



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to Issue 6 of the Parish Council Newsletter.

Latest News

It's now official Denby Dale Parish Council is a **Quality Council** and the first in Kirklees! After 18 months hard work, the Council has been accredited with Quality Status. This is a new initiative that ensures a Council is representative and actively engages with the community, is properly managed and is the first step towards devolution of powers to the local community. Our thanks go out to Gillian Wood, our clerk and Kenneth Haigh, assistant clerk for the tremendous effort they have put in to this project,

February 2005

It was reported last month that the Parish Council were supporting parents and staff at Linda's Nursery, Bedale Drive Skelmanthorpe to be included for priority gritting in the interest of safety. Unfortunately, Kirklees Highways have stated the road does not fit the criteria for priority treatment but is included as a secondary route. In response to this the Parish Council have asked Kirklees M C to consider providing a grit bin principally in the interests of safety.

Members of the Parish Council and the Road Safety Committee met with Highways Engineers in Station Road Skelmanthorpe where it was agreed to modify the roundabout in

order to address some of the safety issues raised, it was also agreed to alter the no waiting zones in an attempt to improve safety in the vicinity of the Grove junction. It was reported that a dinner organised by Cllr Alicia Dellapuppa, La Dolce Vita Restaurant and residents of Scissett had raised in excess of £5000 for the Tsunami Appeal.

March 2005

The Council have been informed by the Allotments' Officer for Kirklees MC that plot holders on the Cumberworth Road allotment site will be able to continue gardening until the end of the growing season by which time the new site at Windmill Crescent should be ready for occupation.

Following a public meeting at Birdsedge the Council have asked Highways to review speed limits between the Sovereign Crossroads and Birdsedge.

In the wake of power supply problems Yorkshire Electricity have offered to use the Parish Office as an additional point of contact for keeping the community informed.

April 2005

Members of the public voiced their concerns over road safety issues at the Grove Inn junction Skelmanthorpe, there was considerable opposition to proposed waiting restrictions, particularly by the residents and traders affected. The Parish Council

agreed to host a public meeting to address the issue and have asked Kirklees M.C. to postpone the current proposals.

Inspector Barnett gave a presentation on the new Kirklees Neighbourhood Policing initiative, and described how Denby Dale has the lowest crime rate for Kirklees, and how they were tackling cross border problems within the area.

It was reported that Royal Mail had agreed to install a new post box adjacent to the village hall in Birdsedge.

Youth Initiative

The Initiative was launched about three years ago in response to the need for some activity for youngsters in Denby Dale that would help lead to a reduction in disturbance or trouble. The Parish Council quickly realised that this was a need in most of the local villages. The following is a quick outline of what has been achieved through the hard work of a number of local people and the youngsters themselves.

The project can be broken down into four phases....

Phase 1 - Denby Dale Sunnybank Site (completed)

Phase 2 - YEAST (Young Emley Active Sports Team)

Phase 3 - SSP (Skelmanthorpe Skate Park)

Phase 4 - Clayton West (Group yet to be identified)

Phase 1 was instigated through the concerns of the Nursery School in Denby

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Dale about the number of young people gathering at the School and the degree of damage done to the buildings and the grounds. From this starting point a public meeting was called to gather the views of local residents and young people as to the kind of facility that could be sited in Denby Dale.

The project decided upon was a multi-use games area (MUGA) aimed at meeting the needs of a broad age group. The project was delivered with funding through the Parish Council and the Denby Dale Pie Committee. Total Project Costs - around £31,336.

Phase 2 was instigated by the formation of a group who undertook a local door-to-door consultation, a questionnaire and a planning exercise held on a community open day at the Wentworth Club in Emley. From this, the majority opinion was again for a 'MUGA'. This would incorporate basketball hoops/football goalposts and a kick wall.

At present The YEAST group is fundraising for the project and so far have raised or been promised £21,000 with applications being worked on for grant aid to fill the gap.

The group is currently seeking new members to help share out the workload.

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Phase 3 the impetus for the group came from a petition and presentation to the Parish Council by the young people of Skelmanthorpe asking for improvements to the existing skateboard equipment at the Cross Lane recreation ground. The young people are represented on the Group's Committee and have provided the ground plan for the

proposed project, which will probably consist of concrete

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Clr. Mrs. G. Hague	18 Church Street, Emley, HD8 9RW	01924 848711
Clr. D.W. Kaye	3 Chapel Lane, Emley, HD8 9SP	
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CLAYTON WEST WARD

Clr. I.D. Bowie	21 Riverside, Clayton West, HD8 9QN	01484 862479
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Clr. T.D. Sigsworth	2 Dukewood Road, Clayton West, HD8 9HF	01484 860534
Clr. G. Smith	25 Cliffe Street, Clayton West, HD8 9NR	01484 864254

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Clr. J.D. Carr	4 Miller Hill, Denby Dale, HD8 8RG	07941 039222
Clr. Mrs. M. Clarke	9 South Croft, Upper Denby, HD8 8UA	01484 861499
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built ramps and jumps similar to those in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield (on a less grand scale).

A fundraising package is currently being worked on to raise the estimated £40 – 50,000 needed for the project.

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Phase 4 no formal work has been undertaken in Clayton West as of yet but plans to initiate the project are being worked on. If interested contact Andy Wickham 01484 222960.

Talk to your Community Constable

Our local Community Police Officers are holding regular surgeries where you will be able to address issues face to face. These are to be held in Skelmanthorpe Library 1st Wednesday in the month and Denby Dale Library last Wednesday in the month, both between 4pm and 6pm.