

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

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor S.A. Pickles

Councillors A. Brown, A.J. Brown, P.J. Farrell, D.P. Hill, V. Jennings,  
J.R. Lowndes, T.D. O'Connor and M. Pinkney.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor  
J.R. Armstrong and Councillors M. Davison, L.S. Dickman, I.P. Hutchinson  
and W.L. Moore.

87. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings - Accounts for Payment (cheque number  
506613).

Councillor M. Pinkney - Minute 92 relating to planning matters.

88. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
6th October 2009 (copies of which had previously been circulated  
to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by  
the Chairman.

89. FINANCE MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance  
Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (copies of which had  
previously been circulated to each Member) be noted and the  
recommendations therein be approved.

90. BURIALS

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

91. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

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	£		
G. Mitchell	30.00	Allotments Competition - 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	506612
V. Jennings	20.00	Allotments Competition - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	506613
L. Crundell	15.00	Allotments Competition - Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	506614
L. Leese	15.00	Allotments Competition - Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	506615
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	1.02	Stapler	506618
Doncaster M.B.C. Employees	123.13 7,025.30	Refuse collection - Burial Ground Pay	506620 506622- 506635
Inland Revenue	2,237.75	Tax, National Insurance	506636
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	431.55	Superannuation contributions	506637
D. Cooke	903.00	Gardening charges - 6/09 - 9/09	506638
D. Cooke	60.00	Petrol	506639
Commerce Business Systems Ltd.	44.03	Copying charges	506640
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	1,006.25	Audit fee	506641

(2) that the following schedule of accounts for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, be noted:-

	£		
G. Shephard	341.10	Reimburse costs of bottle cooler	506600
BT Payment Services Ltd.	139.72	Broadband charges	506603
CLC Joinery	800.00	Extend storeroom floor	506604
Councillor A. Brown	300.00	Raffle - Christmas Tea	506608
Complete Catering Service	2,747.93	Catering - Christmas Tea 2008 (Replacement cheque)	506610
Councillor W.L. Moore	30.00	Reimburse cost of heating appliance	506611
Gas & Hire Ltd.	9.90	Cylinder hire	506616
BT Payment Services Ltd.	127.24	Telephone charges - 830543	506617
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	1.02	Stapler	506618
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	82.49	Cleaning materials etc.	506619
Doncaster M.B.C.	123.13	Refuse collection	506621

## 92. PLANNING

### RESOLVED

(1) that details of the 6 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;

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- (2) that in respect of the outline application for erection of residential development on approx. 0.2 ha of land to include formation of access on land to rear of 12, 14, 16 and 18 Markham Avenue, the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council objects on the grounds that:-
- (a) the access to the proposed development from the side of 14 Markham Avenue is unsatisfactory as it would be a source of danger to all other road users approaching it from the rear of the properties 14 to 20 Markham Avenue;
  - (b) a change of the existing use of the land from residential gardens would change the character of the area to the detriment of the amenities of occupiers of adjacent properties;
  - (c) if approved the application would create a precedent that would make similar applications in that locality difficult to refuse;
- (3) that in respect of the application for change of use of vacant land adjacent to the Mill Street Shopping Centre, Mill Street, to a hand car wash and valet, the Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council objects on the grounds that:-
- (a) despite the site being vacant land at present, it is situate in a prominent main road location that warrants a quality development in keeping with the character of the adjacent business premises, which the proposed development cannot attain;
  - (b) the siting of a steel storage container on the land with two metre high steel palisade fencing erected around the same will detract from the amenity of the area and the adjacent residential and business premises;
  - (c) the proposed development will be detrimental to the amenity of residential properties in that vicinity by virtue of its proximity to such properties, including noise (from both cleaning equipment and motor vehicles visiting the site) and water spray emanating from cleaning equipment;
  - (d) the proposed development will also:-
    - (i) be a danger to road safety as it will generate increased traffic on Mill Street, which is a very busy main road opposite to the junction with Larch Drive; and

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- (ii) interfere with the free flow of traffic on Mill Street;
  - (iii) cause conflict between vehicles accessing/egressing the site and heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) (delivering to and leaving the Tesco Supermarket premises), as these HGV's have to reverse from Mill Street into the access road leading to the proposed development;
  - (iv) the access/egress to the site is too narrow to accommodate vehicles passing in each direction, with the result that right turning vehicles into the site will undoubtedly interrupt the free flow of traffic, whilst waiting for vehicles to emerge from the site;
- (e) the proposal to deal with surface water run-off is inadequate, as:-
- (i) water already ponds on that site and increased surface water will eventually run-off to residential properties in Kingsley Crescent; and
  - (ii) utilising existing soakaways will add to the problems caused to the water table in Armthorpe, which the planning authority is aware of and been encouraged to ensure that all new developments provide for surface water to discharge into the public sewerage system;
- (f) there is no provision for recycling water used in the car washing operation in the same way that other permitted car wash facilities have to provide on garage forecourts, etc;
- (4) that no objections be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the remaining applications considered.

93. CONSULTATION - LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND CAPACITY STUDY

RESOLVED

- (1) that the consultation received from Doncaster Borough Council regarding its Landscape Character and Capacity Study Further Investigations Housing and Employment Sites, be noted; and
- (2) the Borough Council be informed that:-

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- (a) within EMP 3 - West Moor Park, (specifically LCU 3.2) and HOU 2 - South Kirk Sandall Area, (specifically LCU 2.2) the Armthorpe Parish Council Management Plan has designated a buffer zone in these LCU's prohibiting any development to ensure that there is no coalescence between the built up areas of Armthorpe and Edenthorpe;
- (b) within EMP 11 (L:CU 11.1) and HOU 6 - South Armthorpe (LCU 6.1) the Parish Council Management Plan has designated a buffer zone in this LCU prohibiting any development to ensure that there is no coalescence between the built up areas of Armthorpe and Old Cantley;
- (c) all areas of woodland, ancient hedgerows and public rights of way should be preserved to protect the countryside for its unfettered views and country walks;
- (d) improvements to the LCU's should include planting more large trees (i.e. London Plane, Oak, Beech), provision of more open spaces with large hedgerow boundaries, wild life sites protected by wide buffer zones and the incorporation of allotments sites around the existing perimeter of the village;
- (e) that the Study should include capacity for surface water run-off, as areas of development in recent years have shown that the current provision cannot adequately cope with such volumes of water;
- (f) Armthorpe is burdened with a high volume of through traffic, which warrants the provision of an inner ring/relief road to alleviate the problems caused; such road should have a 'green belt' area on each side incorporating landscape detractors;
- (g) the height of developments within future employment sites should be restricted to prevent over bearing buildings blotting the landscape.

94. MARKHAM MAIN HEATH

RESOLVED

- (1) that enquiries be made of the Coal Authority regarding the Parish Council's requests for the provision of a topascope, steel benches, public access, etc. on Markham Main Heath;

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- (2) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to consider serving either a completion notice pursuant to Section 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or a notice pursuant to Section 215 of the Act upon the developers of the former Markham Main Colliery site with a view to ensuring early completion of the public open space/play area on the land.

95. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from Doncaster Borough Council, regarding the proposed traffic calming measures for Cow House Lane/Walbank Road/Wickett Hern Road, be noted and:-
  - (a) the Borough Council be requested to ensure that any proposals for future traffic calming measures in Armthorpe should include (as a priority) Mercel Avenue, Rands Lane and Gunhills Lane;
  - (b) Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for his undertaking to pursue the imposition of a 7.5 tonne weight limit in Mercel Avenue;
- (2) that the Borough Council be informed that the photographs previously supplied and reported as showing the condition of the uneven footpath (in wet weather) between 83-90 Wickett Hern Road, actually relate to the section of footpath from Walbank Road (in the direction of Wickett Hern Road) to number 48 Walbank Road;
- (3) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
  - (a) investigate an alleged breach of planning control at the martial arts building in St. Mary's Drive, where a board on the exterior of the building is advertising Kimloh Properties, without the necessary planning permission;
  - (b) properly secure the 7.5 tonne road signs erected on street lighting columns in the village, as they are constantly being turned around to face in the wrong direction;
  - (c) re-new the pedestrian crossing markings in Church Street near Rose Grove, which are badly worn and provide a more effective method of highlighting the crossing as the existing Belisha beacons are ineffective, as demonstrated by the numerous near misses on this crossing and the many other instances where pedestrians are not being observed waiting to cross the road;

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- (d) build up that section of footpath situate on the left hand side of Woodlea Grove (leading from Church Street) opposite the Co-op Supermarket premises, which has been depressed by heavy goods vehicles parking on the same and caused a danger to road safety;
- (e) investigate the problems caused by vehicles ignoring the 'No Left Turn' sign in Nutwell Lane near to its junction with Tranmoor Lane, as clearly the sign is ineffective and the road markings require renewal;
- (f) investigate the nuisance and obstruction to other road users and accesses to residential properties in the vicinity of Shaw Wood Primary School, caused by motor vehicles being parked outside the same, whilst parents are dropping off and picking up their children.

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