

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY 2009

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles

Councillors L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell, G.R. Hayes, D.P. Hill,
I.P. Hutchinson, V. Jennings and J.R. Lowndes.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor
J.R. Armstrong and Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, M. Davison,
W.L. Moore, M. Pinkney and T.D. O'Connor.

147. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

RESOLVED that the following declarations made at the meeting in
respect of Minute 150 be noted:-

Councillor P.J. Farrell relating to cheque numbers 506248 and
506263

Councillor V. Jennings relating to cheque number 506260

148. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
2nd December 2008 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

149. BURIALS

RESOLVED

(1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council there
had been 6 interments and 3 interments of cremated remains
at the Rands Lane burial ground;

(2) that if evidence is provided to confirm that a young deceased
child (GC) resided in Armthorpe within the previous two
years of her death, the Parish rate of burial fees shall apply.

150. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

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	£		
BT Payment Services Ltd.	109.95	Telephone charges - 709699	506252
D. Cooke	10.01	Petrol	506257
D. Cooke	151.20	Gardening charges	506258
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	646.25	Audit fee	506259
Post Office	126.00	Stamps	506261
Staples	62.62	Printer cartridges	506262
Councillor P.J. Farrell	33.70	Petrol and car parking fees - Conference	506263
Employees	6,450.36	Pay	506264- 506277
B.P.J. Gallagher	36.00	Honorarium	506281
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	431.58	Superannuation contributions	506285
Inland Revenue	2,227.58	Tax, National Insurance	506286
Doncaster M.B.C.	570.85	Rapid print charges - 13187 impressions	506288

(2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 16th December 2008, be noted:-

	£		
BT Payment Services	59.24	Broadband charges - 835168	506244
C. Moss	26.99	Reimburse cost of 2 tracksuit bottoms	506246
Premier Sports and Leisurewear	103.40	5 polo shirts, 2 sweatshirts and 1 fleece jacket	506247
Councillor P.J. Farrell	510.00	Kitchen base units and drawers	506248
S. Nowell	80.00	Supply metal rods for Christmas trees	506249
Scratch Music & Install Ltd.	47.80	Hire of microphones and leads	506250
Scratch Music & Install Ltd.	319.06	Supply PA system and 2 extra microphones	506251
E.ON	758.86	Electricity charges	506253
Chaplins Limited	634.25	Balance of pantomime fee	506254
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	76.26	Cleaning materials	506255
Yorkshire Rural Community Council	35.00	Annual subscription	506256
Councillor V. Jennings	72.48	Confectionery - Pantomime	506260

151. 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;

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- (2) that in respect of the outline application for erection of six semi-detached houses and one detached house in a mews court on approximately 0.2 ha of land to rear of 12, 14, 16 and 18 Markham Avenue, the Parish Council object to the same for the following reasons:-
- (a) the proposed development will be detrimental to the amenity of the occupiers of adjacent residential properties;
 - (b) the host dwellings (although retaining back yards) will not be left with any rear gardens and thus be lacking in amenity;
 - (c) the proposed car parking spaces of 1.5 per dwelling are insufficient in the 21st century where 2 and 3 cars per dwelling are common, with the result that car parking may take place in the adjacent back access roads between the host dwellings and the proposed development, thus causing obstruction to other residents in that locality who garage their vehicles in their rear gardens;
 - (d) if approved, the proposed development would set a precedent that would be difficult to resist for future similar applications;
 - (e) the proposed development does not comply with the Borough Council's Draft Supplementary Planning Document relating to Residential Backland and Infill Development in the following respects:-
 - (i) the existing large gardens are a defining characteristic of the area;
 - (ii) the garden sizes do not reflect (in size and layout) the type of house that is to be delivered and its locality;
- (3) that the Chairman be thanked for:-
- (a) reporting details of the outcome of the meeting of the Borough Council's Planning Committee held earlier that day, when it approved the planning application relating to the West Moor Park extension, subject to the Secretary of State's consent;

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- (b) his undertaking to contact the local press to seek their co-operation in getting the message across to local residents requesting them to write to the Secretary of State asking him to call in this application;
- (4) that the Clerk write to the Secretary of State asking him to call in the application relating to the West Moor Park extension and request the local Members of Parliament to support the Parish Council in this matter;
- (5) that the Chairman, together with Councillors. V. Jennings, J.R. Lowndes, D.P. Hill and W.L. Moore be thanked for their undertaking to meet with representatives of local residents opposed to the proposed West Moor Park extension, with a view to providing them with whatever assistance they can in moving the process forward to the next and any future stages;
- (6) it be noted that members of the public had expressed their thanks to those Members of the Parish Council who had actively supported local residents in their opposition to the application for the West Moor Park extension.

152. ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE LIMITED

RESOLVED that Councillor I.P. Hutchinson be thanked for the information supplied regarding Armthorpe Community Enterprise Limited, which was closing down its business and its premises at the end of February owing to the lack of funding.

153. BUDGETARY ESTIMATES/PRECEPT

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 27th January 2009 at 6.30 p.m., to consider the provisional budgetary estimates for the financial year 2009/10 and to determine the precept for that year.

154. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the contents of letters received from Children with Leukaemia and Age Concern Doncaster, thanking the Council for its donations of £50.00 and £75.00 respectively, be noted.

155. RESIDENTIAL BACKLAND AND INFILL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council, providing details of its public consultation about its Draft Supplementary Planning Document on residential backland and infill development, be noted.

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156. DODGE DYKE POND

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from the Co-ordinator of the Doncaster and District Friends of the Earth Group regarding the development of Dodge Dyke Pond as a conservation, leisure and education amenity;
- (2) that a representative of the Doncaster and District Friends of the Earth Group be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to provide more details about its proposed development and outline how the group feels that the Parish Council could contribute to and/or help shape the project.

157. UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a Policy and Parliamentary Consultation issued by the Ministry of Justice regarding publication of candidates addresses at UK Parliamentary elections, be noted;
- (2) that the Ministry of Justice be informed that the law should not be changed and that full addresses of candidates at UK Parliamentary elections be included on ballot papers and other election documents open to the public at election time.

158. 'STEPPING STONES' CONFERENCE, YORK

RESOLVED that details of the National Association of Local Councils 'Stepping Stones' Conference to be held in York on 21st February 2009, be noted.

159. DONCASTER WASTE STRATEGY 2008

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding its public consultation on the draft Doncaster Waste Strategy 2008, be noted.

160. DONCASTER FRENCHGATE INTERCHANGE AND TOWN CENTRE QUALITY BUS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, enclosing details of its proposal to make a Doncaster Frenchgate Interchange and Town Centre Quality Bus Partnership Scheme, be noted.

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161. CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

RESOLVED that the contents of a consultation document received from the Department for Communities and Local Government entitled 'Communities in control: Real people, Real power; Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity', be noted.

162. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE 2008

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter be noted from Mr. P. Dinsdale which (amongst other things) thanked the Council for the use of Armthorpe Community Centre to store poppies and wreaths, the welcoming warm drinks provided at the conclusion of the parade and the assistance given by Community Centre staff, Mr. J. Hardy and Mr. A. Campbell;
- (2) that the Royal British Legion be allowed to store poppies and wreaths at the Community Centre for this year's Remembrance Day.

163. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

RESOLVED that the copy notices received from Doncaster Borough Council relating to the following Traffic Regulation Orders, be noted:-

- (1) proposed prohibition of waiting and loading at any time on the northern kerbline of Doncaster Road from the eastern kerbline of Paxton Crescent in an easterly direction to its western kerbline of Mansfield Crescent;
- (2) temporary prohibition of footpassengers on various footpaths, namely, footpath linking Wickett Hern Road to Locking Drive and footpath linking Locking Drive to Kirkhall Close and The Lings.

164. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding the matters referred to, be noted:-
 - (a) no evidence has been found during the past two weeks of motor vehicles parking on grass verges in Hatfield Lane in the immediate vicinity of the Willow Road junction, but the location will continue to be monitored;

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- (b) blocked gullies outside 35-37 Woodlea Grove - the site has been inspected and an order raised to cleanse the blocked gully outside no. 39; all other gullies on this stretch are clear;
 - (c) litter and weeds around electricity substation on Rands Lane have been checked and work completed;
 - (d) landscape areas in Mill Street Shopping Precinct - arrangements will be made for the Streetscene Co-ordinator to look into this matter further with both the managing agent and Planning Department to see if this requirement can be relaxed;
 - (e) blocked gully outside 6 Rands Lane - the site has been inspected and the gully outside no. 6 was clear, however the gully opposite no. 6 was blocked and an order has been raised to cleanse this gully;
 - (f) ponding Chestnut Avenue/Hatfield Lane - this issue has been reported to Highways a number of times but does not appear to be related to any blocked drainage; extensive road surface reshaping or installation of additional drainage would need to be implemented in order to fully solve this ponding and currently this would not be considered a priority reflective of limited highways budgets;
 - (g) motor vehicles on footway outside shop premises of 13 Church Street - this site has been patrolled and monitored over the past two weeks but no evidence of parking on the footway has been found; the location will continue to be monitored;
 - (h) an order has been raised to replace the missing street nameplate on Whiphill Lane;
- (2) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) remove accumulations of rubbish from Barton Lane and Holmewood Lane;
 - (b) remove the damaged authorised sign on the skate park at Wickett Hern Road, as the proposed developers have failed to either replace or remove it in accordance with your Council's previous requests;
 - (c) repair one foot deep potholes outside the garages numbers 1 and 2 on the site at Larch Drive, which are causing severe problems for disabled users;

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- (d) clear gullies blocked with leaves, etc. on Armthorpe Road;
- (e) remove the dog waste bin sited on the public open space at Fairholme View and re-site it on the adjacent footway and concrete it into the same;
- (f) take urgent action to replace a plate that covered a one metre wide drain at Markham Main Heath near the car park, as this exposed drain is now a source of danger to young children.

165. CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

RESOLVED that the many favourable comments received by Councillor I.P. Hutchinson about the illuminations and LED Christmas trees provided by the Parish Council during the recent Christmas festive period, be noted with thanks.

166. ARMTHORPE MULTI AGENCY GROUP

RESOLVED that the Chairman be thanked for reporting details of the inaugural meeting of the Armthorpe Multi Agency Group that he had established and asked that members of the public provide ideas for projects they would like to see undertaken in Armthorpe and the Group would then attempt to obtain funding and/or volunteers to implement the same.

Signature