

**Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 December 2014 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: William Jewitt, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Eric Wrench, John Cook, Cynthia Naylor, Claire Rimmer, Richard Brook, Michael Watson, Graham Turner, Kelvyn Waites, Lynn Hardy, Eddie Shaw, Jamie Summers, Jim Dodds and Stuart Merry.

**Members Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs: Ray Gott and Steven Slater  
**In attendance:** Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

**12/ 546 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Kelvyn Waites welcomed the Councillors, three PCSO's and members of the public to the meeting.

**12/547 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**12/548 Open Session**

Jegs Morris, on behalf of the Friends of Churchfield, spoke in favour of allocating the Churchfield allotments to local residents due to the problems with traffic and parking, and as it would be more sustainable for the site.

**12/549 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Ray Gott and Steven Slater.

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

**12/550 Admission of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that Item 8 should exclude the public.

**12/551 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- Full Council Meeting – 4 November
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 November (as amended)

**12/552 Report from the Police**

The three PCSO's reported on thefts from garages and vehicles which had resulted in arrests and an individual being questioned. Issues around parking in Emley and scrap metal dealers and were raised by councillors.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

(Cllrs Rimmer and Dodds arrived)

**12/553 Churchfield Update (item brought forward)**

A discussion was held around allotment allocation at the Churchfield allotment site, which was a sensitive site. An amendment was put forward to the motion raised by Cllr Brook by Cllr Rimmer, which was voted on. Cllr Rimmer wished it noted that though she was on the list of applicants, she would not take up any offer.

**RESOLVED** that a full list of parish residents who have applied for an allotment be drawn up (and the evidence approved by the council if necessary) so that they can be offered the opportunity for an allotment at Churchfields in chronological order of their application. Any left-over allotments could be offered by ballot thereafter.

**12/554 Vacancy in the Denby Dale and Cumberworth Ward: Co-option**

**RESOLVED** that Mrs Janet Depledge be co-opted to the Council.

**12/555 Vacancy in the Clayton West Ward**

**RESOLVED** that the council proceed with co-option procedures to fill the vacancy.

### **12/556 Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Jim Dodds gave a verbal report:

- There were still difficulties within Kirklees around the budget which had not yet been finalised.
- Cllr Dodds informed the council that he had been selected as the next Deputy Mayor of Kirklees

**RESOLVED** that the council's congratulations be given to Cllr Dodds on his appointment.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

Cllr Graham Turner gave a verbal report:

- Leading members and groups were looking at the budget line by line.
- Work was going ahead on looking at libraries in the area.
- Local Plan Engagement was underway and it was important for the council and individuals to comment on this. Over 2,000 responses so far, highest level of engagement yet.
- Cllr Turner attended a successful new statutory planning committee meeting.
- A two year pay deal had been secured.
- Cllr Turner advised Cllr Waites that the issue of flooding in the Scissett Middle School bus bay was in hand.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/557 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.**

Cllr Turner advised he had attended the Don Valley presentation which had been very interesting.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given to Andy for his continued good work.

### **12/558 Clerk's Report**

- The Clerk was asked to ask former Cllr Rushforth for any information she had regarding Denby Dale Station.
- Cllr Dodds advised that he was speaking to a metal worker regarding the Denby Dale Pie Dish and would report back.
- Cllr Turner advised that a repair order had been issued for the sign damaged in Denby Dale.
- Cllr Brook advised that a Public Rights of Way meeting had been set up, and the Chairman asked for anyone wishing to join to inform the Clerk.
- Cllr Dodds reported that a meeting had been arranged regarding banking issues at Denby Dale with the resident and the Business Manager.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/559 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Brook reported that he would be attending a meeting next week.

### **12/560 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that the family of the late Leslie Robinson were interested in selling the Heritage Textile Museum. The friends of the Museum would be looking into re-constituting itself so that it could apply for grant aid. An extra-ordinary general meeting was to be held on Monday at 7.30 at the Savoy which was open to the public.

Cllr Brook reported that EPIP had been successful in its bid for the next Leader programme, however this fund had been significantly cut. The emphasis of this programme would be economic growth.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/561 City Fibre**

Cllr Turner reported that City Fibre had been launched last month. A core network would be initially installed. If demand were proved to the contractors, this would be spread further afield however it was important to demonstrate a demand. Cllr Dodds advised he would be attending a

meeting on 10 December with the managing director of City Fibre to look at how to co-ordinate an attempt to show demand.

#### **12/562 Rural District Committee Update**

Cllr Flinders reported back from the meeting where there had been a presentation on gritting from Highways and a report on devolution.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12/563 Local Plan Early Engagement Consultation**

**RESOLVED** that the council recommended Approach 1 from the report.

#### **12/564 Skelmanthorpe Library Building**

Cllr Jewitt gave a report on an initial survey he undertook of the building on the request of the Working Group, which recommended a full survey be undertaken. It was possible that this could be funded by a Kirklees/Locality grant, however it was felt that money should be made available in case this wasn't possible.

**RESOLVED** that the working group obtain the best value quote available in order to undertake a full survey of the library building, viring money from the Community Grant fund with the aim of proceeding as quickly as possible.

#### **12/565 Denby Dale Community Project Update**

- Cllr Dodds reported that the project had been accepted by the Big Lottery Fund and an officer had been allocated to assist with the phase 2 bid.
- Work was being done on the asset transfer with Kirklees which would hopefully be complete by the end of January 2015.
- A grant had been obtained from Locality to undertake a survey.
- A Christmas raffle was being organised with tickets available from Cllr Brook.

#### **12/566 Barnsley Plan**

**RESOLVED** That there were no objections to this plan.

#### **12/567 Matters Raised by Councillors**

Christmas tree at the Christmas Tree Festival – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Merry organise a tree for this event assisted by the Clerk.

Replacement Bin in Scissett – **RESOLVED** that a replacement bin be provided outside 185 Wakefield Road, Scissett.

YLCA Report – **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12/568 Finance Matters**

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.618 be approved for payment, totalling £1,483.29.

**RESOLVED** that the pay increase for the Clerk be noted.

#### **12/569 January Council Meeting – No further agenda items received.**

#### **12/570 Date of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 16 December
- Full Council Meeting – 6 January 2015
- Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting – 20 January 2015

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CHAIRMAN