

**Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 October 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs John Cook, Bev Rushforth, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, Jamie Summers, Graham Turner, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites, William Jewitt, Cynthia Naylor, Jim Dodds, Stephen Slater, Stephen Kinchin, Mark Fahey and Claire Rimmer

**Members Apologies:** Cllrs Michael Watson and Tim Bennett

**In attendance:** Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

**12/299 Chair's Opening Remarks**

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

**12/300 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

**12/301 Open Session**

David Newby attended the meeting to speak about Neighbourhood Planning.

Helen France, representing SCAN/SOS spoke about Neighbourhood Plans and requested that the Council re-address the issue.

Julie Maxwell stated that she had been informed that the Council had not commented on the proposed wind turbine at Hey Side Farm. The Chairman stated that the Plans Scrutiny Committee had returned objections to Kirklees Council on the planning application and the Clerk confirmed that the details had been sent to Julie Maxwell. Cllr Dodds made mention of the number of applications for large wind turbine applications that the council are receiving and mentioned the need for all these various action groups to combine to put forward a united front against the applications in general.

**12/302 Apologies**

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllr Michael Watson and Cllr Tim Bennett

**RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

**12/303 Admission of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that no items needed to be taken in private.

**12/304 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council 3 September 2013
- Plans Scrutiny 27 August 2013

**12/305 Neighbourhood Plans (brought forward)**

Cllr Brook spoke to the meeting on the background to the Council's decision not to pursue producing a Neighbourhood Plan in January 2013. It had been decided then to review this decision when the Local Development Framework was in place. The LDF was still on-going.

**RESOLVED** that a working party would re-convene to review Neighbourhood Planning.

**12/306 Council Meeting Attendance (brought forward)**

**RESOLVED** that names would now be typed up on the signing in sheet, in alphabetical order, and this would be signed at the beginning of each meeting.

**12/307 Report from the Ward Councillors**

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report including:

- The official Kirklees Budget briefing has been released.
- Redrow have now submitted an appeal regarding Pilling Lane.
- Denby Dale Community Project has applied for charitable status, and now has 7 trustees.
- The Skatepark in Skelmanthorpe has been completed and the opening by the Mayor is at 4pm on 18 October. A further request was made for a donation from the council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report including:

- The need to monitor the Redrow appeal.
- Harsh decisions and serious cuts to be made by Kirklees Council. There is a need for communities to look at raising funds as Kirklees will be focusing on core requirements. 'Time to Talk' will be giving feedback on this.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

**RESOLVED** that a donation to the Skatepark be added to the F&G Purposes Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

### **12/308 Report from Countryside Officer**

Andy Wickham provided a written report. Councillors requested to tour some of the completed projects. It was also requested that the report should be passed to the Editor of the Examiner.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk request that Andy send his report to the Examiner.

### **12/309 Clerks Report**

The Clerk provided a written report.

Cllr Rushforth stated she had emailed Naylor regarding Land at Wood Lane requesting a meeting but to date had not received a reply.

Cllr Rimmer stated she had no response to her emails regarding Land at Upper Cumberworth

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

### **12/310 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Cook had not been informed of any meeting being held.

### **12/311 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook gave a report on the Heritage Working Party. As part of the National Heritage days last month the Textile Museum had been opened and received 120 visitors, and the Friends Meeting House had been pleased with attendance.

Cllr Brook reported that EPIP was coming to the end of its current programme and had applied for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Defra had offered £35,000 to retain staff through 2014 to prepare for the next programme commencing January 2015. This would have a focus on economic growth.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/312 Churchfield Allotments**

The Chairman read the report on Churchfields from the Countryside Officer's report, suggesting Option 2 as the best option. It was also suggested that a working group be established and arrange a meeting to take this forward, and who would work with the 'Friends of Churchfield'.

**RESOLVED** that Option 2 would be used for the allotment project.

**RESOLVED** that the Working Group would consist of Graham Turner, Richard Brook, John Cook, Claire Rimmer, Cynthia Naylor and Kelvyn Waites.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk keep the Friends updated of this progress.

### **12/313 Broadband Update**

Cllr Brook informed the meeting that the bid was progressing and that Defra had endorsed the expression of interest. Conditions had been made by defra, including that Kirklees Council agree to being the accountable body. Kirklees had replied to this condition on 22 September. He recommended that the council express our agreement to Kirklees being the accountable body, and that the consultants, Grey Sky, be retained for Stage 2 of the bid. The consultants costs had escalated from £8000 to £23,250, due to procedural changes, however we would still only be committed to £4000 of this.

### **12/314 Green Hollows Planner**

Kevin Walton, Senior Planner – Development Management was unable to attend the meeting. He had, however, provided a written update (tabled).  
**RESOLVED** that the update be received.

**12/315 Matters raised by Councillors**

Litterbins in Parish – suggested sites were suggested for the provision of further bins: one at Upper Cumberworth, two at Birdsedge, one in the car park in Denby Dale (to replace damaged bin) and one at Victoria Street in Clayton West.

Council Meeting Attendance – this item was brought forward.

Confidentiality of Emails – the use of a confidentiality signature was discussed, however it was not agreed to use a disclaimer on emails.

Remembrance Day Arrangements –

**RESOLVED** that wreaths would be laid as follows:

Clayton West – Cllr Jewitt

Emley – Cllr Bennett or Cllr Shaw

Scissett – Cllr Waites

Skelmanthorpe – Cllr Summers and Cllr Hinde King

Denby Dale – Cllr Cook

Birdsedge – Cllr Slater or Cllr Turner

**RESOLVED** that the payment to The Royal British Legion remains as last year, £102.00 plus £10.00 donation totalling £112.00

**12/316 Conferences/Training**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Shaw attend the YLCA Conference at York on 16 November at a cost of £80.

**12/317 Finance Matters**

**RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.589 be approved for payment, totalling £1165.00.

**12/318 November Council Meeting**

No agenda items were received

**12/319 Date of next meetings:**

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 22 October
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 29 October
- Full Council Meeting – 5 November

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CHAIRMAN