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Welcome to Issue 11 of the Parish Council Newsletter.

May 2006



The annual Council meeting in May saw John Birdsall elected as Chair for the ensuing year and Tony Weatherby as Vice Chair. Much of this meeting is devoted to electing Councillors to serve on the many bodies on which the Parish Council has representation. These include Public Rights of Way Forum, Historic Buildings Trust and the Rural Transport Partnership.

June 2006

Geoff Hirst from Kirklees Leisure Services gave the Council an update on the ongoing saga of the Cumberworth Road allotments Skelmanthorpe. He said that Bovis Homes had indicated that they were under no obligation to provide sheds and greenhouses on the new allotment site at Windmill Crescent. The Council resolved to support Kirklees MC in pursuing this provision as promised by Yorkshire

Land in their original planning application. It is hoped that this matter can soon be resolved and that the promise to have the new site available for the 5 August become a reality.

In April the Council received a letter and petition from Ward Councillors concerning the provision of a car park on the lower section of the 'Rec' adjacent to the Chartist in Skelmanthorpe. Having considered the Cabinet report on this it was resolved that Council had concerns over road safety and wished to preserve green land within the village.

A letter was received from pupils at Birdside First School asking if the Council could assist in having the public playground adjacent to the school improved. At the June Finance and General Purposes meeting it was resolved to make £3500 available and to contact Kirklees Leisure Services with a view to seeking match funding.

July 2006

In June the Council contacted Metro and the Yorkshire Assembly with regard to poor bus and train connections at Denby Dale Railway Station. As a result of a positive response from the Yorkshire Assembly in July the Council have supplied Metro with further information and are hopeful

that improvements can be achieved.

Prior to the meeting, a site visit was held with Chris Platts and Liz Twitchett of Kirklees Highways to consider safety issues around The Grove road junction Skelmanthorpe. After consideration of a number of possible schemes including mini roundabouts and traffic lights (which National statistics indicate would increase the number of accidents) the Council resolved to support a low key approach. This would include the obliteration of 2 parking bays adjacent to The Grove to improve visibility, possible removal of the bus stop opposite Cumberworth Road, parking restrictions in Huddersfield Road adjacent to the triangle and no exit from Radcliffe Street onto Huddersfield Road. Investigations would also be made concerning the possibility of making Elm Street one-way down.

Concerns regarding public safety were expressed over the layout of pavements at the junction of Warburton/Upper Lane Emley. It was resolved to write to Highways suggesting extending the said pavement.

As part of The Local Development Framework Consultation The Council have resolved that option A is the most suitable option

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for this area and that option E would lead to the destruction of the character of the area and take away village identities. The Council agreed that brown field land should be developed first and that no green belt land should be developed.

Back in June three Councillors visited Birdsedge First School to help out with a Democracy Day they were holding.



Cllr John Birdsall congratulates the new Mayor

With the help of David Freeland from the Elections Office and some genuine props including ballot box, a mock election was staged. The school selected three candidates in advance so that ballot papers could be printed. The three candidates were able to make a short election speech before votes were cast and a new Mayor for Birdsedge, Caleb Wright, was duly elected.

EMLEY WARD

Cllr. Mrs. C. Beal	12 Wentworth Drive, Emley, HD8 9SL	01924 840062
Cllr. Mrs. G. Hague	18 Church Street, Emley, HD8 9RW	01924 848711
Cllr. D.W. Kaye	3 Chapel Lane, Emley, HD8 9SP	
Cllr. E.I. Shaw	15 Rectory Lane, Emley, HD8 9RR	01924 848364

CLAYTON WEST WARD

Cllr. R.S. Mottram	62 Long Lane, Clayton West, HD8 9PR	01484 862737
Cllr. T.D. Sigsworth	2 Dukewood Road, Clayton West, HD8 9HF	01484 860534
Cllr. Dr. M.E. Allen	95 Huddersfield Road, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AR	01484 866131

DENBY & CUMBERWORTH WARD

Cllr. J.A. Barlow	4 Greenside, Denby Dale, HD8 8QY	01484 862537
Cllr. J.D. Carr	4 Miller Hill, Denby Dale, HD8 8RG	07941 039222
Cllr. Mrs. M. Clarke	9 South Croft, Upper Denby, HD8 8UA	01484 861499
Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Dellapuppa	65 Ings Mill Drive, Clayton West, HD8 9PW	01484 866097
Cllr. C. Watson	7 Top Road, Lower Cumberworth, HD8 8PE	01484 863072
Cllr. Mrs. V.M. Woodhead	The Cottage, Park Head, Birdsedge, HD801484 606114 8XW	

SKELMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr. R.G. Allen	95 Huddersfield Road, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AR	01484 866131
Cllr. J.C. Birdsall	12 Heather Fold, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9LD	01484 860174
Cllr. R. McSkimming	10a Station Road, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AU	01484 860070
Cllr. G. Turner	20 Beechfield Avenue, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9BZ	01484 864446
Cllr. A.N. Weatherby	1 Saville Road, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9ED	01484 863889
Cllr. Mrs. J.E. Birdsall	12 Heather Fold, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9LD	01484 860174

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Dates for your diary

Sat 5 Aug	Emley Show	
Tues 29 Aug	Planning Meeting	7.30pm
Tues 5 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
Tues 26 Sept	Planning Meeting	7.30pm
Tues 3 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm