

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET,  
ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2009

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.D. O'Connor and  
M. Pinkney.

96. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor S.A.Pickles - Minute 99 relating to cheque number  
506689 and Minute 100 relating to the planning application in  
respect of The Armthorpe School.

97. MINUTES

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

98. BURIALS

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

99. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
The Law Society	1,310.00	Clerk's Practising Certificate fee	506642
J. Hepworth	210.00	Accountancy fees 1/4-30/9	506643
Yorkshire Water	209.54	Water charges - allotments	506444
Yorkshire Water	60.27	Water charges - burial ground	506645
DMBC	568.16	Grounds maintenance	506652
Royal British Legion	79.00	Poppy wreath	506659
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	£		
Inland Revenue	2,405.75	Income tax, NI contributions	506660
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	431.55	Superannuation contributions	506661
Employees	7,282.74	Pay	506662-506677
Commerce Business Systems Limited	68.01	Copying charges	506679
Staples	94.27	Ink cartridges, fax ribbons, etc	506680
Lyreco UK Limited	48.86	Copy paper, flip chart pads, etc.	506685
Councillor S.A. Pickles	37.32	Petrol & car parking fee - re conference attendance	506689

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

	£		
Councillor V. Jennings	79.00	Prizes - Halloween	506646
Cash	163.47	Petty cash - Bar	506647
B.A. Cheetham	250.00	Stocktake fees	506648
N. Sables	100.00	Disco fee - Halloween	506649
Wekanhire Ltd.	117.50	Hire of floodlighting tower - Fireworks display	506650
Fuse Fireworks Ltd.	3,800.00	Providing fireworks display	506651
Yorkshire Water	234.80	Water and sewerage charges	506653
Viking Pumps Ltd.	149.50	Annual service to sewage pump	506654
Gas & Hire Ltd.	9.90	Cylinder hire	506655
Cash	73.76	Petty cash - Community Centre	506656
W.E. Harrison (Sheffield) Ltd.	99.46	Supply 2 flags	506657
Councillor L.S. Dickman	44.74	Raffle prizes - Halloween	506658

## 100. PLANNING

### RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 4 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 two pairs of semi-detached houses and 2 detached garages on approx. 0.11 ha of land at 10 Cow House Lane, the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council objects on the grounds that:-
- (a) the proposed development is tandem development and will create overlooking of other properties (in particular 10 Cow House Lane) and be detrimental to the amenity of residential occupiers;

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- (b) there is insufficient room for refuse vehicles to enter the site, with the result that occupiers of the new properties will be required to deposit their refuse bins and boxes on the footway in Cow House Lane to the detriment of the occupiers themselves, the street scene and obstruction to pedestrians;
  - (c) despite the applicant's contention, it is considered that there is insufficient room for emergency service vehicles to turn around in the site with the result that they have to leave by reversing on to the adjacent carriageway in Cow House Lane, which would be a danger to road safety;
- (3) it be recorded that the Chairman (who had declared an interest in the planning application relating to The Armthorpe School) left the meeting during consideration of the same and the Vice-Chairman Chaired the meeting for this one item of business;
- (4) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered;
- (5) that correspondence received from the Assistant Director of Development and Planning of Doncaster Borough Council regarding the following matters, be noted:-
- (a) appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of a ground floor conservatory extension at 53 Mercel Avenue (appeal allowed);
  - (b) appeal against refusal of planning permission for a residential caravan for a temporary period at Armthorpe Falcons, West Moor Lane (appeal allowed);
  - (c) pending enforcement investigations into:
    - (i) alleged unauthorised erection of 2m fencing on top of a 2ft wall at 60 Rands Lane;
    - (ii) alleged unauthorised running of a car repairs business at 81 Nutwell Lane.

101. PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN

RESOLVED

- (1) that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying details of a proposal by Doncaster Borough Council to use a public open space (comprising approximately 1,796 square metres) to the rear of Thornham Close, for gardening purposes by an amalgamation of the four local primary schools, for the purposes of teaching pupils about gardening;

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- (2) that the Parish Council records its formal support for the Borough Council's proposal in this matter.

102. LOCAL WILDLIFE AND GEOLOGICAL SITES

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding its draft Supplementary Planning Document Consultation on local wildlife and geological sites, which are available for viewing on the internet from 9<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009, be noted.

103. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur the sum of £75.00 to Age Concern Doncaster which, in its opinion, 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;
- (2) that no action be taken at the present time on the request for a donation from St. John Ambulance.

104. MONITORING OFFICER CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence received from the Monitoring Officer of Doncaster Borough Council, including a summary notice of finding in relation to an investigation of an alleged breach of the Council's Code of Conduct by Councillors A.J. Brown, P.J. Farrell and M. Pinkney (which had not been upheld) be noted.

105. MMI SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

RESOLVED that the latest schedule of information received from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited, relating to the Scheme of Arrangement for the six months ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009, together with a copy of the Company's Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, be noted.

106. COUNCILLOR G.R. HAYES

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that Councillor G.R. Hayes had not attended a meeting of the Council since February 2009 and that he automatically ceased to be a Member of the Council by virtue of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972;
- (2) that the office of Councillor Hayes be declared vacant;

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- (3) that the Council forthwith give notice of the casual vacancy in the office of councillor.

107. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) cause the electricity substation on the corner of Rands Lane and Gunhills Lane to be tidied as it is detrimental to the amenity of the area;
  - (b) take action to prevent the parking of motor vehicles on the grass verges on Hatfield Lane;
  - (c) repair defective street light column numbers 22992 on Rands Lane, 57279, 59798 and 59845 on Harris Road and 31979 on Nutwell Lane;
  - (d) re-position the sign for the Catholic Church on Mere Lane, which is pointing in the wrong direction;
  - (e) take action to prevent articulated trailers parking on Yorkshire Way without lights and on the wrong side of the road during the hours of darkness;
  - (f) investigate the condition of the Belisha beacons on the pedestrian crossing, Church Street, which are reported to be not working;
  - (g) clear No. 1 Footpath at Cantley (in the vicinity of the residential dwelling alongside the path), which is overgrown and obstructing ramblers;
  - (h) build up the footway in Elmwood Crescent near Southmoor Avenue, which is virtually non-existent;
- (2) that the contents of a notice received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding its proposals to make an order introducing a 20mph speed limit on various roads in Armthorpe, be noted.

*Signature*