

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE 2016

PRESENT:-

Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas
Vice-Chairman - Councillor S.L. McGuinness

Councillors N. Berry, A. Berwick, Mrs. A. Berwick, S.J. Cherry, M.J. Doran,
R. Fretwell, P.A. Hanson, I.E. Walstow and M. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Butler,
T. Corden, A.L. Dickson and C.J. McGuinness.

23. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor S.L. McGuinness - Minute 28 relating to Planning and
she left the meeting during consideration of the same.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council
held on 3rd May 2016 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

25. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED that owing to the unauthorised wooden structure on
Plot 16 of the Mercel Avenue allotment site being in situ for a
number of years, the structure be allowed to remain on the plot for
the duration of the current tenancy only.

26. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council,
there had been 1 interment and 2 interments of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground.

27. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

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	£		
J.F. Monks	163.20	Printing Burial Deed Books	509599
Doncaster M.B.C.	237.00	Refuse collection - Burial ground	509601
Doncaster M.B.C.	2.00	Rent - Briar Road playing field	509603
Doncaster M.B.C.	8.94	Grounds maintenance - 7/12-27/3	509606
Yorkshire Water	8.15	Water charges - Allotments	509607
Yorkshire Water	13.23	Water charges - Burial Ground	509608
Zurich Municipal	5,364.67	Annual insurance premium	509610
Doncaster East IDB	9.02	Drainage rates - burial ground	509611
D. Cooke	604.80	Gardening charges	509612
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	509613
HM Revenue & Customs	2,216.77	Tax, National Insurance	509614
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,070.65	Superannuation contributions	509615
Employees	7,992.87	Pay	509616-509629
Sage (UK) Ltd.	806.40	Sage payroll cover	509633
D. Cooke	518.40	Gardening charges	509634
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	509635
D. Cooke	282.00	Gardening charges	509637
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	509638

(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 May 2016, be noted:-

	£		
John Merry (EJAB)	250.00	Entertainment fee - St. George's Day	509595
Woods of Carcroft	200.00	Supply Pie & Peas - St. George's Day	509596
O. Garner	150.00	Dance fees - 1, 5 & 29/3 & 12 & 26/4	509598
Doncaster M.B.C.	237.00	Refuse collection - CC	509602
Gas & Hire Ltd.	49.39	CO ² etc. refills	509604
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire - 4/16	509605
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	103.00	Cleaning materials	509609
	£		Credit card
Amazon Pricelover	75.40	Counter Top Hot Water Boiler	22.04.16
Post Office Ltd.	60.00	Gift vouchers - Tour de Armthorpe	25.04.16

28. PLANNING

RESOLVED

(1) it be noted that in respect of the application to erect a new office building on the site of the Ikea Distribution Centre

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(16/01114/FUL), Doncaster Borough Council had been informed that the 7 heavy goods vehicle parking spaces (to be utilised for the proposed development) are surplus to requirements and there is adequate capacity on the site to accommodate all heavy goods vehicle parking;

- (2) that details of the 4 applications submitted to the Borough Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council for planning permission to carry out development in Armthorpe, be noted;
- (3) that no objections or comments be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of all the applications considered (namely, application numbers 16/01358/FUL, 16/00806/FUL, 16/01324/FUL and 16/01391/FUL);
- (4) it be noted that the appeal against the enforcement notice, regarding the unauthorised erection of a 2.5m high wall and fence adjacent to a highway at 60 Rands Lane, had been dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld;
- (5) that the Council records its thanks for the sincere appreciation expressed at the meeting by a local resident about Ward Councillor C.J. McGuinness, who attended the last Borough Council's Planning Committee meeting, to articulate support for the objections/concerns of local residents and the Parish Council, about the outline planning application (28/07/2016), for an extension to the West Moor Distribution Park.

29. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that Ward Councillor S.L. McGuinness be thanked for reporting about the complaints received by Doncaster Borough Council about the lack of frequent grass cutting of community areas which was being addressed and should be back to normal quite soon;
- (2) that Ward Councillor S.L. McGuinness be thanked for her undertaking to request the Borough Council to confirm that an enforcement notice had been issued in 2014, requiring the removal of a wall and fence erected along the boundaries of 37 Fiddlers Drive and if so, indicate why action had not been taken to enforce the provisions of the notice;
- (3) that the contents of an email from the Borough Council's Head of Service, Community Safety, to Ward Councillor C.J. McGuinness, relating to the report he had made at the previous meeting of the Parish Council, regarding the high incidents of burglaries at commercial premises in Armthorpe, be noted, which:-

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- (a) provided an update on the increase in burglaries at such premises in Armthorpe;
- (b) confirmed that the Police:-
 - (i) had committed substantial additional resources to the local area;
 - (ii) were engaging with businesses to improve security;
 - (iii) will be working with the Borough Council Area Teams and CCTV Unit to look at the feasibility of installing a dome-hawk camera in the area, as a temporary measure to provide a deterrent;
- (c) confirmed that in the longer term, the Borough Council would be happy to work with local businesses in developing other initiatives which include 'Shop Watch' schemes and installing a more permanent CCTV camera system at strategic locations, which can then be monitored by both the Police and DMBC camera suites.

30. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED it be confirmed that a Special Meeting of the Council will be held on 28th June 2016 at 7.00 p.m. to consider the Annual Accounts.

31. BLUE ANCHOR LEISURE

RESOLVED that the invitation from Blue Anchor Leisure, for Members of the Council to visit the site of Woodward Lakes & Lodges, Holme Wood Lane to view the facilities on the same, be accepted and arrangements be made for Members to visit on either 9th or 23rd July 2016 at 10 am.

32. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLVED that in response to an invitation from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations to nominate representatives for election to office on the South Yorkshire Branch and the YLCA Joint Executive Board, no action be taken in this matter.

33. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED it be noted that the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Dr. Alan Billings, had appointed Dave Jones, the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, as interim Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police, with effect from 3rd May 2016.

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34. PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIM

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from Zurich Municipal, the Council's insurers, confirming that a claim for compensation for personal injury to a member of the public had now been settled, with no payments having been made (Minute 123/2015 of the Community Centre and General Purposes Committee refers).

35. BRIAR ROAD PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from the secretary of the Wheatsheaf Football Club, requesting use of the Briar Road playing field for the forthcoming 2016-2017 season, be noted and approved, subject to the Club accepting the following terms and conditions:-

- (1) the Wheatsheaf Football Club has priority over Armthorpe Albion Football Club relating to use of the same;
- (2) the Club provide its own nets and corner flags;
- (3) the Club mark out the pitch;
- (4) 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;
- (5) after using the pitch, the playing field is to be left in a clean and tidy condition;
- (6) no nuisance is to be caused to residents living adjacent to the field and/or the Parish Council;
- (7) no motor vehicles are permitted to be parked within the fenced areas of the playing field;
- (8) the Club shall ensure that bad language is not used by the Club's participants and its opponents;
- (9) the Council reserves the right to withdraw the permission hereby granted at any time upon written notice to either Club;
- (10) 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.

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36. SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive be noted, regarding a consultation which was to be launched on 23rd May 2016, aimed at current active users of community transport.

37. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur expenditure in the sum of £200.00 to the Armthorpe Community Library, 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.

38. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that notice of the closure of Leger Way, Intake, between its junction of Armthorpe Lane and Cheltenham Road and the closure of the pedestrian footbridge that links Danum School and Lonsdale Avenue on various dates, to ensure the safety of the public and workforce, whilst works are carried out to strengthen and repair Danum School Footbridge, be noted;
- (2) that the replies received from Doncaster Borough Council regarding the following complaints, be noted:-
 - (a) enforce parking restrictions on St. Mary's Drive where cars are being parked on both sides of the road - this issue has been passed to parking enforcement;
 - (b) investigate obstructions to the highway/footway on Gunhills Lane from motor vehicles - this area has been patrolled and no obstructions have been seen, however the area will continue to be monitored and patrolled regularly;
 - (c) Wickett Hern Road Play Park - the Borough Council do not have the staff or the capacity to close and open the gates to the park; in other areas with similar issues a community solution has been sought by asking for volunteers to assist with opening and locking gates;
 - (d) carry out remedial works to prevent water ponding on Hatfield Lane near to its junction with Willow Road - this is an ongoing problem along this footpath as a result of residents driving over the grass verges compacting them down so water cannot drain away, the drainage section have been asked to investigate and see if anything can be done;

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- (3) that the contents of an email be noted, from the Clerk to the Council to the Ward Councillors, requesting them to look into (amongst other things) the locking/unlocking of the gates to the Wickett Hern Road Play Park, as:-
- (a) the Borough Council had a responsibility to lock/unlock these gates, as they had received payment for this from Gazeley UK Limited in the monies included in the sum for ongoing maintenance under the terms of a Section 106 Agreement;
 - (b) it was also understood that Gazeley UK Limited had paid for CCTV cameras to be provided on the park which had also never materialised;
- (4) that the local Ward Members be requested to:-
- (a) attend a proposed site visit at Hatfield Lane/Willow Road junction (accompanied by the Chairman of the Parish Council) with officers of the Borough Council to discuss the problem of water ponding on that junction;
 - (b) take steps to ensure that the Borough Council fulfills its obligation to pay for someone to lock and unlock the gates to the Wickett Hern Road play park;
- (5) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) repair pot holes in Nutwell Lane;
 - (b) indicate:-
 - (i) when road repairs will be carried out in the Almond Avenue and Chestnut Avenue areas; and
 - (ii) why Oakwood Drive has only been partly resurfaced;
 - (c) take action to prevent motor vehicles parking on both sides of Gunhills Lane, between the premises of Armthorpe Glass Limited and the Nooking Close junction, which are causing obstruction;
 - (d) arrange for a willow tree to be cut back that is overhanging the footway outside 67 Nutwell Lane, near to its junction with Wickett Hern Road;
 - (e) arrange for illegible dog fouling notices to be replaced outside 2 and 43 Eastfield Road, 5 and 35 Moorfield Drive and 12 Holmefield Drive;

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- (f) arrange for grass cutting along the verge of the A630 West Moor Link Road;
- (g) arrange for hedges to be cut back that are overhanging the highway at the junctions of Southfield Road and Westfield Road and Southfield Road and Oakwood Drive.

39. ST. LEGER HOMES OF DONCASTER

RESOLVED that St. Leger Homes of Doncaster take constructive action to prevent the playing of golf on the public open space situate at the junction of Mercel Avenue and Rands Lane and prevent dog fouling on the same.

40. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that owing to the confidential nature of the following item of business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the same.

41. PROPOSED PURPOSE BUILT SPORTS CENTRE FACILITY

RESOLVED that the draft heads of terms for the proposed lease of land in the Welfare Park from the Trustees of Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground, be approved subject to the amendments discussed to clauses 6 (user), 8 (rent review), 9 (access), 13 (right of renewal), 16 (assignment) and 18 (maintenance of boundaries).

Signature