

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE 2014

PRESENT:-

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

Councillors E. Butler, M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell, P.A. Hanson,
S.L. McGuinness and W.L. Moore.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.R. Armstrong,
T. Corden, L.S. Dickman, C.J. McGuinness and S.A. Pickles.

33. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Doran - Minute 38 relating to cheque number
508731.

34. BARTON LANE

RESOLVED that Mr. Ian Kendall, Estates Manager for The Land
Trust, which is a charity established to manage land in perpetuity,
be thanked for his attendance at the meeting and confirming that:-

- (1) Barton Lane (the Lane) is owned by the Trust, which has a
small annual maintenance budget of £2,000 - £3,000 that
only just covers the cost of infilling pot holes;
- (2) the Lane is managed on behalf of the Trust by the Forestry
Commission;
- (3) The Land Trust is looking to dispose of the Lane (after the
consent of the Charity Commission had been obtained) to a
third party who would then have the responsibility of
maintaining it.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council
held on 6th May 2014 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

Initials

36. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that 3 Members of the Council and the Clerk had carried out an inspection of the Mercel Avenue allotment site on 17th May 2014 and there was nothing untoward to report;
- (2) that owing to a lack of interest from tenants, no allotments competition be held this year.

37. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that 3 Members of the Council and the Clerk had carried out an inspection of the Rands Lane burial ground, which was found to be well kept, free of rubbish with no overgrown hedges;
- (2) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 3 interments at the burial ground.

38. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Councillor V. Doran	120.00	Chairman's Allowance - Telephone allowance 2013/14	508731
HMRC	2,076.41	Tax, National Insurance	508736
Employees	7,479.21	Pay	508738- 508750
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	973.20	Superannuation contributions	508754
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,000.00	Additional annual contribution	508755
J. Farmer	57.96	Paint & rake - burial ground	508756
Staples	83.24	Copy paper etc.	508759
D. Cooke	552.80	Gardening charges	508764
D. Cooke	30.07	Petrol	508765

- (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 20th May 2014, be noted:-

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	£		
Physical Company	50.30	Supaflex theraband	508707
A Bouncy Castle Man	675.00	Inflatable hire - Splash	508709
O. Garner	215.00	Dance fees - April	508711
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	267.06	Vacuum cleaner & bags	508713
A.G. Barr plc	42.69	Soft drinks	508714
Doncaster MBC	195.00	Refuse collection - CC	508719
K. Johnson	165.00	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508721
C. Farmer	99.00	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508722
J. Farmer	198.00	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508723
L. Downie	99.00	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508724
L. Brown	99.00	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508725
J. Senkiw	71.50	Sports Leader fees - Splash	508726
DCLT	180.00	Swimming fees - Splash	508727
Armthorpe Academy	375.00	Hire fees - Splash	508728
J. Hardy	40.49	Fire door signage	508729
British Gas Services (Commercial) Ltd.	1,083.67	Annual maintenance charge	508732
Health & Safety Publications	105.00	H & S Service Level Agreement - quarterly charge	508733
Gas & Hire Ltd.	7.92	Cylinder hire	508734
Venus Embroidery	72.00	Embroidered blouses - Bar	508737

39. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to 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.

40. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillor S.L. McGuinness be thanked for reporting that monies from the maintenance fund for the multi use games areas are released each year as and when required.

41. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 24th June 2014 at 7.00 p.m. to consider the Annual Accounts.

42. 1053 (ARMTHORPE) SQUADRON RAF AIR CADETS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of an email from 1053 (Armthorpe) Squadron RAF Air Cadets, seeking financial assistance for a cadet who has been selected to attend the 100 mile Nijmegen March in summer, be noted; and

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- (2) that as the Council does not have any powers to award grants to individuals, Councillor P.A. Hanson be thanked for her undertaking to ask if the Cadets want a stall to raise funds at the Armthorpe Gala, Summer Fayre and Fun Run.

43. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the request for a grant received from the Armthorpe Girls Brigade be noted and the organisation be asked to supply details of its accounts and membership;
- (2) that no action be taken on the request for grant received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

44. BRIAR ROAD PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of letters received from the secretaries of the Wheatsheaf Football Club and the Armthorpe Albion Football Club, thanking the Council for use of the Briar Road playing field during the 2013-14 season and requesting its use for the forthcoming 2014-2015 season, be noted;
- (2) that the requests be approved, subject to each Club accepting the following terms and conditions:-
 - (a) the Wheatsheaf Football Club has priority over Armthorpe Albion Football Club relating to use of the same;
 - (b) the Club provide its own nets and corner flags;
 - (c) the Club mark out the pitch;
 - (d) the Club arranges third party insurance to indemnify participants and the Council against any liability howsoever arising out of the use of the pitch, including any damage or personal injury to spectators, their personal effects and adjoining residents and their property and provides a copy of the same to the Council;
 - (e) after using the pitch, the playing field is left in a clean and tidy condition;
 - (f) no nuisance is caused to residents living adjacent to the field and/or the Parish Council;

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- (g) no motor vehicles are permitted to park within the fenced areas of the playing field;
- (h) the Council reserves the right to withdraw the permission hereby granted at any time upon written notice to the Club;
- (i) the Council reserves the right to allow any other persons, organisation or club to use the playing field at any time other than on the Sunday mornings during the football season.

45. FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY SERVICE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the invitation to join the Dean of Sheffield and the Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire, for a service at Sheffield Cathedral on 3rd August 2014 at 10.30 a.m., to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War, be noted; and
- (2) that those Members wishing to attend the service should notify the Clerk by the date of the next meeting of the Council, to enable him to notify the Lieutenancy Coordinator.

46. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLVED that the Council:-

- (1) renews its membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA);
- (2) confirms its acceptance of the services offered by the YLCA contained in the Provision of Services Agreement;
- (3) approves the attendance of Councillor C.J. McGuinness, as Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk, at a training session on Insurance, Banking and Investment, to be held on 20th June 2014 in York and the Council pays the course fees totalling £50, plus travel and subsistence.

47. MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE

RESOLVED it be noted that:-

- (1) in 1992 a claim against the Council of £27,581 was paid in full by the Council's then insurers, Municipal Mutual Insurance (MMI);

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- (2) in 1993 MMI entered into a scheme of arrangement with its creditors, which was sanctioned by the Court, so until all liabilities were determined and paid there remained a potential liability of the Parish Council for the above sum, although it appeared there would be no claw back of the same;
- (3) on 13th November 2013 the directors of MMI triggered its Scheme of Arrangement which led to the issue of a Levy Notice on 1 January 2014 at a rate of 15% on established scheme liabilities, which exceeded £50,000 in aggregate but as the Council's potential liability is less than £50,000 it is not subject to Levy at the present time.

48. SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of correspondence be noted from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, regarding the cut to South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority's levy and the impact on the use of English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) Passes from 31st March 2014;
- (2) it be noted that in response to customer feedback, the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee approved enhancements to ENCTS pass usage which means that from 8th June 2014:-
 - (a) disabled people will have access to the same concessionary scheme they enjoyed prior to the changes on 31st March 2014;
 - (b) elderly people will enjoy the free national ENCTS scheme on bus and tram between 0930 - 2300 hours Monday to Friday and at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays, travelling on a South Yorkshire pass but will also be able to travel during the same hours on trains for half fare on local services within South Yorkshire and from a South Yorkshire station into West Yorkshire.

49. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that Councillor E. Butler had submitted a petition to Doncaster Borough Council requesting the provision of a pelican crossing on Nutwell Lane, between the junctions of Whiphill Lane and Fiddlers Drive;

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- (2) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) arrange for overhanging hedges at the following locations to be cut back:-
 - (i) the highway in Regent Avenue;
 - (ii) the entrance to Hagg Wood from Basil Avenue;
 - (iii) alongside Footpath Number 1;
 - (iv) the footpath at 44 Hatfield Lane;
 - (b) arrange the removal of hedge cuttings dumped on the right hand side of the road in Holmewood Lane when travelling in the direction of the M18;
 - (c) provide an explanation as to why the young people's home on Pinewood Avenue has been closed;
 - (d) ask the owners of the Mill Street Shopping Precinct in the interests of road safety to provide "in" "out" road markings within the site;
 - (e) take steps to prevent tipper motor lorries 'cutting' through the village instead of circumventing the same by using Leger Way.

50. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying monthly reactive/proactive reports recorded by partners for Doncaster.

51. GERTRUDE BELL HALL

RESOLVED that enquiries be made as to what the proceeds of sale of the former Gertrude Bell Hall, Church Street, have been used for.

Signature