

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: William Jewitt, Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, John Cook, Ray Gott, Lynn Hardy, Eddie Shaw, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Susan Hellewell, Janet Depledge, Paula Kemp, Maggie Blanshard, Jamie Summers, Paul Cassidy and Neil Denby

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs J Senior and S Slater. Cllr B Banawich was absent.

15/ 043 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

15/044 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

15/045 Open Session

Anne Crowe spoke to the meeting to inform councillors about the volunteer group set up in Scissett to clear litter via 'Street Wise'. She requested any support the Council could give.

15/046 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Senior and Slater. Cllr Banawich was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

15/047 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

15/048 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council – 7 July
- Plans Scrutiny – 28 July
- Plans Scrutiny – 18 August

15/049 Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The final draft of the library service review would be ready on Friday and would be live on the website on Monday 14th at 5pm. This would go to Cabinet on the 22nd for a final decision. There would be a further public meeting in the Skelmanthorpe Library Building on the 16th.
- Budget discussions were on hold until after the Autumn Statement due out on the 2nd December. The Budget would be ready in February 2016.
- Following the library review, there would be a re-profiling of the Museum Service.
- The Local Plan was due out in October for consultation.
- A Ward Asset Review was to be undertaken ward by ward across Kirklees, which would be very time consuming as it would cover all 23 wards.
- Cllr Turner had been involved in a working party to work with Town and Parish Councils, an initial meeting had been attended by Cllrs Cook and Jewitt.
- Cllr Turner had also recently met with the Security Minister regarding 'Prevent Strategic' which aimed to prevent the radicalisation of young people.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/050 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/051 Clerk's Report

- Denby Dale Station – Cllr Depledge advised she had not received any response from Naylors and would write to them again shortly.
- Land at Upper Cumberworth – Cllr Cook would pursue this.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/052 Community Grant Application-St Augustine's Church.

RESOLVED not to award the grant for security fencing.

15/053 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook reported that the agenda and previous minutes had been circulated. From March 2016, the Streetscene Action Team will be disbanded. Cllr Brook and Andy Wickham would be meeting with Rob Dalby to discuss how the Walkers are Welcome Group could assist with footpath maintenance.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/054 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that there would be Heritage National Open Days from Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 September, which included the Quaker Meeting House at High Flatts and the Textile Museum in Skelmanthorpe. The Friends of the Textile Museum now had a formal right to occupy the premises and could therefore continue to open the museum to groups.

The new EPIP programme would begin in the Autumn with only large grants available of between £5,000 and £40,000 for various initiatives. An open meeting of the local EPIP would be held on the 30 September at the Foresters in Lower Cumberworth.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/055 Churchfield Update and item 15: Skelmanthorpe Library Building taken together.

Cllr Cook reported that unfortunately, neither the Asset Transfer document for the library building nor the Lease Agreement for Churchfields had been received in time for the meeting. The Council's solicitor had advised we should be in receipt of them within 14 days. Therefore it was proposed that, in accordance with Standing Orders, that two councillors could sign both documents on receipt, witnessed by the Clerk, following the distribution of the documents by the Clerk to all council members.

- **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Standing Order 15 Execution and sealing of legal deeds: *a) A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the council unless authorised by a resolution. Subject to standing order 15(a) above, any two councillors may sign, on behalf of the council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.* The Asset Transfer documentation and Lease Agreement would be signed on receipt by the Chairman Cllr Cook and Vice Chairman Cllr Jewitt and be witnessed by the Clerk, C Wadsworth, following the distribution of both documents to the full council. (Using the powers provided under the Local Government Act 1972 s133 and Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 s25 as amended by the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 respectively.)

15/056 Rural District Committee Update

Cllr Blanshard reported that she had attended a meeting on 30 July where various issues had been discussed:

- Community Safety Partnership between the council and police showed that Denby Dale Ward crime statistics were relatively low.
- Public Space Protection Order had been discussed which looked at drinking/dog fouling etc
- The Unclassified Roads budget had been discussed.
- Kirklees would be giving 10% of a government grant, the New Homes Bonus, to the RDC to spend on funding new homes.

15/057 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Dodds had circulated a written report which was tabled.

- Zubarah Construction Ltd had been accepted to build the single storey community building.
- Demolition would commence on 29 September of the library, with the new building hopefully ready for occupation in Feb/March 2016.
- In the interim, a mobile library service would be provided.
- A public meeting would be held in late September to publicise the plans.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/058 Joint meeting with Parish/Town Councils and DNA Trace Solutions

Following an invitation from Mirfield Town Council it was agreed that further information would be useful on the use of Smart Water to aid detection of stone thefts.

RESOLVED to accept the offer to attend a joint meeting. Subject to the date of the meeting, Cllr Depledge offered to attend.

15/059 Matters Raised by Councillors

Bench at Sunnybank – Cllr Turner stated that during a planned refurbishment of the play area, the benches would also be reviewed.

Dropped Kerbs, greens, Upper Denby – Cllr Cook reported the request from residents regarding this however it was agreed that it was unlikely that Kirklees Council would deal with such a request on a small area. Cllr Turner agreed to speak to the relevant officer.

Shelley College Parking – Cllr Turner agreed to speak with Inspector Trueman again on this issue, but stated that it would be unlikely for any action to be undertaken as the majority of the vehicles were legally parked, and due to the reduction in front line traffic officers.

Children playing on Emley War Memorial – Cllr Cassidy agreed to raise this issue with the school, as a school governor.

Adoption of public areas by volunteers – Cllr Waites suggested that the council encourage the adoption of small areas and encourage and support more volunteer groups. It was suggested this could be raised at the next meeting to be attended by Andy Wickham.

Over-hanging branches – Cllr Turner agreed to check current legislation and report back

Churchfield Litterbin – Cllr Turner reported that Highways had agreed they would empty a bin if placed near enough to the highway. **RESOLVED** that a bin be purchased for this site.

Proposed new bin collection and new rules – Cllr Hardy asked if the rules on weight of the bin had changed. Cllr Turner reported that the rules remained the same, the maximum weight was 14 stone. Only the dates may change in some areas in order to streamline collection following the development of many new estates over the years. He also stated that there were no plans to reinstate glass collection boxes.

Proposed Chemist at Clayton West – **RESOLVED** that the council could not support an individual business concern but could consider it within the normal planning process when it arose.

15/060 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 637 be approved for payment, totalling £950.63.
- Churchfields: **RESOLVED** to accept the report from the Clerk on the additional spend on solicitor for Churchfields lease of £209.40 for drainage search fee.
- Annual Audit: **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's report on the annual external audit.
- Budget Outturn: **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's report on the budget outturn.

15/061 October Council Meeting Items:

- Public Health: Denby Dale Surgery (*Cllr Denby*)
- Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (*Cllr Denby*)
- PCSO loss (*Cllr Denby*)

15/062 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 September
- Full Council – 6 October

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CHAIRMAN