the periods April 2013 to October 2013 and April 2014 to October 2014, etc.

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