

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 February 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: William Jewitt, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, , Cynthia Naylor, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Kelvyn Waites, Lynn Hardy, Michael Watson, John Cook, Jamie Summers, Ray Gott, Janet Depledge and Stuart Merry.

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs: Jim Dodds, Eric Wrench, Claire Rimmer, Eddie Shaw and Steven Slater

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/ 592 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and members of the public to the meeting, and reminded all about the upcoming Local Elections on 7 May.

12/593 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/594 Open Session

Louis from the Youth Council asked about the progress of the Taylor Hill Wind Turbine planning application. This was yet to go to the Heavy Woollen Committee for consideration.

12/595 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Jim Dodds, Eric Wrench, Claire Rimmer, Eddie Shaw and Steven Slater.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/596 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that the public should be excluded from the discussion around item 7: Co-option to the council.

12/597 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council – 6 January
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 20 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 January

12/598 Vacancy in the Clayton West Ward Co-option

RESOLVED That for confidentiality reasons the discussion and vote should exclude the public.

RESOLVED that Susan Hellewell be co-opted to the Council and would sit on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

12/599 Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Kirklees were in the final phase of budget discussions, to be decided on 18 February. Proposals were available on line this week and next week.
- The consultation on school transport policy would be starting shortly.
- Asset Transfer programme is on-going.
- Asset disposal of land was also on-going.
- The Library Consultation had started on the 19 January and would go on for 12 weeks, however due to the May elections, results would be available later in May.
- There was to be a National Student Registration Day on Thursday to encourage students to register to vote.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/600 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.

It was highlighted that Andy and the volunteers from Cummins had put a lot of effort in around the parish. Cllr Jewitt mentioned positive feedback from members of the public concerning Cliffe Woods and the Millennium Green, Clayton West. Any suggestions for new projects should be fed to Andy Wickham. Cllr Turner commented that Corporate Social Responsibility was hopefully to be expanded across Kirklees with other companies.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/601 Clerk's Report

- Denby Dale Station - It was agreed that councillors would meet with Cllr Depledge to assist her to take on work on car parking at Denby Dale Station. It was acknowledged that this needed to be done sensitively, with communication being re-established following the previous councillors resignation.
- Land at Upper Cumberworth – due to illness this had not been progressed.
- Emley Traffic Issues –Cllr Turner had provided traffic accident report for Emley.
- Pie Dish, Gilthwaites School – Cllr Waites stated there had been some interest from an amateur gardening magazine.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/602 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook reported that no meeting had been held since the last Full Council meeting.

12/603 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook stated that the reprint for the Bagden Hall book had been done and that Bagden Hall hotel had purchased a dozen copies, and would be ordering another dozen shortly. There had been some progress regarding the Textile Heritage Museum, with a valuation being provided to the 'Friends Of' group. There had also been contact regarding further archives which had been held by Leslie Robinson.

It was requested that the Clerk arrange dates for a meeting of the Heritage Working Group. Cllr Brook stated there was no further information available regarding the amount to be awarded by Defra to EPIP as the appeals process was still on-going.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/604 Churchfield Update

Cllr Turner informed the group that the Certificate of Lawful Development had now been approved for the Churchfield allotment site.

A proposal was made that the solicitors remit be increased to include completing the lease agreement as well as registering the lease with land registry.

RESOLVED that the solicitor's remit include completing the lease agreement as well as registering the lease with land registry. Funds to be drawn from the allotment budget, using the power Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 s25 as amended by Acquisition of Land Act 1981).

12/605 Rural District Committee Update

Cllr Brook had attended one meeting where there had been further discussion around devolution. Cllr Turner stated there was a budget meeting on the 18 February where this would be discussed further. Cllr Brook asked the Clerk to follow up on the consultation response to Kirklees council regarding devolution as per last month's Full Council decision.

12/606 Skelmanthorpe Library Building

Cllr Brook stated that the working party had met on Thursday and that Cllr Jewitt had obtained three quotes, with one now having been accepted and the structural survey completed. A proposal was put forward to allow the Clerk to obtain a quote and retain a solicitor to assess the completed Asset Transfer document when available. Cllr Flinders requested an amendment to the proposal to include sourcing a quote for the insurance for the building when this became applicable.

RESOLVED that a quote be obtained by the Clerk to retain a solicitor to assess the completed Asset Transfer document and for the Clerk to obtain a suitable quote for the insurance of the

building, with funds to be drawn from the Community Grant Fund if this financial year, or the Library building budget if next financial year, using the power Local Government Act 1972 s133.

Cllr Watson requested the Clerk investigate the right to use the car park at the next meeting with Sally Beaumont from Kirklees Council.

12/607 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Dodds had submitted a written update in his absence:

- Phase two application had been submitted to the Big Lottery and the project are confident of a positive result.
- A solicitor has now been employed to finalise the Asset Transfer and produce two lease documents for the tenants, Denby Dale Centre and Kirkwood Hospice.

12/608 Discussion on Dog Fouling issues.

Cllr Jewitt spoke to the meeting regarding the information he had brought from Scarborough Borough Council and Filey Town Council, who had included information in their newsletter with contact details for the Dog Warden. Various options on this issue were put forward by councillors:

- Involvement of local schools to encourage children and parents to report on incidents
- Dog waste could be disposed of in normal bins as long as bagged up
- Need to educate people that this is a criminal offence.
- The importance of members of the public reporting/taking photographs of this crime to the dog warden who would act on information received and would treat it in the strictest of confidence.
- A full write up for inclusion in the Parish Council newsletter as per the Filey Town Council example, with an overprint provided to the Clerk for councillors to take to areas who don't receive the newsletter.

12/609 Discussion on Electronic Summons

It was agreed that any councillors who were happy to receive the agenda and papers for meetings by email only should email the Clerk to inform her of this.

12/610 Matters Raised by Councillors

Damage at Quaker House – Cllr Cook had been requested to provide a camera to observe this anti-social behaviour but this was not possible.

Removed signs at Firth Lane – Cllr Turner agreed to follow up the work order requesting the removal to find out why this had been done.

Gritting – Cllr Hardy informed the council that she had received more complaints and requested more grit bins. Cllr Turner informed the meeting that the current policy of Kirklees was not to provide any further grit bins, and that gritting would still continue on priority routes.

Double Yellow Lines, Emley – it was suggested that the council asked Kirklees to provide double yellow lines at the junction of Church Street/School Lane and on Upper Lane, however following discussion, it appeared that lack of enforcement of the existing school markings proved to be the issue, and that if members of the public took details of any vehicles parking illegally and passed them to the police, eventually this behaviour could be controlled.

12/611 Finance Matters

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.623 be approved for payment, totalling £1,864.15

Precept– **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2015/2016 would be £189,170.00.

12/612 March Council Meeting Items: no items were received.

12/613 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 February
- Full Council – 3 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 March

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CHAIRMAN