



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the new look 2nd edition of the Denby Dale Parish Council newsletter. We aim to keep you informed of what is happening in the Parish and current issues the Council is involved in. Please keep us informed of any forthcoming events you would like featured in this newsletter. You can send information to our clerk, Mrs Wood, at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices details on the next page.

CURRENT MATTERS

Over the last few months various issues have been discussed at Council meetings. Here are extracts from the minutes of those meetings.

February 2004

Chris Barker of Yorkshire Rural Community Council opened discussions about formulating a Parish Plan for the area. The Council received notification it had been successful in obtaining a Parish Transport grant to extend South Yorkshire hourly bus service No 300 to link Upper Denby with Penistone, following the withdrawal of the commercial service operated by Yorkshire

Traction. Concerns about speeding traffic through Emley were discussed along with lighting at the zebra crossing in Skelmanthorpe. It was also agreed that a joint public meeting be held with the Area Committee regarding the Local Development Framework – this is the new development plan Kirklees MC have to produce by 2007.

March 2004

A large deputation of Scissett villagers raised concerns about the possible development of 94 new homes to the rear of the baths. This meeting saw the annual visit of the Police where Councillors had the opportunity to raise local policing issues, items discussed included the problems of drug abuse in rural communities, road safety issues including speeding and parking, vandalism in the area, current crime figures and how the Police are deployed within the Parish. Again issues of speeding traffic in Emley were addressed as were waiting restrictions in Wakefield Road Scissett. Councillors were advised on the progress of providing youth

facilities in Denby Dale and Emley.

The Council also held a special meeting in March where a response to Kirklees MC's consultation on the Local Development Framework was formulated. The Finance and General Purposes Committee considered a presentation from Andy Wickham, the Countryside Officer, and discussed continued funding of the Countryside Project with Clr. Smithson of Kirklees.

April 2004

Les Reason, Planning Services, gave a presentation on wind farms, how planning applications would be considered and on Government guidelines. Britain is committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 10% by the year 2010. Councillors discussed the issues raised but no decisions were formulated, as there is currently no formal proposal in the area.

Alterations to Skelmanthorpe Council Offices were discussed, following a presentation by Cliff Stewart and Roger Prescott from Kirklees. It is proposed to combine the

library and cash office service to extend opening hours of both services to 40 hours per week. These proposals were welcomed and Councillors requested a portacabin whilst alteration work was taking place. A number of road safety issues were also considered.

Your Council

The Parish Council is your Council, it is the voice of Denby Dale and you are actively encouraged to be involved. Over the next few issues of this newsletter we hope to help you understand how the Council works and how to be involved. All Council meetings are open to every body (subject to space) and ten minutes at the start of each meeting is devoted to public discussion, where you can have your say on agenda items only and Councillors may in turn ask you questions. After public discussion time the meeting proceeds under a code of conduct known as Standing Orders and you will no longer be allowed to address Councillors. It is the norm for agenda items addressed during public discussion time to be brought forward, so you do not have to sit through the entire meeting to hear what the Council has to say. **Remember we actively encourage participation.**

DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCILLORS 2003 – 2007

EMLEY WARD

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

CLAYTON WEST WARD

Clr. I.D. Bowie	21 Riverside, Clayton West, HD8 9QN	01484 862479
Clr. R.S. Mottram	62 Long Lane, Clayton West, HD8 9PR	01484 862737
Clr. T.D. Sigsworth	2 Dukewood Road, Clayton West, HD8 9HF	01484 860534
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DENBY & CUMBERWORTH WARD

Clr. J.A. Barlow	4 Greenside, Denby Dale, HD8 8QY	01484 862537
Clr. Mrs. M. Clarke	9 South Croft, Upper Denby, HD8 8UA	01484 861499
Clr. Mrs. S.A. Dellapuppa	65 Ings Mill Drive, Clayton West, HD8 9PW	01484 866097
Clr. D.C. Harpin	39 Sunnybank, Denby Dale, HD8 8TJ	01484 861797
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SKELMANTHORPE WARD

Clr. R.G. Allen	95 Huddersfield Road, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AR	01484 866131
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For more information about the council and other local matters visit the Denby Dale Parish website at: www.denbydale.com

Dates for your diary

<i>Tuesday 8 June</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>
<i>Saturday 12 June</i>	<i>Emley Scarecrow Trail</i>
<i>Tuesday 6 July</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>
<i>Saturday 7 August</i>	<i>Emley Show</i>
<i>Tuesday 7 September</i>	<i>Parish Council</i>

Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting takes place in May with the publication of the Council's Accounts and Annual Report. There follows an extract from the report and summary of accounts 2003/2004.

Full copies are available in the library or can be obtained from the Clerk.

CHAIR'S OVERVIEW

The amount of work achieved by this Council seems to increase every year. It is interesting and varied and I thank all the Councillors and staff for their fine freewill service for the people of Denby Dale.

Local Democracy in Action

Parish Councils are the foundation stone of local democracy and we as a Council do our best to air the views of local people.

One such way that has been very used is Public Discussion Time.

There has been a significant increase in the number of people wishing to speak about issues concerning them. Naturally, planning issues are to the fore and a particularly large gathering took place for a recent planning proposal at Scissett. The standard of presentation by the people concerned has been high.

Young People

The young people in the Denby Dale Parish area live far out from the social attractions of the surrounding towns, necessitating long journeys by bus or parents' cars. There is only one youth club in this area at Skelmanthorpe and small church ones at two village chapels. There are excellent local sports teams providing training locally in the major sports and Scissett Baths. However, there is a need for somewhere for youngsters to meet and exercise in the villages. With the help of Shelley College and our Countryside Officer there are plans for facilities at Emley, Denby Dale and Clayton West. There will, however, be a need for local consultation as to what facilities, e.g. youth shelters, basketball/tennis/skateboard parks. A balance will need to be struck between needs and the location.

Environmental Issues

The Parish Environment Trust continues with our support. Its activities include the management of some important woodlands, setting up wildlife projects at local junior schools and Shelley College, the Landscape Assessment of the area and the upgrading of the Dearne Way and footpath links. The Landscape Assessment is a commendable exercise. The support of environmental work is, as ever, one this Council's strongpoints.

Traffic Issues

The ever present problem of traffic continues to bedevil the area, particularly the A636 with its links to the M1 and rat run that has been created through Emley. The Council continues to press the Highway Authority for solutions to the speeding problems and also the police to deal with the offenders.

Bus Services

Unfortunately the Village Link is to stop running at the end of April. Usage has not proved sufficient for viability. However, the 935 service to Wakefield Westgate has done well, though there are problems with its replacement to Holmfirth. Following problems at Upper Denby with the withdrawal of some commercial services, the Council has been able, through the Countryside Agency, to obtain a grant to extend the Yorkshire Service from Penistone to Upper Denby.

Quality Parish Council Status

The Denby Dale Parish Council is on course to achieving quality status. The website is now online at denbydale.com. The Council is also in the process of undertaking a Parish Plan.

Clr. E.I. Shaw Chair 2003 - 2004

**DENBY DALE PARISH
COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF
ACCOUNTS 2003/2004**

Unaudited Balance Sheet

	1.4.2003	Balance b/f	35,343.58
		Income	<u>70,197.33</u>
			105,540.91
• The Parish Council in the year 2003/2004 precepted the sum of £63,000		Expenditure	<u>64,331.44</u>
			41209.47
		less earmarked reserves	<u>15,650.50</u>
• As a co-funding partner, the Parish Council's contribution to the Denby Dale Parish Countryside Management Project was £23,000.	31.3.2004	Balance c/f	<u>25,558.97</u>
• £3,000 was distributed in grant aid to organisations within the Parish. £2,500 was allocated to the Environment Trust for the environmental small grant scheme together with an allocation of £5,000 towards further works on the landscape character assessment initiative.			
• The Parish Council also supported, by grant aid, the Primary Schools within the Parish and the Road and Home and Leisure Safety Committees.			
• Donations were also made to the Open Spaces Society and the Royal British Legion.			