

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2015

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas

Councillors M. Andrews, J.R. Armstrong, L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran,
P.J. Farrell and M. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Butler,
T. Corden, P.A. Hanson, C.J. McGuinness, S.L. McGuinness and
W.L. Moore.

198. DECLARATION OF HOSPITALITY

RESOLVED that the declaration of the Chairman regarding the
hospitality he and his wife received from the Armthorpe Elmfield
Bands, by their attendance at the Band's annual dinner in January
2015 to the value of £15.00 each, be noted.

199. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council
held on 3rd February 2015 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

200. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there
had been 2 interments and 3 interments of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that with effect from 1st April 2015, fees in respect of the
Rands Lane burial ground be increased to the amounts
shown in the attached schedule of fees.

201. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	£ 250.00	Grant	509083
HMRC	2,256.85	Tax, National Insurance	509085

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	£		
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,034.85	Superannuation contributions	509086
Employees	8,311.39	Pay	509087-509097
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	44.70	Supply copy paper etc.	509099

- (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 February 2015, be noted:-

	£		
T. Gibbons	31.50	Refund - CC deposit	509069
Yorkshire Water	199.65	Water and sewerage charges - CC	509071
O. Garner	125.00	Dance fees - January	509074
Doncaster MBC	195.00	Refuse collection - CC	509075
Physical Company	25.74	Supply of theraband - fitness class	509077
Monks Printers	178.80	Supply CC booking forms	509078
Christmas Plus Ltd.	6,847.60	Installation, dismantling & storage of festive lights	509080
M.L. Dyminiuk	80.00	Dance fees - January	509081
Tag Rugby UK Ltd.	96.00	Supply tag rugby belts	509084

202. INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report of the Clerk to the Council to enable the Council to demonstrate that it has an adequate and effective internal audit system and a system of internal control, be noted;
- (2) that the risk management assessments 2014/15, including the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be noted and approved;
- (3) that the risk management assessments be reviewed on the review dates stipulated therein (or earlier if required);
- (4) that the contents of the Council's Assets Register (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member), be noted and approved;
- (5) that the Audit Plan once again be adopted for use by the internal auditor;

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- (6) that the internal auditor submits a written report (together with the completed Audit Plan) for consideration by the Council with the draft year-end final accounts;
- (7) that the Council records it has undertaken an adequate and effective internal audit of the Council's accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control, as required by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

203. 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 an objection be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the application to erect 2 pairs of semi detached houses on approximately 0.145 ha of land at the rear of 46-48 Poplar Place, for the following reasons:
 - (a) access/egress to the proposed development to and from 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 its use for access to the proposed development may prohibit any future redevelopment proposals for the area;
 - (c) the frontage of the proposed development seeks to utilise an area of public green space and if approved would create a precedent in that location for similar development on adjoining land;
 - (d) Armthorpe Ward has the least amount of public green space and public open space in the whole Borough and as such, existing green space and public open space should be retained wherever possible and not given up to small scale speculative development, which is detrimental to the amenity of the area;
 - (e) the green space provides a valuable public benefit in that vicinity, which far outweighs the need for such a small piecemeal development;

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- (3) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered.

204. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 7th April 2015 and preceded by the next meeting of the Parish Council which shall commence at 7.00 pm on that date.

205. OUTDOOR ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

RESOLVED that instead of displaying real Christmas trees each year outside business premises in the village, 30 outdoor artificial Christmas trees be purchased from Christmas Plus Limited, at a cost of £29.50 each plus VAT, which should prove to be more cost effective in the long term.

206. BARTON LANE

RESOLVED it be noted that Barton Lane, a public highway maintainable at private expense and comprising approximately 0.77 hectares (1.91 acres) and previously owned by The Land Trust, has recently been sold at auction by Pugh & Company, 4 The Parks, Newton le Willows, WA12 0JQ.

207. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that notice of Doncaster Borough Council's Traffic Limited Waiting Order on the north side of Church Street, restricting waiting to 30 minutes with no return within 3 hours on any day, be noted;
- (2) that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for his undertaking to request the Mayor of Doncaster to instruct officers to display public notices relating to traffic orders, etc. in local community libraries, in addition to those displayed in Doncaster Central Library and the Borough Council's civic offices;
- (3) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) remove various accumulations of rubbish from Holmewood Lane and undertake continuous monitoring of this litter hot spot;
- (b) remove an accumulation of rubbish from the dyke in Barton Lane opposite the premises of G. & L. Richmond, Timber Merchants;
- (c) remove fly posting from village sign on Hatfield Lane;

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- (d) repair damaged sign near the bus stop outside the Acorn public house;
- (e) repair defective street lighting column numbers 45758 situate on the footpath (that runs from Tofstead to Barton Lane) and 44975 at the Nutwell Lane roundabout;
- (f) clear a blocked surface water gully on Church Street, situate on the church side of the road between Barton Lane and Mere Lane;
- (g) take action pursuant to Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended, to clean up the derelict land at the rear of Beau Frames & Crafts, 2 Mill Street, which adversely affects the amenity of the area;
- (h) ensure that the three-way traffic light system situate at the top of Mere Lane is facing in the correct direction.

208. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED

- (1) that Ward Councillor S.L. McGuinness be thanked for supplying a copy of a joint letter from both the Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police, regarding 'Securing the Future of Neighbourhood Policing – the new Local Policing Model';
- (2) that the contents of the letter be noted and a request be made for a senior officer to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to provide a briefing on this matter;
- (3) that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying a copy of the daily CAP Report up to 1st March 2015 and for confirming that although crime has decreased in the east area of the Borough, Armthorpe has still the worst crime rate in that area.

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