



# DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*



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## CLLR KELVYN WAITES ELECTED CHAIR



Cllr Nick Wilson (right) hands over to the new Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Kelvyn Waites

At its Annual Meeting in May, Denby Dale Parish Council elected Cllr Kelvyn Waites (pictured above left) as Chair for the forthcoming civic year. Cllr Waites was first elected onto the Council in May 2007 and last year he served as Vice Chair of the Council.

Now retired, the majority of his career was spent working in personnel for ICI and its successors for 25 years in different parts of the UK. He has a lifelong interest and involvement in public transport - as an enthusiast, full time professional, director of his own bus and coach company and driver for over forty years. His other main interest is in the amateur stage, and he appears frequently in various productions in the Huddersfield and Halifax areas. Cllr Waites will be supported in his role as Chair by newly elected Vice Chair, Cllr Terry Sigsworth. Cllr Sigsworth first came onto the Council in the 2003 Council elections.

## PARISH COUNCIL GAINS QUALITY REACCREDITATION

Denby Dale Parish Council has now been recredited as a Quality Parish Council. A Quality Council must demonstrate that it has reached a certain standard and is an active body in the community. The criteria are extremely thorough and cover all aspects of the council, including elections, meetings, communication and

consultation, finance, councillor attendance and staff qualifications.

Denby Dale first achieved quality status in March 2005 and was the first Parish Council to do so in the Kirklees District.

## SMALL GRANTS

As in previous years, the Parish Council has set aside £5,000 to for its small grant scheme. Local community groups and organisations can apply for up to £500 for capital projects.

All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for capital projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises. In addition the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event. The Council does not normally give grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Grants will not be awarded retrospectively, nor to individuals or to regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the Denby Dale area where there will be obvious benefit to the Council's area.

Last year, the Parish Council awarded grants to a number of local groups and organisations, including sports clubs, bands and other music groups, scouts and the women's institute.

Application forms are now available from the Parish Clerk at the address below. Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Council by 22 October 2010. Late entries will not be accepted. All applications will be considered by the Council's finance committee at its meeting on 16 November 2010. Applicants will be notified of the Council's decision during the first week in December.

## NEW COUNCILLORS

Since our last Newsletter, the Parish Council has co-opted two new councillors. Cllr Garry Coleman and Cllr Allan Hinde King joined the Council in April to represent the Clayton West Ward. They have both lived in the area for a number of years and are keen to represent the people of Clayton West Ward on the Council.

## HANGING BASKETS



One of the new hanging baskets on Commercial Road in Skelmanthorpe

For the third year running, the Parish Council has provided hanging baskets around the parish. Sharp eyed residents will notice that the style of the baskets has changed; the new baskets are self watering and should, therefore, be able to withstand any heatwave which we might enjoy this summer.

## ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Countryside Officer, Andy Wickham, is continuing to investigate potential sites to enable it to provide allotments in the parish. At the time of writing, a meeting has been arranged with Kirklees Council to discuss the possibility of taking over a piece of land in Denby Dale to turn into allotments. The Council does have a waiting list, and any residents who wish to add their name should contact the Clerk at the address given below.

## CRIME IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council receives regular reports from the police at its monthly meetings. It seems that the most common offences committed in the area are theft from cars and theft from sheds, particularly at this time of year.

It seems remarkable that a significant number of the thefts from cars are from vehicles whose owners have left valuable items on display. The solution is to lock everything in the boot, whatever the value - a thief would not know that a bag left on the back seat of a car might not contain anything of value. Police also advise people to lock their doors and windows when they are in the garden as a number of thefts have occurred precisely in those circumstances.

## THE EMLEY SHOW

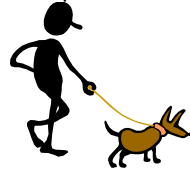
The Parish Council will once again be running a stall at the Emley Show which will be held from 9am-5.30pm on 7 August 2010. We plan to have competitions, particularly for the children and will be displaying information about the work of the Parish Council. Come along and meet your Parish Councillors. Let's hope we have better weather this year.

## CLAYTON WEST POST OFFICE

The Parish Council has been advised by the Post Office that, following the resignation of the subpostmaster, Clayton West Post Office is closed. The Post Office is doing everything in its power to look for an alternative site in Clayton West and the Parish Council is keen to ensure that a post office facility continues to be available to the people of Clayton West.

## DOG BAGS

The Parish Council is committed to encouraging dog owners to dispose of their dog waste responsibly and offers dog bags to local residents free of charge.



The bags are biodegradable and bear the logo of the Parish Council. They are available either from the Parish Clerk, Skelmanthorpe Library, Denby Dale Library or Scissett Post Office.

## 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 Garry Coleman	862668
Cllr Allan Hinde King	07951792753
Cllr Terry Sigsworth	Via Parish Council
Cllr Sue Simpson	Via Parish Council

### DENBY & CUMBERWORTH

Cllr Margaret Barlow	862537
Cllr Richard Brook	606275
Cllr Claire Rimmer	Via Parish Council
Cllr Michael Watson	Via Parish Council
Two vacancies	

### SKELMANTHORPE

Cllr Ivan Purkiss	07792050142
Cllr Andrew Stimson	866968
Cllr Graham Turner	864446
Cllr Kelvyn Waites	865449
Cllr Anthony Weston	863121
One vacancy	

## COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

At the time of writing, there are vacancies for councillors in Skelmanthorpe and Denby & Cumberworth Wards. If you are interested in being co-opted, please contact the Clerk for further information.