ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

Councillors: C Head, T Needham, S Rose, and C Trewick.

Also in attendance: S Youngman, Clerk to the Council.

14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A Barrington and M Walton.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

15 ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM

None.

16 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None declared.

17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

18 PLAY PARK PROJECT

1. **Review of revised car park plans.**

Council members were provided with the amended car park plans, which now include a 15-bay car park to the rear of the Community Centre, a defined pedestrian access route from the main gates to the play park, and electric vehicle charging points within the front car park.
The Clerk advised that the estimated costs for the car park and drainage is between £85,000 to £100,000.

2. **Parking for Markham Main Colliery Band**

The Clerk advised that the area identified as dedicated parking for members of the band lies outside the land leased by the Parish Council. Any alterations to this land would therefore require the prior consent of the landowner.
RESOLVED: To contact the trustees of Armthorpe Miners Welfare Recreation Ground to seek permission for the works.

3. **Play park project update.**

Council members received an overview of the meeting held with HAGS on 18 March. Discussions covered the 30-metre buffer zone between play equipment and residential properties as specified in the City of Doncaster Local Plan, the need for a further meeting with the Planning Officer at Doncaster Council, and the storage charges for the equipment.

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The Clerk reported that the Planning Officer had advised that the 30-metre buffer is intended to minimise noise impacts and protect residential privacy. Should a reduced buffer be proposed, this would need to be fully justified within the noise report, supported by the overall layout and positioning of the equipment, and addressed within the planning statement.

A discussion then took place regarding the proposed layout of the park, the siting of the car park, and the Noise Assessment's recommendation to install acoustic fencing along the boundary.

RESOLVED: To request that HAGS revise the layout of the play equipment to work within the 30-metre buffer zone, to include proposals for planting trees and shrubs along the boundary to help mitigate noise, and to proceed towards submitting the plans for planning approval at the earliest opportunity.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 7th April at 6pm.

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