

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor
S.L. McGuinness and Councillors A.J. Berwick, Mrs. A. Berwick, E. Butler,
A.L. Dickson and C.J. McGuinness.

28. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made at the meeting.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council
held on 19th May 2015 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

30. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that owing to a lack of interest from the majority of tenants,
no allotments competition be held this year;
- (2) it be noted that as there had been no improvement in the
condition of Plots 11 and 15 on the Mercel Avenue Allotment
Site, notices to quit had been served on the tenants of the
same to terminate their respective tenancies.

31. BURIALS

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

32. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£	
Employees	7,738.62	Pay

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	£		
HMRC	2,155.86	Tax, National Insurance	509200
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,076.60	Superannuation contributions	509201

- (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 26th May 2015, be noted:-

	£		
L. Brough	100.00	Refund CC deposit re 29/8	509139
Gas & Hire Ltd.	13.86	Cylinder hire	509141
Yorkshire Water	100.67	Water & sewerage charges - CC	509148
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	41.76	Toilet cleaner	509178
Woods of Carcroft	165.00	Supply meals - St. George's Day	509181
A. Berwick (EJAB)	160.00	Entertainment fee - St. George's Day	509182
Baker Ross Ltd.	394.63	Art & craft materials	509183
SLCC	250.00	CiLCA training course fees	509184
Councillor P.A. Hanson	48.92	Raffle prizes - St. George's Day	509185
Quicksteps Trophies	222.20	Medals & trophies	509186
Christmas Plus Ltd.	1,134.00	30 artificial outdoor Christmas trees	509202
K. Whalley	48.00	Repairs to gents toilet	509203
O. Garner	125.00	Dance fees - April	509204
M.L. Dyminiuk	80.00	Dance fees - April	509205

33. PLANNING

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that no objections be made to the one application for planning permission to carry out development in Armthorpe, which had been submitted to Doncaster Borough Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council;
- (2) it be noted that the Borough Council's Planning Applications Online web system was to be upgraded and would go live on 10th June, however to facilitate this, the system would be unavailable on 8th and 9th June 2015;
- (3) it be noted that the appeal against refusal of consent to fell two Pine trees within Tranmoor Wood (to the rear of no. 17 Acer Croft); being within Woodland W5 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No. 206) 1997 Armthorpe/Cantley/Auckley/Blaxton, had been dismissed.

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34. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillor T. Corden, be thanked for reporting and supplying information about:-

- (1) the plight of the Armthorpe Elmfield Band who had been:-
 - (a) given 28 days notice to quit the former classroom situate within The Armthorpe Academy premises, which it has occupied for over 25 years free of charge;
 - (b) offered the use of an alternative smaller room at a cost of £15.00 per hour, which it could not afford and in any event would have to be shared with another group;
- (2) his request to the Assets and Property Team at Doncaster Borough Council who had agreed to try and find the Band alternative permanent accommodation in the Borough.

35. ARMTHORPE ELMFIELD BAND

RESOLVED

- (1) that until such time as the Armthorpe Elmfield Band secures alternative permanent accommodation, the Parish Council agrees to provide whatever assistance it is able to the Band (free of charge):-
 - (a) in storing at the Community Centre the Band's trailer, its music, musical instruments, uniforms and other equipment, etc.; and
 - (b) allowing Band practices to take place at the Community Centre on Friday evenings that are not already booked by third parties;
- (2) that no new bookings be accepted for use of the Community Centre on Friday evenings, until the Council determines otherwise.

36. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 23rd June 2015 at 7.00 p.m. to consider the Annual Accounts.

37. BARCLAYS BANK PLC SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of an email dated 20th May 2015 be noted, which the Clerk to the Council had sent to former Councillors L.S. Dickman and P.J. Farrell, in response to their query at

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the previous evening's meeting, seeking clarification about the signatories mandate on the Barclays Bank accounts since 1999;

- (2) it be noted that although former Councillors Dickman and Farrell had not responded to the above email, Councillor Farrell now disputed that he had referred to the year 1999 and instead stated he had said 2010, with the result that he would now be submitting a Freedom of Information request about this matter.

38. 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 £50.00 to Children with Cancer UK, 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.

39. COUNCILLORS SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Councillors R. Fretwell and I.E. Walstow attend a Councillors Skills and Development training course, to be provided by Yorkshire Local Councils Associations in partnership with Doncaster Borough Council on 18th June 2015 and the Parish Council pay the cost of £30 per delegate.

40. SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, be noted:-

- (a) advising that as a result of a 10% budget reduction for 2015/16, the Travel Information Centres in Sheffield, Meadowhall, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Interchange would be closed from June 2015;
- (b) outlining all the channels available to meet the needs of public transport users across the region.

41. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council to complaints made by the Parish Council, be noted:-
 - (a) dog fouling is something that is monitored but needs to be reported street by street, please provide further details;

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- (b) the damaged street lighting column 31976 in Nutwell Lane has been reported to Street Lighting;
 - (c) the damaged wayside seat situate in Nutwell Lane near to its junction with Whiphill Lane has been reported;
 - (d) the pot holes in Edward Street and Nutwell Lane at its junction with Tranmoor Lane have been reported to Highways;
 - (e) the speed bumps in Beech Road are programmed to be re-marked within the upcoming weeks; due to the nature of the surface dressing operation, a number of sweeps are required to ensure that surplus chippings have been removed from the road surface before the road marking operation can be carried out;
 - (f) Grounds Maintenance has been asked to clear the vegetation obstructing the 'Armthorpe' village entrance sign on Armthorpe Road;
 - (g) the issue regarding high sided motor vehicles travelling through the village has been passed to Highways;
- (2) that the contents of an email from the Borough Council's Waste and Recycling Officer regarding the measures in place to tackle litter blowing from the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Armthorpe Road, be noted and the invitation for Members to attend a site visit on 17th June 2015 at 10.00 am, be accepted;
- (3) that the contents of a letter from the Borough Council's Environment and Education Manager, regarding the effects of air pollution from the construction of the new Next Distribution Limited warehouse, situate off Holmewood Lane, be noted, which advised:-
- (a) that the Pollution Control Team comment on all planning applications which may have implications for air quality. In 2008, the Pollution Control Team required the submission of an air quality impact assessment in order to determine the impacts of the development on air quality and the assessment was found to be satisfactory in terms of methodology and tools used; the conclusion of the assessment was that the impact of the development on air quality would be negligible, with the objectives not being exceeded or significant worsening of the concentrations being identified;

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- (b) in addition, the Pollution Team has proactively undertaken air monitoring in Armthorpe and the results showed that on West Moor Link and Cow House Lane, the locations most likely to see impacts from vehicles from this development, the air quality was well below the objective of 40 microgrammes per cubic metre at 26 µg/m³;
 - (c) it is considered that there is no justification to undertake an additional monitoring programme, however should the Parish Council wish to carry out their own monitoring regime, assistance and support would be provided;
- (4) it be noted that following the Council's representations about traffic regulation order documentation only being available for public inspection at the Civic Office and the Doncaster Central Library, the Borough Council had agreed to revert to its previous system and will place notices of all future proposals on deposit at the local libraries;
- (5) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) renew the white lining on various parts of the Bellrope Acre estate, which are fading;
 - (b) renew the road markings on the pelican crossings on Church Street and Doncaster Road, which are fading;
 - (c) reinstate the light on the Belisha beacon at the pedestrian crossing in Church Street, near to the Colbeck Close junction;
 - (d) clear blocked surface water gullies in Wickett Hern Road between numbers 77 and 113;
 - (e) arrange for a Willow tree which is overhanging the highway on the corner of Wickett Hern Road and Nutwell Lane, to be cut back;
 - (f) take steps to have hedges/shrubs cut back which are overhanging the highway:-
 - (i) in Southfield Road at its junction with Westfield Road;
 - (ii) in Southfield Road at its junction with Oakwood Drive; and
 - (iii) in Uplands Road at its junction with Rands Lane;

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- (g) investigate why street cleaning operatives of footways in Southfield Road, Oakwood Drive and Tranmoor Lane have swept pebbles into the middle of each footway and left them in situ;
- (h) instruct operatives who are spraying weedkiller on footways and roads in the parish to take greater care, as overspray is killing adjacent grassed areas;
- (i) investigate and take appropriate steps to protect the public from the condition of a tree situate on the corner of Mansfield Crescent, at its junction with Doncaster Road (outside no. 95 Doncaster Road), that was damaged by a motor vehicle and is now leaning over the highway.

Signature