



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr Tony Barlow



It is with great sadness that the Parish Council reports the death, shortly before Christmas, of Cllr Tony Barlow who had represented the Denby & Cumberworth Ward since 1999. Cllr Barlow was a well loved and respected member of the Council and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We present below a personal tribute from one of his long-standing colleagues on the Council, Cllr Graham Turner.

"I knew Tony for many years and it is with great sadness that I find myself writing this tribute to him. I met Tony when he joined Denby Dale Labour Party, long before he was persuaded to stand for election to the Parish Council. Once elected, Tony became a valued and hard working member of the Council, and was in his third term of office when he sadly passed away.

During his ten years as a councillor, Tony held a number of positions and represented the council on several outside bodies. He was Chair of the Council during 2005-2006 and Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from May 2007 until his death. Tony had a real passion for young people and for education, and he served tirelessly and enthusiastically on the Governing Bodies of both Shelley College and Scissett Middle School, where he was known as "the big, smiley man".

Tony was also a supporter of Amnesty international, recognising how lucky we are to enjoy the freedoms that we sometimes take too easily for granted. He was a true friend in every sense of the word and it was a great pleasure and honour to have known "the big smiley man."

Red Telephone Boxes

The Parish Council has registered an interest in adopting four telephone boxes in the Parish. These are all situated in Conservation Areas:

- on the green in Lower Cumberworth
- outside The White Hart public house in Denby Dale
- on Cumberworth Road in Skelmanthorpe
- at the end of Gunthwaite Lane in Upper Denby



The local communities, where possible through local community associations, are being consulted for their views on whether or not the boxes should be adopted and, if so, how they could be used.

In other parts of the country, the boxes are used as art galleries, libraries and for tourist information.

If you have any views on this issue, the Parish Council would like to hear from you.

To contact the Parish Council, email denbydaleparishcouncil@kirklees.gov.uk or phone the Clerk, Hazel Chowcat on 01484 222963. The Parish Council office is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am-4pm or other times by appointment.

New Parish Councillors

Since our last Newsletter, the Parish Council has co-opted two new councillors. Cllr Ivan Purkiss joined the Council in December and Cllr Anthony Weston joined in February, both to represent the Skelmanthorpe Ward. Both have lived in the area for a number of years and are keen to represent the people of Skelmanthorpe Ward on the Council.

Speeding Traffic

The Parish Council is often approached by residents and community groups who are concerned about traffic speeding through their villages. Most recently, concerns have been raised regarding Chapel Hill in Clayton West and Carr Hill Road in Cumberworth. Councillors share the frustration of residents, who feel that Kirklees fails to take their concerns seriously, claiming that their hands are tied by Government legislation. The Police regularly attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings and councillors raise these matters with them. They are keen to work with the Parish Council to identify areas of concern which might benefit from the use of speed checks.

The Emley Show

Last year, the Parish Council shared a stand with Kirkburton Parish Council at the Emley Show. Our aim was to provide an insight into the work of parish councils in the community. Despite the weather, the event was a great success and the Parish Council has agreed to repeat the event this summer. A planning group is looking at how to maximise this opportunity to engage with the public. We hope that this year, the sun will shine.

Promoting Walking In Denby Dale Parish

The council has played a significant part in securing substantial funding to promote walking and improve footpaths throughout the Parish. Our small grant of £500 and our short-term loan of £30,000 have helped the "Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group" to obtain approximately £37,000 from the East Peak Innovation Partnership (see www.epip.org.uk) under the Rural Development Programme for England, with the support of the EU and Yorkshire Forward. The money will be used to produce 14 "trails", each with an accompanying leaflet which will also be available on a new website. The trails will be properly way-marked, with much-improved stiles and benches and will be maintained by volunteers through an "Adopt-a-Path" scheme overseen by our Countryside Officer.

Broadband

Following the completion of the feasibility study, Rutland Telecom is now planning to provide Denby Dale and surrounding villages with faster broadband, improved telephone and TV services and local service and support. This would involve the installation of their own equipment in street cabinets with fibre optic cables connecting the cabinets to the internet via the nearest telephone exchanges. The current long runs of copper, which make broadband speeds so poor, would be dramatically reduced resulting in the fastest possible broadband speed for any rural village in the UK - up to 40Mbps. Rutland Telecom is now assessing the level of interest in the different villages.

If you are interested, you can register your interest on the website: www.rutlandtelecom.co.uk/denbydale or by phoning 01572 850080. The proposed scheme is a result of the survey into broadband provision conducted by the Parish Council in 2008.

How to Contact your Parish Councillor

EMLEY

Cllr Matt Mills	01924 849934
Cllr Eddie Shaw	01924 848364
Cllr Shelley Wild	01924 848605
Cllr Nick Wilson	01924 840759

CLAYTON WEST

Cllr Terry Sigsworth	860534
Cllr Sue Simpson	Via Parish Council
Two vacancies	

DENBY & CUMBERWORTH

Cllr Margaret Barlow	862537
Cllr Richard Brook	606275
Cllr Victoria Buyer	07975 934082
Cllr Claire Rimmer	Via Parish Council
Cllr Alison Tribe	606618
One vacancy	

SKELMANTHORPE

Cllr Philomena Calpin	604677
Cllr Ivan Purkiss	07523119120
Cllr Andrew Stimson	866968
Cllr Graham Turner	864446
Cllr Kelvyn Waites	865449
Cllr Anthony Weston	863121

Councillor Vacancies

There are vacancies for councillors in Clayton West and Denby & Cumberworth Wards. If you are

interested in being co-opted, please contact the Clerk for further information.