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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23/04/2024 AT 6:45PM

THE PAVILION, TITHES LANE, TICKHILL. DN11 9QN

Present: Cllrs: Chris Taylor, John Hoare, Kathryn Rochard, Anita Johnson, Ian Smith
Chair: Cllr Peter Walker
Clerk: Maxine Booker
Deputy Clerk: Maxine Gravill
Ward Cllrs: Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh
Public: 9

1.24 Welcome and Introductions

RESOLVED The chair opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public then introduced William Brookes who had applied for the vacancy of Councillor and had been invited to give a short presentation.

1.24a RESOLVED to note: Apologies for absence received from Cllr Matt Wood

1.24b RESOLVED to note: there were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Amendments.

1.24c RESOLVED to note: There were no applications for Dispensation.

1.24d RESOLVED The minutes of the last council meeting were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Public Session

RESOLVED To note the following:

- A copy of the budget was requested. It was advised that this would be available shortly after the May meeting when the internal audit was complete.
- A request for an update on the pavements was requested. A petition has been sent to the Chief Exec of City of Doncaster Council, but no response has been received. Ward Councillors Cannings and Greenhalgh were asked if they could offer an update, they had no further information. The concern of limestone paving flags being removed and replaced by tarmac in the conservation area was raised. City of Doncaster Council need to offer assurance that it will respect the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Cannings and Greenhalgh to request answers from CDC within a week.

- The Childrens play area on St Marys Road was raised, there is clear signage no dogs allowed yet dogs are often taken into the play area. Request for cattle grid at the gate like the one at the play area on the recreational ground was made.
- A question was raised about the number of 9 councillors and how this is calculated. Tickhill was compared to councils of a similar or smaller size in the area who have a higher number of councillors and it was suggested that if Tickhill were allowed more councillors to spread the workload this would encourage more candidates to fill the vacancies. Tickhill currently has two vacancies and has not had a full working council for over a year. Clerk to contact the monitoring officer to request if the number of councillors could be raised.

Borough Councillor reports

RESOLVED to note, nothing to report.

Meeting commenced at 19:00pm

2.24 Co-Option for casual vacancy

RESOLVED to note, William Brookes was invited to give a short presentation. Cllr Kathryn Rochard proposed he be appointed as a councillor, Cllr Chris Taylor seconded. Unanimous agreement. Clerk issued paperwork for signature.

3.24 Legal Policy Review.

RESOLVED

3.24a Meeting Attendance Policy.

RESOLVED

3.24b Leave Policy.

RESOLVED

3.24c Social media Policy:

RESOLVED to note, it was agreed to amend the wording from Councillor to person.

4.24 To consider Planning Applications

24/00536/FUL Kings Close Lindrick

Construction of a single storey detached dwelling and alterations to the balcony and one window of the existing dwelling to fit an obscure screen and glazing.

RESOLVED to note this is a re-application and considered an infill development which was previously opposed by J.Hill. Current application not significantly different from the previous. Wait for report from conservation officer. Comment 26th April. **Objection**

24/00565/FUL Meadow Cottage, 89 Sunderland Street

Erection of first floor rear extension, first floor rear extension, replacement of pitched single storey roof, removal of stepped gable to existing double storey, single storey rear extension, upgrading windows and change in fenestration (without compliance with condition 2 of planning application 22/00436/FUL granted on 01.06.2022 (Approved Plans)).

RESOLVED to note this is a listed building in conservation area as the plan does not alter the front aspect and will enhance the rear there were no objections.

5.24 Progress Reports from:

5.24a Chair:

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Electors Meeting next month, all council positions will be available, Chair expressed he was happy to be re-elected but will not stand again at the end of current council in 2025. Asked councillors to consider current vacant roles of Deputy Chair, Events Chair and Finance Chair. Finance Chair will be required to have more input once the current Clerk leaves. Annual update statement will be read out at the meeting, although this has already been published.
- **Buttercross.** During a routine meeting with the newly appointed conservation officer, it was noted that the columns of the Buttercross are in poor condition. Concerns were expressed that the current level of insurance of the Buttercross is insufficient and there are not enough funds in the finances to fund this work. A structural survey will be required to ascertain what needs to be done.
- **Community Meeting.** Poorly attended as less than 24 hours' notice was given, and Doncaster Council failed to check availability of a suitable venue. Alan Jepson representing the Police was in attendance and several residents have emailed their concerns with no response. Chair emailed and received no response. Several concerns raised by residents at the meeting including Amazon vans driving the wrong way down Church Lane. Trial bikes were an issue on the Police list, residents feel there is no Police representation in Tickhill. Doncaster Council have been asked to give more notice of future meetings so they can be publicised.

5.24b Clerk: To note nothing to report

5.24c Councillors:

Cllr Ian Smith – Car park

RESOLVED to note the documents from the archives are now in the process of being indexed and will be ready for a report at the next meeting.

Cllr Rochard

RESOLVED to note any items will be discussed in the confidential staffing meeting following the ordinary council meeting.

Everything else is covered in the agenda.

6.24 Finance

6.24a Financial paperwork for March – April 2024

RESOLVED to note circulated by email to the Finance Committee for approval.

6.24b Grant application

RESOLVED to note full grant to be given to Tickhill Library for the Children's Summer Activities and provision made in this years' budget for the following year. It was noted that this will leave only £400 in the budget until April 2025. Council to engage with the library in plenty of time to include in subsequent budgets.

7.24 Correspondence

RESOLVED circulated by email nothing to note.

8.24 Reports from Committees/Representatives

8.24a Neighbourhood Planning

RESOLVED to note: City of Doncaster Council are not happy with the changes, and we have yet to reach an agreement. The plan is currently with our consultant Andrew Towlerton to respond to CDC on the disagreements. Changes in City of Doncaster staff changes have resulted in a U-turn and Tickhill Town Council have no resources to cross reference. We are in danger of damaging the legal status of the original plan which is still valid for five years. Disagreements are mostly around the green spaces of the two primary schools. The concern is if these were ever to close the land could be sold as prime building land.

9.24 Pavilion Remodelling Phase 2

9.24a Working party reports:

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Date for windows due for replacement has been confirmed as end May, need to plan around current hirers. Now Hallmaster system is up and running there is full visibility of bookings so contractors can plan around this.
- Lighting in the main hall has now been replaced by LED lighting.
- Alarm is now fully functioning and zoned.
- An orange/red warning light has been reported outside the building, Cllr Taylor has tried to investigate but no-one seems to know what it is. Clerk to get in touch with Street Scene to investigate.

10.24 Events:

10.24a D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024.

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Cllr Taylor contacted the singer booked for the D-Day commemoration to request the return of the £50 deposit providing she could re-book the date, the alternative was to pay the full £250 for her to perform appropriate songs under the Buttercross during the lighting of the beacon.
- Cllrs Smith and Rochard pointed out this was a commemoration not a celebration and a performance would not feel appropriate.
- Cllr Rochard also pointed out this clashed with a concert at the Church.
- Cllr Johnson mentioned there were rules set out by The Pageant Master around what can and cannot be done and that it would be more appropriate to read out the international tribute which was in the pack.
- A majority decision was voted in favour of lighting the beacon and having no singer.
- Cllr Taylor to cancel the booking.

10.24b Xmas

RESOLVED to note the following:

- The quote from Christmas Plus is complex and appears excessive. Itemised quote required. More quotes were needed but after contacting other councils for suggestions of other providers, it appears they use the same supplier.
- Several attempts have been made to contact the tree climber who offered to look at

the trees when they failed before Christmas 2023. No response.

- It was agreed the lighting on the tree opposite the chip shop was not sufficient and required a better power source. CDC can dig to connect the power cable underground but will not connect from a lamppost overground. There will be a cost element to this. Cllr Smith suggested looking into a better battery supply.
- Currently committed to 9 standing lights and need to choose motifs soon or we will not get a choice. £125 per motif. Total cost of £3,000 per year to light all nine columns. It was agreed to commit to the £3,000 + VAT.
- Trees require re-wrapping and an alternative power source. Quote of £2,000 to remove the wrapped lighting on the trees outside the Parish rooms, there will be a further cost to then re-wrap them. It was agreed that residents would probably rather see the trees lit than the lamp post motifs. A post is to be put on social media highlighting the issues, including the costs and encourage a qualified electrician to come forward and offer a solution/quote.

11.24 Environment

RESOLVED to note there has been no update.

11.24a Traffic/Highway

RESOLVED to note there has been no update.

11.24b Mill Dam: Updates

RESOLVED to note this is now completed.

11.24c Land at the Paddocks:

RESOLVED to note there has been no update and the Ward Councillors have been asked to intervene.

11.24d Buttercross:

RESOLVED to note this was detailed in the update from the Chair. It was thought the columns had already been repaired about 20 years ago by re-painting with a lime solution. They are now too badly damaged for this to be repeated and a survey is required.

12.24 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Future meeting dates to be confirmed at next meeting.

13.24 Flag Flying in May

RESOLVED to note the flag will be flown on 6th May for Coronation Day

To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting.

RESOLVED To note Cllr Taylor queried the date of the next meeting as it is the third Tuesday of the month. Meeting date changed to 28th.

Tuesday 28th May 2024 6:45pm
The Pavilion
Tithes Lane
Tickhill
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14.24 Staffing Confidential.

RESOLVED *that members of the public, Ward Councillors and Deputy Clerk are excluded from the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted being prejudicial to the public interest, by virtue of Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.*