

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON  
TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2015

PRESENT:-

Chairman - Councillor F.J. Tyas  
Vice-Chairman - Councillor S.L. McGuinness

Councillors N. Berry, A.J. Berwick, Mrs. A. Berwick, S.J. Cherry,  
T. Corden, A.L. Dickson, M.J. Doran, R. Fretwell, P.A. Hanson,  
C.J. McGuinness, I.E. Walstow and M. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E. Butler.

42. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No declarations were made at the meeting.

43. INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED that the contents of a letter received from the Council's  
internal auditor, Mrs. M. Teasdale (formerly trading as Professional  
Financial Services), together with the completed audit plan, be  
noted.

44. COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS 2014/15

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Council's draft Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, which comprises the draft bank reconciliation, draft income and expenditure accounts, together with supporting notes relating to the same and the balance sheet (copies of which had previously been circulated to each Member), be noted and approved for submission to the external auditor;
- (2) the Annual Return relating to the Council's Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, be submitted to the external auditor containing the following Statement of Assurance:-
  - (i) the Council has approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices;
  - (ii) the Council has maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness;

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- (iii) the Council has taken all reasonable steps to assure itself that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council to conduct its business or on its finances;
  - (iv) the Council has provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations;
  - (v) the Council has carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required;
  - (vi) the Council has maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the Council's accounting records and control systems;
  - (vii) the Council has taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit;
  - (viii) the Council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year end, have a financial impact on the Council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements;
- (3) the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return be approved and signed on the Council's behalf by the Chairman and the Clerk.

45. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion on the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely, information furnished by a Government department upon terms which forbid the disclosure of information to the public.

46. PROPOSED PURPOSE BUILT SPORTS CENTRE FACILITY

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the District Valuer's report, regarding his valuation of 1.19 acres of land situate in the Welfare Park, Armthorpe (the land), be noted;

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- (2) that the District Valuer be informed that the Parish Council does not wish him to negotiate the terms of a lease of the land;
- (3) that the Trustees of the Armthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme be informed that the Parish Council is not prepared to enter into a lease of the land but is willing (subject to agreement on price) to purchase the freehold;
- (4) that in the meantime, enquiries be made regarding the feasibility of constructing a sports building on other land that has recently been identified, which may be suitable for this purpose.

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