

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

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

**Members Apologies:** Cllrs Michael Watson, Tim Bennett and Jim Dodds

**In attendance:** Jessica Jubb (Clerk to the Council)

### **12/187 Declaration of Councillors' Interests**

Cllr Richard Brook declared that he was a trustee of the Denby Dale Centre.

### **12/188 Open Session**

Mr Nursy attended the meeting to report the issue of cars parking on Manor Drive, Skelmanthorpe. He reported that the number of cars made it difficult for residents to pull out of their drives safely. **RESOLVED** that this issue would be raised with the traffic warden and Kirklees Council.

Mr Bedows spoke regarding Kirklees Council's letter to rent payers, asking them to pay their rent via direct debit. Cllr Turner confirmed that payment by direct debit was not compulsory but it was being encouraged to keep administrative costs down.

Mr Scott spoke in support of the scout group grant application.

### **12/189 Apologies**

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllrs Jim Dodds, Tim Bennett and Michael Watson. **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

### **12/190 Admission of the Public**

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

### **12/191 Report from the Police**

There was no report from the police. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the Police Commissioner Mark Burns-Williamson to raise concern over the way crimes are reported locally.

### **12/192 Report from the Ward Councillor**

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The planning applications for the land at the piggeries and the open cast mining, would be discussed at the 11 April meeting.
- The budget for 2014/15 was being discussed by Kirklees Council who needed to make savings of £120-£125 million pounds.
- The discussions re the future of the Denby Dale Library are still ongoing.
- Kirklees Council are looking at an alternative supplier to BT to try to resolve the lack of broadband in some areas.
- The restoration of the Emley Cross is ongoing.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/193 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- 5 March - Full Council
- 26 March - Plans Scrutiny Committee

### **12/194 Report from the Police**

There was no report from the police.

**12/195 Report from Countryside Officer**

Andy Wickham provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**12/196 Clerks Report**

The Clerk provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would chase Kirklees Planning Officers regarding the Green Hallows planning issues, close the item on Yorkshire Water and request a meeting with Naylor's regarding car parking at Denby Dale station.

**12/197 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

There hadn't been a meeting of the Forum since the last meeting.

**12/198 Report back from First Bus Company Consultation meeting**

Cllr Kelvyn Waites and Cllr Alan Hinde-King attended a consultation meeting held by First Bus regarding bus services in Kirklees. Cllr Waites said the event was a PR exercise so there was very little he could report.

**12/199 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that a new local history book was ready in draft and would go to print shortly. The accounts of the HWP would be submitted to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee on 29 April 2013. The Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Museum would hold its first AGM on 22 April. There was nothing to report with regards to EPIP.

**12/200 Matters raised by Councillors**

**Non-attendance at meetings** – It was agreed to include attendance figures with the full council meeting papers.

**Church Fields** – Cllr Turner said that he and Andy Wickham the Countryside Officer, were developing plans and recommendations for the site at Church Fields. A public meeting would be held to discuss those plans and to develop a group to take forward the project.

**Litterbin** – **RESOLVED** that a new parish council style litter bin be purchased to go at the top of Elm Street.

**Update on Denby Dale library** – Cllr Brook said discussions were ongoing about possible tenants for the building and how big the building should be to accommodate all the proposed activities. **RESOLVED** that the library be added to the Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda for April.

**Litter** – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the fast food outlets in Skelmanthorpe asking the proprietors to make provision to reduce waste.

**Dog fouling** – **RESOLVED** that the parish council should not spend money on additional dog fouling signage in the parish.

**Allotments at piggeries** – **RESOLVED** that the parish council would wait and see what the outcome of the existing planning application was on the site before discussing approaching the landowner about possible allotment land.

**Map Board** – **RESOLVED** that the parish council did not wish to undertake maintenance of a map board in Skelmanthorpe village.

**12/201 Finance Matters**

**RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.579 be approved for payment, totalling £3,073.26.

**RESOLVED** that the grant application from 7<sup>th</sup> Huddersfield Clayton West Scout Group, totalling £5,000.00 be approved. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

**RESOLVED** that £400 be granted to each local school for a special project, totalling £4,800.00 in total.

**RESOLVED** that the draft newsletter submitted to the meeting, be agreed and sent to print.

**RESOLVED** that the draft terms of reference for the staffing committee be approved and that the staffing committee would have the power to interview and appoint the new Clerk.

The Clerk highlighted that payments to HMRC now have to be made in 'real time' which means payments and forms are submitted monthly from April 2013.

**Date of next meetings:**

- Finance and General Purposes – 29 April 2013 – 7.00pm
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 April 2013 – 7.00pm
- ACM and APM – 14 May 2013 – 7.00pm

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CHAIRMAN