

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

Members Present: Cllrs: Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, William Jewitt, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites (arrived late), Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Michael Watson, Graham Turner, Eric Wrench and Jim Dodds

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Stephen Slater, John Cook, Cynthia Naylor, Claire Rimmer, Bev Rushforth, Rob Pickford, Stuart Merry. Cllr Waites sent apologies for his late arrival. Cllr Jamie Summers was absent.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/ 452 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Due to the Chairman's late arrival it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Brook chair the meeting in his absence.

12/453 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Brook declared an interest in Item 13.

12/454 Open Session

No members of the public present wished to speak.

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RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/456 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/457 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Annual Council Meeting – 27 May
- Plans Scrutiny Committee - 20 May
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 June

12/458 Report from the Ward Councillors

Jim Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Kirklees Council remained in a difficult financial situation with hard decisions to be made.
- Broadband – Kirklees were working as part of Leeds City Region on plans to extend superfast broadband.
- BT had apologised for a spurious email stating that the Kirkburton exchange was to be upgraded when this was not the case.
- Wind Turbines – Birdsedge situation was on-going, Grange Moor application was to go to appeal stage.
- Cllr Dodds stated he had received many complaints regarding the state of the roads and footpaths in the area. As the budget for the ward was now only £44,000 for improvements, many improvements would not take place.
- The new LDF was on-going.
- Area Committees had now been reduced, with Denby Dale Parish now included in 'Huddersfield Rural'. Cllr Dodds hoped that this would eventually lead to more decisions at a local level.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Graham Turner gave a verbal report:

- Broadband – Peter Butters was leaving at the end of the month, there were still many ideas to take Superfast broadband forward.
- There were serious cuts to be made by Kirklees Council, Cllr Turner hoped that positive solutions would be found.
- Meetings were taking place around the new Area Committees, which would eventually lead to devolved decision-making by parish councils.
- There were further contentious planning applications going forward, including in Skelmanthorpe.
- Cllr Turner reported that he now held the Cabinet position for Resources.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

(Chairman, Cllr Waites arrived and took the Chair)

12/459 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report. It was noted that East Hill Woods had now moved forward in establishing a constituted group.

RESOLVED that the report be received and thanks given to Andy for his on-going work.

12/460 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

There was no update on Naylor's or land at Upper Cumberworth due to the absence of Cllrs Rushforth and Rimmer

Emley Traffic Issues - Further concerns were raised by Cllr Gott on the siting of the bus stop across from Emley Cross, and the hazard this caused, along with the excessive speed of vehicles through the village. Cllr Waites suggested that he, as part of the Working Party on Public Transport, conduct a survey at the peak times of use. Cllr Hardy stated that still nothing had been done regarding a crossing at Emley.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/461 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook reported that no meeting had been held.

12/462 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook advised that the WW1 and WW2 archives had now been successfully uploaded to the website including photographs, documents, postcards...This had also been reported in the latest newsletter. The WW2 archives were still awaiting captions to be provided by Leslie Robinson, who had unfortunately not been well enough to provide these yet.

Cllr Brook advised that EPIP would be looking to bid in September for the next round of European funding. Defra had revised which communities now were deemed 'rural', this now excluded Highburton and Kirkburton which were deemed 'urban' but Denby Dale parish still qualified, however would expect to receive less funding. The new emphasis would be on economic growth and job creation. Cllr Brook would distribute the consultation document. Cllr Dodds stated that schools from the Shelley Pyramid had recently taken part in a commemorative presentation at Huddersfield Town Hall, this could be viewed on Kirklees Local TV. Cllr Waites stated that the commemorative photographs and documents lent to Scissett First School had been much appreciated.

It was reported that the recent open days at the Textile Museum had not been greatly attended, and there was a need to raise awareness of the museum.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/463 Churchfield Allotments

The Clerk reported that feedback had been received from Cllr Watson on the Heads of Terms for Churchfields, which Andy Wickham would respond to and pass to Kirklees for clarification. Once Cllr Watson has agreed to the clarification, the Heads of Terms could be adopted. It was reported that Churchfield had now been mowed by a contractor recommended by Cllr Cook.

12/464 Emley Moor Rugby Club Grant Application

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,700 be awarded to Emley Moor Rugby Club under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

12/465 YLCA Report

Cllr Shaw provided a written report from the YLCA Annual South Pennine Branch Meeting. **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

12/466 YLCA Provision of Services Agreement

RESOLVED to accept the YLCA provision of Services Agreement.

12/467 Formal Adoption of Scheme of Delegation

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation be formally adopted.

12/468 Consultation on CIL

RESOLVED that the consultation document on the Community Infrastructure Levy from Wakefield Council be received.

12/469 To Discuss Implementation of NALC Revised Standing Orders

RESOLVED that the draft Standing Orders be formally adopted, with thanks given to Cllrs Watson and Gott for their work on this.

12/470 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Dodds stated that a grant of £5,000 had been received, and that the project had submitted a bid for a grant of £211,000. The project now had a dedicated team to look at possible grant funding. The project manager was now in the process of sending out tender documents to be submitted by the end of July. Street stalls had prompted a good local response, and the local NISA store had committed to give funding. A supporter scheme had been set up where the public could buy a share for as little as £1 per month. The Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with Kirklees Council.

12/471 Newsletter Circulation

A discussion was held around the circulation of the newsletter, with concerns expressed over those areas not covered by the distributors.

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform the Council when the newsletter went out, and that the Clerk be informed of any specific addresses which did not receive the newsletter for DBS to investigate.

12/472 Matters Raised by Councillors

Phone box, Upper Denby – postponed to next meeting due to Cllr Cook's absence

Highways Issues – Cllr Hardy stated that this referred to the vegetation overhanging the wall at Elm Street, Skelmanthorpe. Cllr Turner stated that this was being investigated.

Replacement of damaged Parish litter bin, Emley(Cllr Shaw) – **RESOLVED** that this bin be replaced.

Replacement of two rusted Kirklees bins, Emley (Cllr Shaw) – **RESOLVED** that two new bins would be installed to replace the old Kirklees bins.

Replacement of rusted Kirklees bin, Skelmanthorpe – **RESOLVED** that as there were two parish bins nearby, it would be requested that this bin would be removed but not replaced.

Rubbish in Skelmanthorpe – Cllr Hardy reported on the fly-tipping by the bin at Smithy Lane/Manor Rise. Cllr Turner reported that this had already been reported to the authorities, and agreed to speak to Streetscene for their opinion on the matter.

Footpath in Denby Dale – postponed to next meeting due to Cllr Cook's absence

12/473 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.608 be approved for payment, totalling £375.60

12/474 September Council Meeting – Further agenda items

- Review of the council’s guidelines for councillors on dealing with the press and public.

12/475 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Meeting – 29 July
- Plans Scrutiny Meeting – 26 August
- Full Council Meeting – 2 September

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN