

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

Members Present: Cllrs: William Jewitt, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Kelvyn Waites, Michael Watson, John Cook, Eric Wrench, Jim Dodds, Ray Gott, Janet Depledge, Eddie Shaw, and Susan Hellewell.

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs: Steven Slater, Jamie Summers, Lynn Hardy, Stuart Merry, Cynthia Naylor. Cllr Claire Rimmer submitted late apologies.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/ 614 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.

12/615 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/616 Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

12/617 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Steven Slater, Jamie Summers, Lynn Hardy, Stuart Merry, Cynthia Naylor (Cllr Claire Rimmer submitted late apologies)

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/618 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/619 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council – 3 February
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 February

12/620 Report from the Police

.PS Hayley Marsland, the Rural Support Sergeant, gave a verbal report on local crimes including:

- 2 robberies in Emley (two arrests made) and Bagden Hall
- A reduction in burglaries overall since the new year
- The set up of 'Rural Watch' to allow reporting of crimes especially in areas such as Emley and Upper Denby where stables were broken into
- Arson attack on a car in Skelmanthorpe
- A recruitment drive for Special Constables
- The revision of Contact Centres. From 1 April these will cease and social media will be trialled instead, along with police attending local events
- Funding received for electric bikes, which may be trialled in the area
- PS Marsland was also informed of parking issues in Emley and Scissett and would deploy staff there

12/621 Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Ward Councillors had attended an unsatisfactory council budget meeting two weeks ago where it was very unclear how the budget had been voted upon.
- The wind turbine at Taylor Hill application had been deemed invalid as the correct consultation process had not been followed.
- Ward Councillors had met with Education heads to discuss the impact of Redrow application in Scissett on local schools. The role of S106 agreements were discussed.

- Cllr Dodds had attended the Digichamps Conference to look at broadband options.
- Pie Dish at Gilthwaites had been assessed by a metal worker who had quoted £720 for repairs in-situ. Cllr Dodds had spoken to Andy Wickham and Gilthwaites School head teacher regarding re-siting it on a plinth.
- Four WW1 graves in Upper Cumberworth required volunteers to maintain them now the attendant was unable to continue, Cllr Dodds had spoken to Andy Wickham and Cumberworth School.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- There was still a huge short-fall in the budget so there would be further service reductions/cut-backs.
- Cllr Turner was working with libraries and had visited all of North Kirklees to meet with staff, and would visit the rest in the coming week. He would also be meeting with portfolio holders in York to see how community trusts were working there. The consultation was still on-going, with approx 3,000 responses so far. The next stage would be meeting with Museum Services to see how these could be taken forward.
- The review on faith based school transport was on-going.
- Work on the Local Plan was on-going.

12/622 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.

Cllr Waites noted work on Churchfield site and the Corporate Responsibility Programme and asked that Andy and the volunteers be thanked for their work.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/623 Clerk's Report

- Denby Dale Station – Cllr Brook stated that following the resignation of Cllr Rushworth, and bearing in mind the forthcoming elections, it would be wise for continuities sake for the Clerk to establish and maintain contact with Naylor's, who had now included a possible area for wildlife to be included in discussions. It was noted that Naylor's had a strong environmental interest.
- Land at Upper Cumberworth – Cllr Cook to arrange a meeting with the farmer.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/624 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

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

12/625 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook stated that attempts by the 'Friends of' group to purchase the heritage centre were continuing. Leslie Robinson had also held archives at his home and it had been agreed by the library and Clerk that if the family wished they could be stored in the council offices. Cllr Waites stated that the Friends of the Heritage Centre had been asked to join a larger consortium of Friends Groups which would be beneficial.

Cllr Brook stated that the next EPIP programme was not yet underway, however the EPIP area had been awarded between £1.3 and £1.4 Million over a five year period, about half awarded for the last programme. There were some concerns about groups applying only being awarded 40% of a project cost and how they would raise the balance. Cllr Brook stated that a further Walking Festival would be held in June from the 13th to the 21st.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/626 Churchfield Update

This was covered in the Countryside Officer's report.

12/627 Rural District Committee Update

Cllr Depledge advised she was unable to attend day-time meetings. No other councillors requested to attend these meetings with Cllr Brook.

12/628 Skelmanthorpe Library Building

Cllr Brook stated that a timetable was in place to report to this meeting, with as much detail to be finalised as possible for the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 17 March, and a final proposal to be put before the 7 April Full Council meeting to take over the asset.

RESOLVED that re-build costs could be included in the insurance quote using power Local Government Act 1972 s.133 from Community Grant Fund if this year, Library Building Fund if next financial year.

RESOLVED that the report on the asset transfer provided by the Working Party be accepted and progressed as detailed (see attached).

12/629 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Phase two application for the Big Lottery Fund had been submitted
- The asset transfer was being dealt with by solicitors
- Unfortunately the DDCP would be liable for utilities
- 2 lease agreements were being drawn up for tenants
- £5,000 had been secured from Locality to assist with the asset transfer

12/630 Matters Raised by Councillors

Denby Dale Lions/Churchfields – **RESOLVED** that the parish council fully support the Lions request for a marquee on Churchfields for the Tour de Yorkshire, but that the land still was in the ownership of Kirklees Council therefore the Lions must request permission from them.

Castle Hill Ancient Monument – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk wrote expressing the council's dismay over the damage to this area and requesting further assistance from the district council.

12/631 Finance Matters

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.625 be approved for payment, totalling £500.00

12/632 April Council Meeting Items:

- Litterbins at Emley Church (Cllr Shaw)

12/633 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 March

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN