

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH
STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2012

PRESENT:- Chairman - Councillor V. Doran
Vice-Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas

Councillors L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran, P.J. Farrell, P.A. Hanson,
V. Jennings, C.J. McGuinness, S.L. McGuinness and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.R. Armstrong,
A. Brown, A.J. Brown, E. Butler and T. Corden.

23. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Councillor V. Jennings - Minute 25 relating to Allotments.

Councillor C.J. McGuinness - Minute 28 relating to Planning and
he left the meeting during consideration of the same.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council
held on 1st May 2012 (copies of which had previously been
circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

25. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from Lazarus
Properties Limited, regarding the land leased to the
Council for allotment purposes, be noted, advising that:-
 - (a) as the land situate at Mercel Avenue is currently
subject to a planning application and a planning
appeal, no decision will be made regarding any
disposal of property until after the outcome of both
these matters are known;
 - (b) the proposed plans do include an extension to the
current allotment site and if planning consent is
granted the company will be willing to lease the
extension area to the Council along similar terms to
the current lease;

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- (2) that enquiries be made of other land owners in the parish to ascertain if they have any land available that is suitable for use as allotments;
- (3) that a letter be sent to the tenant of plot 5 on the allotment site for the reasons reported, requiring either more personal time being devoted to cultivating and maintaining the allotment or terminating the tenancy.

26. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that:-

- (1) since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 1 interment of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) the National Grid was having works undertaken to refurbish the existing 400kv overhead transmission line at the burial ground by replacing the insulators and fittings on the towers and spacers, which will entail the provision of access and safe working areas for the works, protection of the graves and visitors to the burial ground;
- (3) Councillor J.R. Armstrong and the Clerk had attended a site meeting to discuss the works and satisfy themselves that adequate steps would be taken to protect the burial ground and members of the public visiting the same.

27. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

	£		
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	200.00	Additional annual contribution	507754
Zurich Municipal	6,827.93	Annual insurance premium	507755
Sage (UK) Ltd.	336.00	Payroll upgrade	507756
Southfield Kids Club	75.00	Grant	507761
G. Shephard	1,097.80	Reimburse cost of stamps	507762
HMRC	2,191.00	Tax, National Insurance	507764
South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	1,008.73	Superannuation contributions	507765
Employees	7,005.29	Pay	507766- 507779
D. Cooke	338.52	Gardening charges	507785

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	£		
D. Cooke	10.00	Petrol	507786
J. Lowcock	100.00	Donation (Chairman's Allowance)	507795
Children with Cancer UK	50.00	Grant	507796

- (2) that the following schedule of accounts paid or for payment which was approved by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee on 15th May 2012, be noted:-

	£		
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire	507725
A Bouncy Castle Man	600.00	Inflatable hire - Easter Splash	507743
Haymarket Publishing Services Ltd.	266.00	VAT re invoice of 7.10.2008	507744
Doncaster M.B.C.	144.79	Refuse collection - CC	507749
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	135.18	Cleaning materials	507751
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	154.38	Sports equipment	507752
Gartec Limited	150.00	Repair lift	507757
Gas & Hire Ltd.	11.88	Cylinder hire	507758
E.ON	2,129.05	Electricity charges	507759
Yorkshire Water	149.10	Water & sewerage charges - CC	507760
Councillor V. Doran	52.74	Banqueting roll & serviettes - St. George's Day	507763

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

- (1) that details of the 11 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 or comments be submitted regarding the same;
- (2) that the contents of a letter from The Planning Inspectorate confirming that the public inquiry into the appeal submitted against refusal of a planning application (10/01725/OUTM), in respect of the proposed residential and commercial/employment development on land on the east side of Hatfield Lane, would commence at 10.00 a.m. on 26th June 2012 at Armthorpe Community Centre, be noted;
- (3) it be noted that the Council's application to designate Armthorpe as a Neighbourhood Area had been registered by Doncaster Borough Council and was now subject to 6 weeks consultation period before a decision is made on the same by the Borough Council's Planning Committee;

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- (4) that Mr. Simon Smales, (B.A. Hons) Town & Country Planning, MRTPI, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council to give a short presentation to establish the terms of reference for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

29. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillors C.J. and S.L. McGuinness be thanked for reporting and supplying information on the following matters:-

- (1) arrangements had been made for Mrs. Jo Miller, the Chief Executive of Doncaster Borough Council to visit every Ward in the Borough and she would be visiting Armthorpe on 2nd July 2012;
- (2) work would commence in the next couple of weeks on the Gazeley Park multi use games area;
- (3) the Borough Council would be undertaking a traffic survey in Nutwell Lane to establish whether there was a need for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Horse & Groom public house;
- (4) work was being undertaken to repair the roof of the Tadcaster Arms public house;
- (5) the site of the former Gertrude Bell Hall had been granted planning permission for the sale of cars;
- (6) between January and May of this year the Borough Council's parking enforcement officers had issued 88 parking contravention notices in Armthorpe.

30. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 26th June 2012 to consider the Annual Accounts.

31. LAND NORTH OF WEST MOOR PARK, ARMTHORPE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter and report received from Walton & Co., acting on behalf of Paul Kelly of Junction 4 Pallets, regarding representations made to Doncaster Borough Council to allocate land at Junction 4 for an expanded strategic distribution site, be noted;

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- (2) that despite the land concerned being situate within the parish boundary of Hatfield, representations be made to Doncaster Borough Council objecting to the inclusion of this land in the Allocations DPD on the grounds that:-
- (a) there is currently spare capacity on the proposed B1, B2 and B8 uses on other business parks situated within the Borough, including the existing West Moor Business Park and the Gazeley extension to the same, which is immediately adjacent to the proposed site;
 - (b) the proposed development is purely speculative, as there has been no demonstration of the need for the same or details supplied of any potential users of the site;
 - (c) the land should be retained as a green wedge of valuable countryside to ensure it is not lost to future generations and prevent urban sprawl that would result in the coalescence of part of Armthorpe with a part of Hatfield.

32. BRIAR ROAD PLAYING FIELD

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from the secretary of the Armthorpe Albion Football Club, thanking the Council for use of the Briar Road playing field this season and requesting its use for the forthcoming 2012-2013 season, be noted;
- (2) that the request be approved, subject to the Club accepting the following terms and conditions:-
- (a) the Wheatsheaf Football Club has priority over Armthorpe Albion Football Club relating to use of the same;
 - (b) the Club provides its own nets and corner flags;
 - (c) the Club marks out the pitch;
 - (d) the Club arranges third party insurance to indemnify participants and the Council against any liability howsoever arising out of the use of the pitch, including any damage or personal injury to spectators, their personal effects and adjoining residents and their property and provides a copy of the same to the Council;

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- (e) after using the pitch, the playing field is left in a clean and tidy condition;
 - (f) no nuisance is caused to residents living adjacent to the field and/or the Parish Council;
 - (g) no motor vehicles are permitted to park within the fenced areas of the playing field;
 - (h) the Council reserves the right to withdraw the permission hereby granted at any time upon written notice to the Club;
 - (i) the Council reserves the right to allow any other persons, organisation or club to use the playing field at any time other than on the Sunday mornings during the football season;
- (3) that the contents of a letter be noted from the manager of the Armthorpe Coronation Football Club requesting the use of a second pitch on the playing field and he be informed that a decision on his request will be made if and when such pitch becomes available.

33. MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE LIMITED

RESOLVED that the contents of correspondence be noted from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited regarding:-

- (a) the judgement of the Supreme Court in the Employers' Liability Policy Trigger Litigation relating to mesothelioma claims, which:-
 - (i) ruled that the insurer who was on risk at the time of an employee's exposure to asbestos was liable to pay compensation for the employee's mesothelioma;
 - (ii) had significant implications for the company, its members and the 729 Scheme Creditors who are party to the contingent Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by the Court in January 1994;
- (b) the latest schedule of information relating to the Scheme of Arrangement for the six months ending 31st March 2012, together with a copy of the report on the Twenty-second Meeting of the Creditors' Committee, which was held on 22nd November 2011 in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

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34. SKIPTON-EAST LANCASHIRE RAIL ACTION PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP) be noted and the Council pledges its support for the reopening of the Colne to Skipton missing rail link as part of the National Rail Network.

35. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED

- (1) that the legal briefing and template Code of Conduct for Local Councils produced by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), together with a copy of Doncaster Borough Council's recently adopted Code of Conduct, be noted;
- (2) that the NALC template Code of Conduct be adopted with effect from 1st July 2012 and named the Armthorpe Parish Council Members Code of Conduct 2012;
- (3) that when the regulations on disclosable pecuniary interests have been published and included in Appendix A of the adopted Code of Conduct, a full copy of the Code be distributed to all Members of the Council and included with the Agenda for a future Council meeting.

36. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from Southfield Kids Club, thanking the Council for its donation of £75.00, be noted;
- (2) that no action be taken on the request for sponsorship from two staff members of the Old Rectory Nursing Home, Church Street in respect of a marathon walk from Berwick on Tweed to Lindisfarne to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society;
- (3) that should the Nursing Home staff members complete the marathon walk the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, will incur expenditure in the sum of £100.00 to the Alzheimer's Society, as in the Council's opinion, the payment 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.

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37. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council to complaints made by the Parish Council, be noted:-
- (a) removal of asbestos - this was first reported as dumped rubbish on 1st March, investigated and identified as asbestos on 3rd March and removed by contractors on 5th March, which meets the corporate policy on dealing with dumped rubbish;
 - (b) the broken stop tap cover outside 13 Elmwood Crescent will be investigated;
 - (c) the request for the litter bin situate in Maple Grove to be emptied on a more frequent basis has been passed to the Operations Manager;
 - (d) the request to renew the yellow box junction markings in Nutwell Lane has been passed to the Traffic and Road Safety Section;
 - (e) the condition of the street lighting column in Tranmoor Lane has been referred to the Street Lighting Manager;
 - (f) the damaged fencing on Mere Lane outside the senior citizens' bungalows has been referred to St. Leger Homes;
 - (g) the road surface on Woodlea Grove has been assessed and is observed to be exhibiting areas of potholes, cracking, surface fretting and local settlement and the safety defects will be rectified via local reactive maintenance repairs as a short term measure; the longer term planned maintenance needs of the road will be assessed for a resurfacing scheme and its priority will be determined alongside a number of other similar roads borough-wide, reflective of its use, risk and affordability. The scheme selection process is ongoing for 2012/13 but the Area Manager will be informed once known whether Woodlea Grove has been selected for a resurfacing scheme this year;
 - (h) the request for the road sign in Nutwell Lane to be reinstated has been passed to the Street Lighting and Drainage Section;

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- (i) the alleged unauthorised erection of a 6ft high boundary fence at 67 Nutwell Lane - the person responsible has been requested to take steps to either remove or lower the height of the fence to 1m within the next 28 days;
- (j) alleged unauthorised erection of 8ft boundary fence at 1 Gunhills Lane - the complaint has been passed for investigation by the Planning Enforcement Team;
- (k) the request for the broken street nameplate situate outside 2 Sycamore Avenue to be replaced has been passed to the Street Lighting and Drainage Section;
- (l) the street lighting columns in Oakwood Drive have been identified and information forwarded to the Street Lighting Section;
- (m) the Council's concerns and request for a pedestrian crossing on Nutwell Lane in the vicinity of the Horse and Groom public house have been raised with the Highways Department;
- (n) the request to investigate/carry out repairs to a blocked/collapsed drain in Nutwell Lane outside the Horse and Groom public house has been raised with the Highways Department;
- (o) there are no proposals to resurface Nutwell Lane this year but its condition will continue to be monitored with a view to a future resurfacing scheme reflective of borough-wide priority needs and annual funding constraints; pending scheme implementation any actionable safety defects will be made good without undue delay;
- (p) the Gertrude Bell Hall site, Church Street, currently has a planning application pending for car sales and is due for determination on 17th May 2012; an application has been granted for the use of land on Mill Street as a car wash;
- (q) the Planning Enforcement Team are currently investigating the wall along the frontage of 2 Doncaster Road;
- (r) the Council's concerns regarding parked motor vehicles causing problems for bus drivers along Yorkshire Way have been passed to the Highways Department;

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- (s) prevention of horses using the playing field situated off Wickett Hern Road and motor vehicle being driven through the boundary hedge - the horse has returned to the area but is on land belonging to Gazeley Park; the owner of the horse has been spoken to and advised not to drive his vehicle over the public open space and a request has been sent to Street Scene Services for bunding/fencing off the access through the boundary hedge;
 - (t) a request has been submitted for the Mercel Avenue public open space to be cleansed and Area Officers are to carry out patrols in the area to enforce littering fines;
 - (u) Area Officers have contacted the management company for the Tadcaster Arms, Doncaster Road and requested the whole site to be tided, particularly the frontage. The company have advised that this will be completed and fencing erected in order to prevent future fly-tipping on site;
- (2) that Councillor C.J. McGuinness be thanked for his undertaking to make representations to the Chief Executive of the Borough Council, regarding the state of grass cuttings left by the grass cutting operatives and to show her a photograph supplied by a local resident, which illustrates the problem;
- (3) that Edenthorpe Parish Council and Hatfield Town Council be requested to consider the appointment (in conjunction with the Parish Council) of a parking enforcement officer to patrol the three council areas;
- (4) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) investigate carpet grips attached to the top of the fence at 21 Southmoor Lane;
 - (b) take steps to prevent motor vehicles parking on the grass verge in Nutwell Lane at its junction with Wickett Hern Road;
 - (c) ensure that grass is always cut under the trees on the grassed verge in Nutwell Lane near the Horse & Groom public house, at the same time as the verge is cut.

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39. POLICING MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the Armthorpe Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) weekly newsletter, be noted;
- (2) that the SNT be requested (during their patrols of the village in the early hours at weekends) to pay attention to the raised flower bed on Church Street, which has been subjected to recent acts of vandalism.

Signature