

counted on Friday 06 May. During this period, local authorities should not publish any publicity on controversial issues or report views or proposals, in such a way as identifies them with any individual members or groups of members. In other words councils cannot use any publicity that could be construed as politically motivated. RESOLVED to note.

3674 AIRPORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Cllr Adam gave feedback on information he had received at the recent Airport Community Consultative Committee relative to the link road from the M18 to the airport -

Mr. Mike Morton (airport director) gave a verbal report in which he stated:-

1. The scheme had been “rebranded” and would now be called “The Gateway to the Sheffield City Region”
2. Under this new name, backed by 550 businesses from the region, (very few local to Rossington/Doncaster) a bid had been submitted to the Govt. Regional Growth Fund.
3. The scheme is now for a single carriageway road which will run from Junction 3 of the M18, cross the main rail line, between the two rivers (Torne and Mother Drain) and terminate at Rossington Bridge (Parrots Corner).
4. The anticipated cost is £55m to be made up of:- £18m from RGF, £4m from DMBC, £33m from Rossington Hall Estates, Helioslough, Persimmon Homes, UK Coal.

This information prompted a long and serious debate initially centred around the possible implications for the village now the scheme had been “rebranded” and much reduced in scope. Other points brought to light in the debate were:-

- the Govt. had today announced that the application had been approved but there had been no indication in the press release of the financial involvement of DMBC and the companies mentioned above.
- the main beneficiary of the scheme (airport) is not apparently contributing financially to the scheme, but the airport director had admitted in meetings that Peel Holdings (the then owners of all of the airport complex) had contributed financially to various schemes in and around Doncaster.
- the press release suggested that the new road would “open up the colliery site” for housing development.
- If there is to be a link from the new road into the Bankwood Lane area, what benefit would there be for the village, in terms of regeneration, bearing in mind that the colliery no longer exists and there is little or no land in that area with potential for industrial use.
- the recent scoping report briefing made by reps of “Recycoal” when it was stated that it was intended to transport approx 1m tonnes of coal raised from the pit tip by road thro’ the village because the company had been “warned off” by DMBC from proposing to use any other method (old colliery mineral line) as it would not be advantageous to the link road.
- that part of the pit tip was to be used in the foundations for the link road and the inland port project and the remainder spread over what is now farmland in the greenbelt raising concerns that this land could then become “brown field” and included in the housing development plans referred to in the press release (all

schemes referred to are in the Torne Flood plain and would increase flood risk to the village)

- the involvement of prominent members of the local Labour party via company(s) having a vested interest in the link road scheme going ahead and the potential financial benefits to those companies.
- the local MP's somewhat over enthusiastic support and lobbying over the past three or so years for both house building on the colliery site and the Eco Town, the Inland Port scheme, and the airport and its link road, that conflicted with the views of the electorate as expressed in the Parish Poll.
- The links between Peel Holdings, Helioslough and U.K. Coal

RESOLVED In light of all of the above the Parish Council respectfully request that an appropriate independent body investigates the probity of the whole of the decision making processes that have taken place regarding the airport link road since and including the decision in 2004 to select the northern route, together with the proposed inland port, the forthcoming application to abstract coal from the spoil heap, and housing development on the colliery site, in order to assure the people of Rossington that such decisions have been made in their best interests and have not been unduly influenced by those organisations and individuals that have vested / pecuniary interests in the schemes.

Note : no-one spoke against this motion.

3675 ROSSINGTON COLLIERY SPOIL HEAP – COAL RECOVERY AND RESTORATION SCHEME.

A 45 page Report, produced for RecyCoal by consultants SKM Enviros was considered by the Planning Committee on 3/3/11. Following this, representatives of RecyCoal and SKM Enviros were invited to a special Planning Committee on 16/3/11 to explain the proposed scheme and answer questions.

RESOLVED to support Planning Committee members concerns to do with :

- Transport -proposed use of West End Lane rather than rail to move recovered coal and spoil.
- Flood Risk due to the proposed massive reduction in flood plain
- Risk to the wildlife on the Site of Scientific Interest within the proposed site, to the tree-scape and general environment.
- The risk of turning Green Field Land into Brownfield Land, which would then be developed.

It was reported that work had already commenced on the site despite the fact that RecyCoal had assured the Planning Committee that a planning application would not be ready until June 2011.

RESOLVED to write to DMBC Planning to object to the commencement of work on the site and to ask whether DMBC had given permission to commence.

3676 LIBRARY CLOSURE PROGRAMME

Cllr A Milner left the meeting and took no part in this agenda item.

Consideration was given to responses to parish council representations of 16/2/11 from :

- Mayor Davies
- C Flint MP

and to responses to parish council representations of 10/3/11 from :

- R Cooper Holmes / A Milner / B Johnson
- Mayor Davies

The similarities of the structured responses from Mayor Davies and the three Ward Councillors were noted. However, Parish Councillors felt that Mayor Davies had not answered the two key questions asked of him, to do with Cllr Cooper-Holmes assertion that the library will be moving to Holmescarr and to do with real, not ritualistic consultations, regarding the future of the village library.

RESOLVED to ask Mayor Davies again to answer the two key questions.

Consideration was also given to the news that the Coalition Government has launched a review of the 1294 statutory duties placed on local government of which 3 apply to public libraries.

RESOLVED to note.

3677 RE-COMMENCEMENT OF ROSSINGTON GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The Chairman gave an update on the progress achieved and reported that meals are scheduled to recommence on Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th April 2011.

RESOLVED to note

3678 SYPTE : LOCAL BUS SERVICES

In July 2011 the Department of Transport is withdrawing Rural Bus Subsidy Grant and SYPTE will be letting new contracts which will impact on rural bus services. The parish council has been invited to comment, and SYPTE has offered to attend a meeting.

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting

3679 DMBC ALLOTMENT LAND OFFER

The Chairman and clerk reported back on the meeting held on 30/3/11 with Steve Thomas, the York Street Allotments Secretary, and the DMBC Allotments Officer. It was reported that York Street were not interested in the project due to affordability and policy reasons. The site needed to be fenced off and water provided, which DMBC said it could not afford to do due to its programme of cuts. RESOLVED to continue negotiations to secure the allotment site and to investigate fencing and water costs.

3680 RENOVATION ROSSINGTON

Consideration was given to a motion from Cllr C Judd to set up a working party to work with village based organisations (DMBC/TARA's/Business etc), with the intention of tidying up both residential and business properties along with village amenities and surrounding areas.

RESOLVED for the chairman to raise the issue of tidying up with the Neighbourhood Manager at their monthly meeting.

3681 OLD SEWING FACTORY ON BANKWOOD LANE

Consideration was given to a motion from Cllr C Judd to ask the factory owner to clean up the area and make the building sound.

RESOLVED for the chairman to raise the issue of tidying up with the Neighbourhood Manager at their monthly meeting.

3682 WALL SURROUNDING CRUMBS BAKERY

Consideration was given to a motion from Cllr C Judd to ask the owner of the wall to repair it and make sound.

RESOLVED for the chairman to raise the issue of tidying up with the Neighbourhood Manager at their monthly meeting.

3683 GUIDED TOUR

RESOLVED to support a motion from Cllr C Judd to invite Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, UK Coal and DMBC Woodlands to attend a guided tour of the surrounding areas of Rossington to give them an insight into the potential impacts of any developments.

3684 BIASED VIEWS AGAINST THE ROYAL FAMILY

Consideration was given to Cllr C Judd's concerns regarding biased views against the royal family prior to the vote taking place at the previous meeting regarding provision of mementoes of the royal wedding for the school children of the village. RESOLVED to note

3685 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED To approve the following payments :

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount £-pp
Staples	2519	417.35
cancelled	2520	0.00
cancelled	2521	0.00
YLCA	2522	15.00
Co-operative Electrical (Freezer)	2523	549.00
BigDug (Shelving)	2524	201.60
H Roberts - Mar 11	2525	350.91
S. Merriman - Expenses 2010/11	2526	800.96
A1 Joinery & Son	2527	84.00
Vision ICT Ltd	2528	204.00
Bullseye Super Factors Ltd	2529	44.99
Peter Fowler Electrical Ltd	2530	172.80
S Merriman - Mar 11	BACS	1016.23
J Gilsenan-Lewis - Mar 11	BACS	184.64
L Docherty - Mar 11	BACS	697.84
BTCV (Hedgerow Project)	2531	4157.02

SYPA Mar 11	2532	642.58
B Higgins	2533	210.00
cancelled	2534	0.00
Inland Revenue - Mar 11	2535	677.54
Nidge Hines Vehicle Repairs (Van Service & MOT)	2536	184.95
Dawson MMP Ltd (Dishwasher)	2537	2424.00
S Merriman (Van Road Tax)	2538	200.00
Apex Design & Print Ltd	2539	789.00

3686 MINUTES OF 3/3/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED To approve and note.

3687 MINUTES OF 16/3/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED To approve and note.

3688 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Exchange of information or the giving of a preliminary notification of important business for the next meeting.

3688.1 STRIPE ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE FENCING INADEQUACIES

AGREED Chairman to raise with Neighbourhood Manager.

3688.2 PROPERTY WITHIN THE HALL

AGREED anyone claiming ownership of property left at the hall to contact the clerk.

3688.3 RETIRING MEMBERS

The Chairman and Clerk thanked retiring members, Cllrs John Quinn, Jill Greenhalgh, Brian Royle and Andrea Milner, for their contributions to Rossington Parish Council.