

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH
STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Councillors J.R. Armstrong, T. Corden, L.S. Dickman, M.J. Doran,
P.J. Farrell, P.A. Hanson, S.L. McGuinness and S.A. Pickles.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Brown,
A.J. Brown, E. Butler and C.J. McGuinness.

57. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd July 2012 (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. COUNCILLOR V. JENNINGS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that Councillor V. Jennings had tendered her resignation as a Member of the Council with effect from 31st August 2012;
- (2) that the office of Councillor Jennings be declared vacant;
- (3) that the Council forthwith give notice of the casual vacancy in the office of councillor;
- (4) that the Chairman of the Council be thanked for her undertaking to write to Councillor Jennings thanking her for her services to the Council and the Armthorpe community.

59. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the request from Mr. G. Mitchell to share his allotment tenancy in joint names with his wife, be noted;
- (2) that the Council confirms its long standing policy of granting allotment tenancies to one named individual which shall be personal and not transferable to anyone else;
- (3) that a sign be erected on the allotment site reminding tenants that the gates should be locked each evening and that tipping of waste is prohibited on the common parts of the site.

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60. BURIALS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 2 interments and 1 interment of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground;
- (2) that the request received to purchase a cremated remains plot for the purposes of only erecting a memorial stone, be approved;
- (3) that the owners of the damaged flower receptacle be reimbursed the sum of £25.00 on a without prejudice basis;
- (4) that the Council relocate some of the bench seats in the burial ground to a more appropriate location.

61. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

| | £ | | |
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| Commerce Business Systems Ltd. | 67.34 | Copying charges | 507832 |
| Yorkshire Water | 39.42 | Water charges - Burial Ground | 507835 |
| Doncaster M.B.C. | 144.79 | Refuse collection - Burial Ground | 507838 |
| HMRC | 2,349.64 | Tax, National Insurance | 507843 |
| South Yorkshire Pensions Authority | 1,167.92 | Superannuation contributions | 507844 |
| Employees | 7,341.45 | Pay | 507845-507861 |
| Scratch Music & Install Ltd. | 354.00 | Rental of PA system, etc. | 507865 |
| D. Cooke | 729.12 | Gardening charges | 507866 |
| D. Cooke | 30.00 | Petrol | 507867 |
| Staples | 32.28 | Rubber bands & trimmer | 507871 |
| Scratch Music & Install Ltd. | 240.00 | Rental of PA system, etc. | 507876 |
| Commerce Business Systems Ltd. | 96.76 | Copying charges | 507879 |
| Employees | 7,151.33 | Pay | 507881-507896 |
| HMRC | 2,182.80 | Tax, National Insurance | 507897 |
| South Yorkshire Pensions Authority | 1,008.73 | Superannuation contributions | 507898 |
| D. Cooke | 833.28 | Gardening charges | 507899 |
| D. Cooke | 40.00 | Petrol | 507900 |

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- (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 17th July 2012, be noted:-

| | £ | | |
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| Health & Safety Publications | 105.00 | H & S Service Level Agreement - quarterly charge | 507829 |
| J.F. Monks (Doncaster) Ltd. | 94.80 | Lettings receipt books | 507830 |
| A.G. Barr plc | 37.15 | Soft drinks | 507833 |
| Gas & Hire Ltd. | 11.88 | Cylinder hire | 507834 |
| A. Tame | 40.00 | Sports Leader fee | 507836 |
| L. Boyall | 40.00 | Sports Leader fee | 507837 |
| Doncaster M.B.C. | 144.79 | Refuse collection - CC | 507839 |
| Horse & Groom | 469.53 | Meals re Seaside Trip | 507840 |
| C. Hughes | 91.80 | Reimburse cost of sportswear | 507841 |
| Approved Fire Protection Ltd. | 99.60 | Annual fire extinguisher inspection | 507842 |

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that details of the 15 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.

63. LAND NORTH OF WEST MOOR PARK, ARMTHORPE

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a further letter and revised masterplan/vision document 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 (Site 156) for an expanded strategic distribution site, be noted;
- (2) that notwithstanding the information contained within the revised documentation and 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;

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- (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.

64. SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED that a special meeting of the Council be held on 11th September 2012 to receive a presentation from officers of Doncaster Borough Council's Planning Department in connection with its consultation on the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document.

65. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

- (1) the window in the public library on Church Street is at last being replaced;
- (2) Doncaster Borough Council is now reviewing its grass cutting procedure;
- (3) the planning application for the multi-use games area on the Briar Road Playing Field has been approved by the local planning authority but there is a possibility that the decision may be called in for review by the Secretary of State;
- (4) within the next few weeks a new green box recycling scheme will be trialled in several areas across the Borough, including the Southmoor Estate in Armthorpe;
- (5) the organisers of the Markham Main (Armthorpe) Commemorative Service had conveyed their thanks to the Parish Council for the assistance given in connection with this event, being held on 9th September 2012 in the Welfare Remembrance Garden, in memory of those mineworkers who had been killed whilst working at the former Markham Main Colliery.

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66. LAND ON EAST SIDE OF HATFIELD LANE

RESOLVED it be noted that following the closure of the 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, the Planning Inspector was now preparing his report and recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of State, who will issue his decision on the appeal on or before 6th December 2012.

67. ARMTHORPE POORS ESTATE CHARITY

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts of the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity for the financial year 2011/2012, be noted.

68. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of a letter received from Children with Cancer, thanking the Council for its donation of £50.00, be noted;
- (2) that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur expenditure in the sum of £50.00 to Children with Cancer UK, 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.

69. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Doncaster Borough Council's Public Rights of Way Forum held on 26th July 2012, be noted.

70. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that Doncaster Borough Council had confirmed an Order to divert Armthorpe Public Footpath No. 1 (Part), which took effect on 27th July 2012;
- (2) that the following replies received from Doncaster Borough Council to complaints made by the Parish Council, be noted:-
 - (a) the occupier of 21 Southmoor Lane had been advised of the regulations regarding carpet grips attached to the top of fencing, as had another resident in the same street;

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- (b) parking motor vehicles on grass verges is a major problem throughout the borough and the Council has no powers to prevent it, such as in Nutwell Lane at its junction with Wickett Hern Road; it is not generally an offence unless a verge or footway is being obstructed and the only real solution is a combination of enforcement, verge hardening, provision of parking bays, subsidised drop crossings etc, but at the moment no funding is available for these purposes;
 - (c) a request has been made for the grass to be cut under the trees on the grass verge in Nutwell Lane near the Horse and Groom public house and trees in other locations where grass is being cut;
- (3) that the Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) take action to prevent a bread van causing an obstruction by parking on the corner of The Lings at its junction with Wickett Hern Road;
 - (b) take steps to repair the street lighting in Cherry Tree Road, which are lit throughout the day and night;
 - (c) in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police, take steps to prevent motor cyclists causing nuisance to local residents by riding on Markham Main Heath;
 - (d) once again investigate the urgent need for the provision of a pelican crossing on Nutwell Lane in the vicinity of the Horse & Groom public house, to aid pedestrians (particularly the elderly and young children) wanting to cross this busy main road;
 - (e) arrange for the grassed areas at the Wickett Hern Road multi-use games area (MUGA) to be cut on a more frequent basis and also provide a sufficient number of extra litter bins, which should be emptied more regularly;
- (4) that in connection with the multi-use games area (MUGA) on Wickett Hern Road, officers of the Borough Council be requested to give an explanation about the following matters, which had been agreed by the Ward Members (Councillors A.J. Brown, P.J. Farrell and M. Pinkney) and by the Parish Council, at the time the planning application was approved:-
- (a) why CCTV has not been provided on the site;

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- (b) why the MUGA is not being locked in the evenings to prevent youths congregating and causing nuisance to elderly residents living in that vicinity.

71. POLICING MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the Armthorpe Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) July and August 2012 newsletters, be noted;
- (2) that Councillor P.J. Farrell be thanked for supplying information regarding the election being held for the Crime Commissioner on 15th November 2012 and action to be taken by the Safer Neighbourhood Team with effect from 20th September 2012;
- (3) that the Safer Neighbourhood Team be requested to investigate whether the practice of lamping, which is taking place every night on the field at the rear of Wickett Hern Road, is being conducted in a lawful manner.

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