

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE USING THE ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM
ON TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2021

PRESENT:-

Chairman - Councillor S.L. McGuinness
Vice-Chairman - Councillor A.J. Berwick

Councillors N. Berry, A. Berwick, C. Brodhurst-Brown, S.J. Cherry,
M.J. Doran, P.A. Hanson, F.J. Tyas, E. Walstow and M. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C.J. McGuinness
and R. Fretwell and their reasons for absence were approved.

32. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

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

Chairman of the Council, Councillor S.L. McGuinness - Minute 40
relating to planning. She did not speak or vote on any of the
planning applications considered by the Council.

33. MINUTE'S SILENCE

Members of the Council held a minute's silence as a mark of
respect to Mr. John Farmer, a Parish Council employee and
Mr. Peter J. Farrell, a former Parish Councillor, both of whom had
sadly passed away since the last meeting of the Council.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
1st December 2020 (copies of which had previously been circulated
to each Member) be noted and approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

35. CHRISTMAS MOTIFS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report of the Clerk to the Council, with enclosures,
regarding a way forward for this year's Christmas motif
display, be noted;
- (2) that on the basis of all the various costs referred to in the
report, the Council agree in principle to hiring Christmas
motifs for a three year period commencing this year;

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- (3) that enquiries be made of Doncaster Borough Council to ascertain the cost of installing electric feeder pillars to power lights on highway trees in the village.

36. BUDGETARY PROVISION/PRECEPT

RESOLVED

- (1) that the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 31st December 2020 be noted;
- (2) that the contents of the report previously circulated in respect of both this year's (2020/2021) and next year's (2021/2022) budgetary provision, be noted and:-
 - (a) the revised estimates for this year to 31st March 2021, be approved;
 - (b) the estimates (as amended by the Council) for the next financial year (2021/2022) be approved as the Council's budgetary provision for that year;
- (3) that the Council precept the sum of £236,344 for the next financial year (2021/2022).

37. ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED

- (1) that an inspection be carried out of plot 28 on the Mercel Avenue allotment site to ascertain what work has been undertaken by the tenant; and
- (2) that when the extension to the allotment site has been transferred to the Parish Council after completion of construction of the 200th dwelling on land at the rear of Mercel Avenue, a review of all the allotment tenancy conditions be undertaken at that time and before any new tenancies are created.

38. BURIALS

RESOLVED it be noted that since the last meeting of the Council, there had been 4 burials and 3 interments of cremated remains at the Rands Lane burial ground.

39. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

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

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	£		
J. Hepworth	625.00	Accountancy services	511482
Doncaster MBC	364.32	Grounds maintenance	511486
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	100.00	Poppy wreath (Chairman's Allowance)	511487
Oakwood Garden Services Ltd.	665.71	Gardening services - November	511490
Oakwood Garden Services Ltd.	250.00	Labour & materials to site 3 wayside seats - Burial ground	511491
Post Office	781.00	Stamps	511492
Doncaster MBC	931.32	Grounds maintenance	511493
HM Revenue & Customs	2,349.31	Tax, National Insurance	511494
Employees	8,536.48	Pay	511495-511506
LexisNexis	149.99	Book - Local Council Administration	511507
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	81.19	Copy paper, folders etc.	511510
J.E. Hardy	30.00	Flowers re C. Farmer (Chairman's Allowance)	511511
Ricoh UK Ltd.	227.52	Rental & copying charges	511513
Oakwood Garden Services Ltd.	397.58	Gardening services - December	511514
HM Revenue & Customs	2,349.71	Tax, National Insurance	511516
Employees	8,563.68	Pay	511517-511528

(2) that the following schedule of accounts paid or for payment usually considered by the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee, be approved:-

	£		
J. Whitehead	11.00	Refund re table top sale 4.4.20	511483
Water Plus Payments Ltd.	453.55	Water & surface water drainage - CC	511484
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	16.20	Bleach	511485
Christmas Plus Ltd.	240.00	Install & dismantle poppy & soldier motifs	511488
Christmas Plus Ltd.	2,507.89	Install Christmas motifs (70%)	511489
Doncaster MBC	103.83	Refuse collection - CC	511508
Doncaster MBC	180.00	Premises Licence - Annual fee	511509
R & S Security Specialists Ltd.	92.40	Call out re burglar alarm	511512
V. Machin	273.50	Refund of hire charge - re booking 4.6.21	511515
M.J. Gladders	465.00	PAT testing, replace emergency light fittings & fit defibrillator	511529

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	£		Credit card
Memorial Benches UK	569.80	Memorial seat	12.10.20
Travis Perkins	172.80	Paving slabs	20.10.20
Memorial Benches UK	434.90	Memorial seat	27.10.20
The Flower Basket	35.00	Flowers re E. Butler (Chairman's Allowance)	15.12.20
BLT Direct	86.16	Emergency lighting batteries	16.12.20
Screwfix	141.94	Emergency lighting bulkhead fittings & hose	08.01.21
Acorn Fire & Security	291.34	Fire call points, fire cable & smoke detectors	19.01.21
Ebuyer.com	121.48	CCTV monitor	19.01.21

40. PLANNING

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting for this item of business, as the Chairman had previously declared an interest and left the meeting during discussion on the below-mentioned planning applications;
- (2) that in respect of The Acorn, Hatfield Lane - change of use of ground floor of public house to two retail units including installation of new shopfronts and ATM cashpoint, and conversion of first floor 3-bedroom residential flat to two 1-bedroom flats (20/03437/FUL) - enquiries be made as to whether the ATM cashpoint will be free;
- (3) that no objections or comments be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of the 4 remaining applications (numbers (21/00003/FUL, 21/00143/FUL, 20/03423/FUL and 20/03281/FUL), which had been submitted to it since the last meeting of the Parish Council, for planning permission to carry out development in Armthorpe;
- (4) it be noted that in respect of land on the east side of Hatfield Lane (Minute 22 (3) refers) - consent, agreement or approval required by (amongst others) condition 13 (Allotment Extension) of application 12/00188/OUTM (20/03121/COND), the developer had confirmed that the allotment site would be developed and the land transferred to the Parish Council upon completion of construction of the 200th dwelling.

41. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

RESOLVED

- (1) that the following calendar of provisional events to be organised by the Council be approved and a decision on holding each event be made nearer the appropriate date:-

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Date	Function
Friday 23 rd April	St. George's Day Concert
Friday 2 nd July	Seaside trip to Bridlington (Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea Raffle Prize)
Bank Holiday Monday 30 th August	Summer Gala
Saturday 30 th October Sunday 31 st October	Halloween
Thursday 4 th November	Fireworks Display
Sunday 14 th November	Remembrance Day Parade
Saturday 27 th November	Christmas Market
Saturday 11 th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea and Social

- (2) that when possible table top sales continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month.

42. WARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED that Ward Councillors S.L. McGuinness and F.J. Tyas be thanked for reporting and supplying information regarding:-

- (1) the resurfacing works on Nutwell Lane, which had now been postponed until the end of 2021/beginning of 2022 pending Northern Powergrid completing the laying of an electric cable in the carriageway;
- (2) confirmation that Doncaster Sheffield Airport had been unable to raise the additional £1.5m, required for the feasibility and business case study, for a potential rail link from the East Coast Mainline;
- (3) the street lighting for the two parking spaces on Basil Avenue that was not up to current standards, would be upgraded in due course but at the present time priority was being given to unsafe lighting columns;
- (4) the improvements which had been carried out by the Borough Council's Neighbourhood Team to Mere Lane;
- (5) alterations to the access to Costcutters premises on Doncaster Road, which were now almost complete;
- (6) the A18 Thorne Road (near to Sainsburys), which would be closed from 27th January to 11th February 2021 for the new bridge to be installed;
- (7) ongoing enquiries into the bin fires in Armthorpe, as an arrest had not yet been made.

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43. OIL PAINTING

RESOLVED

- (1) that the copy VE Day painting and its measurements be noted and the offer by Mr. Peter Haynes, a local resident and artist, to donate the oil painting to the Council for display in Armthorpe Community Centre, be accepted;
- (2) a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Haynes once the painting has been donated and that arrangements be made for the painting to be framed;
- (3) that Councillor F.J. Tyas be thanked for his undertaking to arrange for the painting to be framed as soon as practicable.

44. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED

- (1) it be noted that following a request from the Armthorpe Academy, to fund the costs of 30 laptops for students for online learning, the Clerk (in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council) had approved a request from the Armthorpe Poors Estate Charity to utilise £1,500 from the Armthorpe Coronavirus Support Fund towards the costs of the laptops, provided the Charity match-funded this sum;
- (2) that Councillor S.L. McGuinness be thanked for her undertaking to make further enquiries of the Armthorpe primary schools to establish if there is a need for funding for laptops;
- (3) that Councillor C. Brodhurst-Brown be thanked for her undertaking to put together a proposal for a pilot scheme food bank in Armthorpe, to be managed by the Mansfield Crescent and Basil Avenue Neighbourhood Watch (the MCBANW);
- (4) that if arrangements are put in place for a food bank before the next meeting of the Council, the Clerk (in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman) will have delegated authority to:-
 - (a) approve expenditure to the MCBANW up to a maximum of £5,000 (to be paid in instalments of £1,000) in accordance with the Council's powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, 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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- (b) make the Section 137 grant subject to whatever conditions the Clerk feels appropriate;
 - (c) authorise the MCBANW to use Armthorpe Community Centre for the purposes of the food bank on a temporary basis only, until such time as the Parish Council determines that the Community Centre is able to open free of any central government Covid-19 restrictions;
- (5) that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur the sum of £250 to Children with Cancer UK 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;
- (6) that if no other requests for grant are received before the end of the current financial year, further consideration be given to the two previous requests that were noted at the last meeting.

45. DMBC - VARIOUS MATTERS

RESOLVED

- (1) that Doncaster Borough Council be requested to:-
- (a) repair the 'Sports Centre' sign on Mere Lane outside Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church, which is hanging on by one bracket;
 - (b) take any necessary remedial action to a leaning lamp post on the bridlepath from Mere Lane to Holly Dene;
- (2) it be noted that Councillor C. Brodhurst-Brown had provided artefacts and a photographic record of the Armthorpe Coronavirus Support Fund and the lockdown VE street party organised by the Mansfield Crescent and Basil Avenue Neighbourhood Watch, to Doncaster Museum, which had requested contributions to its first exhibition to be held once open, that told the story of the Doncaster community's experience in 2020.

46. CO-OPTION TO VACANT OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED that an item be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council, to fill by co-option the two vacancies in the Office of Councillor, occasioned by E. Butler and A.L. Dickson ceasing to be Members of the Council.

47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 6.00 pm.

Signature