

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs John Cook, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, William Jewitt, Cynthia Naylor, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites, Claire Rimmer, Tim Bennett, , Polly Ann Flinders, Michael Watson and Stephen Slater. (Cllr Rushforth arrived after the first item on agenda item 16).

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Graham Turner, Cllr Jim Dodds and Cllr Jamie Summers. Cllr Rob Pickford was absent.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/433 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/434 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/435 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

12/436 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Turner, Summers and Dodds. Late apologies were received from Cllr Summers.

12/437 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/438 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council 4 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee 25 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee 21 January

12/439 Report from the Ward Councillors

Jim Dodds had provided a written report in his absence:

- A new planning application for another wind turbine was to be submitted near Birds Edge
- HSBC had announced the closure of their Denby Dale branch. Cllr Dodds would be meeting with the Area Director to discuss this matter further.
- The Area Committee meeting to be held on 7 April will include a briefing on 'La Tour' if anyone wished to attend.
- Through the Area Committee all schools in the Shelley Pyramid will be looking at the effect of WW1 on the local area. They will be presenting at Huddersfield Town Hall on 11th June.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/440 Denby Dale Community Project Update (brought forward)

Jim Dodds submitted a written report in his absence:

- The project had now applied for nearly £200K worth of grants
- Collecting tins had been purchased and would be placed around the local area
- A summer fete would be held in conjunction with Scissett Middle School, along with a Question of Sport Evening in the Autumn, and a Murder Mystery Night later in the year.
- The Cabinet Report asking for the £100K to be given to the Trust when certain conditions are met will be heard next week.

12/441 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/442 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Cllr Rimmer was still pursuing issues at Upper Cumberworth, and will be assisted by Cllr John Cook who will speak with the tenants regarding the possibility of the carnival being held on part of the land.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/443 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

The next meeting would be held in May. The Annual meeting of the Walkers are Welcome Group had been held last week.

12/444 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook advised that the archive material belonging to Leslie Robinson had been displayed in the Council Chamber, and he passed around a selection of the photographs for the council to view. Cllr Waites, as a Governor at Scissett First School, would be using some of the material for an exhibition at the school on 23 May.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/445 Churchfield Allotments

Cllr Cook advised that two motions had been submitted in order to decide on a procedure for the allocation of allotments. Cllr Rimmer wished it noted that there were a number of people who had submitted forms in 2010 who were not included on the list held by the Clerk which should be investigated. A discussion was held around the two options, and a named vote was held on the motion submitted by Cllr Watson: "*It is proposed that in relation to any allotments established and operated by the Denby Dale Parish Council where any one or more unallocated allotments are available the following procedure should be adopted for allocation of the allotment(s):*

i) The clerk shall give notice in the Council Newsletter of the availability of an allotment(s) inviting applications by 4:00pm on a specified date which shall be not less than 8 weeks after the newsletter is approved for publication by the counsel.

ii) In the event of there being more applicants than available allotments the clerk will carry out a draw of the applicants at the next following full council meeting.

iii) Thereafter the clerk will invite the successful applicant(s) to complete an agreement for use of the allotment(s) with the council on the council's standard terms. In the event that the agreement is not completed within 14 days of the council meeting the draw will be repeated at the next council meeting with the remainder of the original applicants."

Vote for the motion: Cllrs C Rimmer, T Bennett, L Hardy, M Watson, R Gott, W Jewitt, E Shaw (7).

Vote against the motion: Cllrs S Slater, P Flinders, C Naylor, K Waites, J Cook, R Brook.(6)

RESOLVED that the above procedure be adopted.

A named vote was held for the motion submitted by Cllr Brook that the council give priority to people in Denby Dale village and use the existing waiting list of applicants.

Vote for the motion: Cllrs J Cook, K Waites, R Brook, C Naylor, S Slater, P Flinders (6)

Vote against the motion: Cllrs C Rimmer, T Bennett, L Hardy, M Watson, R Gott, W Jewitt, E Shaw (7)

RESOLVED that the above motion be defeated.

12/446 New Vacancy in Skelmanthorpe Ward: To formally report the vacancy & update on the Vacancy in the Emley Ward.

Cllr Cook informed the council that he had now received a written resignation from Cllr Allan Hinde King. The Elections Office had been notified of the vacancy. The Elections Officer would advise after 2 April whether an election had been called for the vacancy in the Emley Ward.

12/447 Newsletter Production

RESOLVED that the Clerk be given delegated powers ‘to produce and distribute the council’s quarterly newsletter, and to circulate for content submission and comment via email prior to distribution’, and this to be added to the Council’s ‘Scheme of Delegation’. It was understood that any difficult issues with content would be brought to Full Council.

12/448 Matters Raised by Councillors

Raising the Profile of the Parish Council prior to Elections: (Cllr Watson)

Cllr Watson submitted a proposed draft for approval.

RESOLVED that council accept the proposed briefing note, to be distributed as per the motion, subject to amendments as follows:

- The removal of paragraph four, after ‘Elections to the council take place every four years’.
- The amendment to paragraph two to read ‘The council supports the area countryside officer by contributing half of the employment costs, along with the contribution from Kirklees Council’.
- The amendment to paragraph one to read: ‘Denby Dale Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government’.

YLCA Branch Meeting Report (Cllr Shaw)

Cllr Shaw submitted a report of the last YLCA Branch Meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

Cllr Brook proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Shaw for his continued attendance at the YLCA meetings.

RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be given to Cllr Shaw.

12/449 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.603 be approved for payment, totalling £5,675.77

RESOLVED that the council approved the Clerk to draw up the cheques for the schools grants at £400 each as agreed, subject to the new agreement.

RESOLVED that the Clerk lease a new photocopier from Zerographic on a 3 year lease at a cost of £313 per quarter.

RESOLVED that the council agree for the upload of WW1 memorabilia to the archive website at a cost of £412.50

12/450 May Council Meeting – Further agenda items

No further items were received for the next meeting.

12/451 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Meeting – 29 April
- Plans Scrutiny Meeting – 20 May
- Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting – 27 May

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CHAIRMAN