

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2009

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles
Vice-Chairman - Councillor J.R. Armstrong

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, L.S. Dickman, P.J. Farrell, D.P. Hill,
I.P. Hutchinson, V. Jennings, J.R. Lowndes, W.L. Moore and M. Pinkney.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Davison,
G.R. Hayes and T.D. O'Connor.

186. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings - Minute 188 relating to the allotments.

187. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
3rd February 2009 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

188. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a report of the Clerk to the Council
(copies of which had previously been circulated to each
Member) requesting the Council to review the rent payable
by tenants of its Mercel Avenue allotment site, for the
allotment year commencing 29th September 2010, be noted;
- (2) that the rents payable by tenants of the Council's allotments
be increased to £17.00 per annum with effect from
29th September 2010, after the appropriate notices have
been served upon tenants;
- (3) that allotment rents be increased annually from
29th September 2011, in line with the percentage increase in
the Retail Prices Index for the previous 12 month period to
1st August in each year.

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189. 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 with effect from 1st April 2009 fees for burials in the Rands Lane Burial Ground be increased to the amounts shown in the attached schedule of fees.

190. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
Vision ICT Ltd.	115.15	Website hosting support	506328
ECS Construction Ltd.	690.00	Fencing works - Briar Road	506331
Staples	34.30	Copy paper, sellotape etc.	506332
Employees	7,810.03	Pay	506335- 506347
Inland Revenue	2,244.58	Tax, National Insurance	506348
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	431.58	Superannuation contributions	506349
J. Hepworth	322.25	Budgetary control, estimates & attending Council meeting	506352

- (2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 17th February 2009, be noted:-

	£		
M.J. Gladders	100.00	Erecting and removing Christmas tree - Parish Church	506315
B.A. Cheetham	240.00	Stocktake reports	506318
Yorkshire Water	137.03	Water charges - Community Centre	506323
British Gas Business	1,686.21	Gas charges	506325
Councillor D. Hill	73.96	Pipework fittings	506327
Armthorpe Elmfield Band	900.00	Entertainment fees 2008/09	506329
Cockin Electrical Contractors Ltd.	1,412.32	Light repairs/replacements - Main hall and foyer	506330
Gas & Hire Ltd.	9.90	Cylinder hire	506333
Cash	70.43	Petty cash - Community Centre	506334

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191. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 8 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;
- (2) that in respect of the application for erection of first floor pitched roof extension above existing garage with new two storey pitched roof link extension to front and single storey pitched roof extension to side of detached house at 2 Old School Close, the Parish Council objects to the same on the grounds that the size, scale and massing of the proposed development would:-
 - (a) be detrimental to the residential amenity of the adjoining occupiers; and
 - (b) not be in keeping and incompatible with the remaining small number of dwellings in that Close;
- (3) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining 7 applications considered;
- (4) it be noted that the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber had confirmed receipt of the Parish Council's request for the Secretary of State to call in the planning application (approved by the Borough Council) for an extension to the existing West Moor Park and that when a decision is made the Council will be notified accordingly.

192. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 7th April 2009, commencing at 7.30 p.m., immediately following the Council meeting to be held that same date, which will commence at 6.30 p.m.

193. PARISH COUNCIL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Doncaster Borough Council's Parish Council Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 13th January 2009, be noted.

194. CHANGES TO HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding its changes to the discretionary home to school transport arrangements, be noted.

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195. ALL WEATHER FLOODLIT PITCH

RESOLVED that the Chairman be thanked for the information supplied, regarding the Armthorpe School obtaining a grant of £350,000 from central government to provide an all weather floodlit pitch, which will be available for community use during the evenings.

196. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a notice from Doncaster Borough Council regarding its proposed amendments to a Traffic Regulation Order in respect of parking, stopping, waiting and loading on Mill Street, be noted;
- (2) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding the matters referred to, be noted:-
 - (a) there is no specific Dog Warden Service within the Authority - dog fouling patrols are one of the many duties undertaken by the Neighbourhood Wardens and as such their resources are spread quite thinly across the whole neighbourhood. If the Parish Council could be more specific as to the areas of concern with regard to dog fouling, resources will be focussed on these particular areas;
 - (b) the Larch Drive estate already has three garage sites where residents are currently able to park their vehicles if they so wish and as the hospital on Mill Street has not yet been built, it is impossible to predict that employees or visitors to the new hospital will indiscriminately park; should this eventually become a problem, appropriate enforcement measures will be taken;
 - (c) improve the light emitted from street lighting column 6027 in Walbank Road - the Council is at a loss to understand the nature of this particular matter, as obviously all streetlights will cast a shadow if an object falls within the illumination pattern; could you please clarify the nature of the concern further;
 - (d) building contractors site situate on the Mercel Avenue public open space - the Council is not aware of any increase in littering in this particular area, but a Neighbourhood Officer has been asked to visit the site compound and speak with the contractors about how their employees and visitors dispose of litter;

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- (e) arrangements have been made for the Community Centre sign to be adjusted;
 - (f) the Council is aware of the damage being caused to verges in Southfield Road/Tranmoor Lane area by inconsiderate and illegally parked/over riding vehicles and letters have recently been sent to all residents in this area requesting that they make use of their drives and warning that enforcement patrols will be undertaken and offenders prosecuted if necessary;
 - (g) the Council is aware of vehicles being parked on the footways in Doncaster Road, Hatfield Lane, Nutwell Lane, Ladycroft Road, outside various schools and the Police Station in Mere Lane and enforcement patrols will be targeted in these areas of concern;
 - (h) following the implementation of the verge and footway protection measures adjacent to the Atlantic Fish Bar, further discussions have taken place between the Council's Traffic Management Section and the owners of the Fish Bar and Martial Arts Studio with regard to the legal use of the lay-by and the area is to be monitored with appropriate enforcement action taken where necessary;
- (2) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) give urgent consideration to highlighting (by better signage, etc) the existence of the pedestrian crossing at Doncaster Road near to the King Street junction, which has been subject to a number of near miss accidents;
 - (b) repair potholes and surface stripping along the whole length of Woodlea Grove;
 - (c) place planters on the grass verge in Macaulay Crescent and Tennyson Avenue to prevent motor vehicles damaging the verge;
 - (d) take action to prevent:-
 - (i) a skip and lorry parking and causing damage on the grass verge outside 33 Tranmoor Lane; and
 - (ii) motor vehicles driving over the the grass verge and causing damage to the same on the corner of Ravenfield Road and Holmefield Drive;

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- (iii) water ponding in front of chemist's shop at The Parade, Church Street;
- (e) improve the signage informing motorists of the left turn prohibition into Tranmoor Lane from Nutwell Lane, as the existing sign is not a deterrent because some motorists are still turning left into Tranmoor Lane;
- (f) clear blocked drains in Rands Lane, one outside no. 39 and the other situate near the roundabout with Gunhill Lane;
- (g) repair damaged wayside seat outside 77 Wickett Hern Road;
- (h) repair damaged street nameplate situate on Gunhills Lane near to the Cow House Lane junction;
- (i) reinstate damaged bollards in West Moor Lane, which were erected to prevent motor vehicles driving into the West Moor Business Park.

Signature