

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,  
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2008

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, M. Davison, L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell,  
G.R. Hayes, D.P. Hill, V. Jennings, J.R. Lowndes, W.L. Moore and  
T.D. O'Connor.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor  
J.R. Armstrong and Councillors I.P. Hutchinson and M. Pinkney.

123. NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARTER CONSULTATION

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Council records its thanks to Mr. A. Cunningham, a  
Neighbourhood Manager of Doncaster Borough Council, for  
attending the meeting and giving a presentation on the  
proposed Doncaster Neighbourhood Charter;
- (2) that Members of the Parish Council supply comments or  
feedback as necessary on the consultation form supplied.

124. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, L.S. Dickman and P.J. Farrell -  
Minute 146 relating to the monitoring officer correspondence (and  
they all left the room during consideration of the same).

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (copies of which had previously been  
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and  
signed by the Chairman.

126. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council  
there had been 3 interments and 1 interment of cremated remains  
at the Rands Lane burial ground.

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127. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Yorkshire Water	88.90	Water charges - Allotments	506213
Royal British Legion	75.00	Poppy wreath - Chairman's	506216
Poppy Appeal		Allowance	
Vitalise	50.00	Grant	506217
Sue Ryder Care	50.00	Grant	506218
Children with Leukaemia	50.00	Grant	506219
Employees	6,390.39	Pay	506224-
			506240
C. Mallinson	136.50	Honorarium – Sports Leader	506241
Inland Revenue	2,282.58	Tax, National Insurance	506242
South Yorkshire	431.58	Superannuation contributions	506243
Pensions Authority			
Age Concern Doncaster	75.00	Grant	506245

- (2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008, be noted:-

	£		
Gas & Hire Ltd.	4.95	Cylinder hire	506203
Councillor V. Jennings	75.00	Gift vouchers - Halloween	506208
M. Taylor	100.00	Disco fee - Halloween	506209
Wekanhire Ltd.	117.50	Lighting tower hire fee -	506210
		Fireworks Display	
Fuse Fireworks Ltd.	2,800.00	Balance - Fireworks Display	506211
Yorkshire Water	113.37	Water charges	506212
G. Shephard	490.00	Reimburse cost of Christmas	506214
		tree brackets	
Cash	103.39	Petty cash - Community Centre	506215
Fuse Fireworks Ltd.	50.00	Outstanding balance -	506220
		Fireworks Display	
Councillor W.L. Moore	115.15	Banner re Pantomime	506221
Councillor P.J. Farrell	343.17	Kitchen doors, etc.	506222
Councillor P.J. Farrell	49.59	Christmas hampers -	506223
		Christmas Tea	

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128. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 3 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 and no objections be submitted in respect of the same;
- (2) that in respect of the outline application for an employment park comprising buildings for use within Classes B1(c), B2 and/or B8 and B8, construction of roads and ancillary facilities, and landscaping on approx. 46.52 ha of land at Holme Wood Lane (being amendment to maximum size and height of the Class B1 units (P and R)), it be noted that this was to be determined by the Borough Council's Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008, at 10.00 a.m;
- (3) that in view of Councillor A.J. Brown being engaged on other Borough Council business on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008, Councillor W.L. Moore be thanked for her undertaking to take his place to voice the Parish Council's objections at the Planning Committee meeting into the application referred to at item (2) above.

129. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

RESOLVED that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Model Publication Scheme 2008 prepared by the Information Commissioner, together with the completed Guide to Proactively Published Information, be approved.

130. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the contents of letters received from Vitalise and Sue Ryder Care thanking the Council for its donations of £50.00 to each, be noted.

131. COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS 2007/08

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that BDO Stoy Hayward LLP had completed the audit of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 and that there were no matters that came to its attention which required the issue of a separate additional issues arising report;

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(2) that the Council's Annual Return be accepted and approved.

132. BDR JOINT STRATEGIC WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence received from Doncaster Borough Council regarding its further public consultation on the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Strategic Waste Development Plan Document, be noted.

133. SOUTH YORKSHIRE RAIL STRATEGY

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter and consultation document received from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, regarding its South Yorkshire Rail Strategy, which is intended to supersede the strategy approved in 2004, be noted.

134. DUKE STREET TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTRE

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, advising that its Travel Information Centre in Duke Street, Doncaster, will close for business on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008, be noted.

135. SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRAM STRATEGY

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter and consultation document received from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, regarding its South Yorkshire Tram Strategy, be noted.

136. ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT MASTER PLAN TO 2030

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter and summary leaflet received from Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield regarding its Master Plan to 2030, be noted.

137. DONCASTER PCT ANNUAL REVIEW 2007/08

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from Doncaster NHS Primary Care Trust and its second annual review document, be noted.

138. LOWERING VOTING AGE TO 16

RESOLVED that the Youth Citizenship Commissions Policy & Parliamentary Consultation regarding whether the voting age should be lowered to 16, be noted and Members thanked for their undertaking to complete the accompanying questionnaire.

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139. PARISH COUNCIL'S JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the copy Minutes of the Parish Council's Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008, be noted, together with the current programme for the planning training sessions to which Parish Councillors are invited to attend.

140. DOUBLE TAXATION GRANT OFFER

RESOLVED that the offer from Doncaster Borough Council of a Double Taxation Grant in the sum of £2,551.00 for the financial year 2009/2010, be accepted and the Clerk be authorised to sign the acceptance form.

141. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-

- (1) arrange for the Dog Warden Service to undertake more frequent high profile patrols in Armthorpe for the purposes of discouraging dog fouling and detecting offending dog owners;
- (2) for the purposes of preventing indiscriminate parking in Larch Drive by employees and/or visitors to the new hospital to be built in Mill Street, establish a car parking scheme for residents who live in that part of Larch Drive which is close to the nearby roundabout;
- (3) take steps to improve the light emitted from street lighting column 6027 in Walbank Road, which is situate opposite the community centre and casting a shadow in that location;
- (4) take action against employees and visitors to the building contractor's site situate on the Mercel Avenue public open space, who are constantly depositing litter in the open air to the detriment of the amenity of the area;
- (5) re-position the "Community Centre" direction sign, situate on the street lighting column on the footway outside The Wheatsheaf in Church Street and improve the fixing to the same to prevent it being moved about by the wind.

142. SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED that South Yorkshire Police be requested to take action:-

- (1) to prevent motor vehicles being driven over the footway in Tranmoor Lane;

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- (2) against the owners of vehicles parked on the footways in Doncaster Road, Hatfield Lane, Nutwell Lane, Ladycroft Road, outside various schools and the Police Station in Mere Lane;
- (3) against the drivers of motor vehicles parking on both sides of Mill Street, near the Atlantic Fish Bar, which is causing obstruction to other road users.

143. ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL COMFORTS FUND

RESOLVED

- (1) that Councillors A. and A.J. Brown be thanked for supplying the meeting with some of the details contained in a pamphlet they had recently discovered entitled, "Armthorpe Parish Council Comforts Fund - Peace Celebrations", dated Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1946, which (amongst other things) listed all the names of those people from Armthorpe who served in the armed forces during World War II, including the names of those who 'made the Supreme Sacrifice';
- (2) that the Clerk retain a photocopy of the pamphlet in the Parish Council's records and send the original to Doncaster Borough Council's Archives Department for safekeeping.

144. ARMTHORPE BUS SERVICE

RESOLVED that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for the information supplied regarding a meeting that he and Councillor M. Pinkney had attended with representatives of both the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and First Mainline bus company, which culminated in an agreement to conduct a survey of residents' views about the circular bus route in Armthorpe that would be followed by a public meeting to discuss the outcome.

145. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that owing to the confidential nature of the contents of a letter received from the Monitoring Officer of Doncaster Borough Council, regarding a complaint from a member of the public, the press and public be excluded from Minute 146 during consideration of the same.

146. MONITORING OFFICER CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that following a complaint from a member of the public about the alleged conduct of three Parish Councillors

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in connection with proposed developments in Armthorpe, the Monitoring Officer of Doncaster Borough Council had written to confirm he had been instructed to investigate the matter by his Council's Standards Assessment Sub-Committee;

- (2) that the Monitoring Officer be informed:-
- (a) that during the discussions referred to the three Councillors were not acting as Members of the Parish Council;
  - (b) that in any event the Parish Council was unaware of these meetings taking place and as a result did not give any advice to these three Members about attending the same;
  - (c) that furthermore the Parish Council is of the firm belief that such meetings were permitted as (i) these three Members were acting in accordance with the advice note entitled "Positive Engagement, A Guide for Planning Councillors" issued jointly by central government, the Local Government Association and other bodies, and (ii) the above advice note supersedes the Borough Council's own Standards and Guidelines for Decision Makers in the Discharge of Planning Functions as it was issued much later in time than the latter document;
  - (d) that the three Members were not under a duty to disclose to the Parish Council the fact that they failed to oppose the sale of land in connection with a Section 106 Agreement;
  - (e) that the complaint is spurious and the Parish Council does not accept that the three Members have breached the Parish Council's Code of Conduct in any way whatsoever;
  - (f) that the Parish Council formally records its full support for the three Members in this whole matter.

*Signature*