

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 July 2018 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Ray Gott, Eddie Shaw, Janet Depledge, Neil Denby, Kelvyn Waites, Stuart Merry, Cynthia Naylor, Neil Denby, Jamie Summers, John Cook, Neil Gemmell and Maggie Blanshard

16/708 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

16/709 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest

16/710 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

16/711 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jewitt, Hellewell, Hardy, Wood & Slater

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/712 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/713 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 5 June

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 12 June

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 May

16/714 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report

- The Council had received a letter from the Planning Inspector with requests to remove 2 large employer sites from the Clayton West area, no mineral report received as yet. Kirklees would be able to produce a full report shortly. Public consultations would be held on the rejections to go to Full Council in January. No major changes for this ward. This was a positive move forward on planning policy.
- The Bin men strike was going ahead despite negotiations being held, this affects Unison only in South Kirklees.
- Good progress was being made in Children's Services, allowing for the post of Director of Children's Service to be advertised. Kirklees were optimistic of a positive report following next week's Ofsted visit.
- Cllr Turner referred to the Emergency Order in place due to the heat wave and fire incidents.
- Financial End of Year accounts had been agreed by Cabinet and would go to Full Council on Thursday, with a four-star award being made to Kirklees IT.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/715 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his tabled report. He noted that he had not seen any issue with Ragwort at Churchfields, as per his previous report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/716 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report.

- Clerk to pass details of Highways Officer to Cllr Turner re: Shelley Woodhouse path, to follow this issue up. Cllr Turner noted that the issue of the bus stop at Emley was under review with plans being put forward to make it safer.

- Lane near school in Clayton West. Cllr Cook agreed to approach the school to speak to them about child safety on this area, as railings here would not be practical.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/717 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 712 be approved for payment, totalling £1503.22
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for July 2018.
- Kayes First & Nursery Schools Application: **RESOLVED** that Kayes First & Nursery School be awarded a grant for £500 for a 'pot to plate' project using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Training: **RESOLVED** to approve Cllr Gott's training 'Finance & Budgeting' with YLCA at a cost of £45.

16/718 GDPR Compliance

Cllr Gott noted that clearance of the loft had commenced, with a small amount of information being retained due to historic interest, the earliest records found being from 1941.

16/719 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Pigs in Scissett Woods: Cllr Denby stated he had received many enquiries as to the nature of this, and questions around insurance, planning applications, highways safety, coach trips at the site, signage, charitable/business status. Cllr Turner agreed to speak to the police again around highways issues and parking, and would bring to their attention the coach which had been seen there. He also stated he would enquire about the planning applications and licensing agreements on the site, and check that signage was there legally. He stated that all planning applications had been over-ruled by Bristol, having been refused by Kirklees.
- YLCA temporary membership and report: Cllr Shaw spoke to his report. **RESOLVED** that until Cllr Jewitt was able to re-commence, that Cllr Depledge would attend YLCA meetings as a voting member with Cllr Shaw.
- U3A addition to signage: **RESOLVED** that the Council agreed to liaise with the group on producing signage on the council building to promote their activities.
- Chairman's consort regalia update: Cllr Depledge proposed that this be updated as a 'ladies chain' was no longer suitable. Cllr Shaw proposed an amendment that the existing disc be retained and displayed for historic importance, and replaced with a blank disc. The amendment was voted on. **RESOLVED** that the existing chain be retained with the disc removed and replaced with a blank disc.
- Caretakers house at Denby Dale First School: Cllr Denby reported that a grant application was being prepared for support for a community woodland hub.
- Churchfields: Cllr Naylor tabled a report on the work of the Friends of Churchfields and pointed councillors to the Friends website. It was agreed a full discussion should be held on the management of this area.
- Road safety issues: as per Clerk's report
- Road Closure at Flockton: Cllr Kemp requested support from the council to have additional, clear diversion notices around Emley and highlighted the clash with Emley Show. **RESOLVED** that the council write to Kirklees to request additional signage.

16/720 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the archives website now had captioned photographs of Denby Dale. He informed councillors of the exhibition of woven hats in the IT room of the building, which had attracted 50 people to the opening. He also stated that the EPIP outdoors festival had received patchy support, with some walks having better attendance than others.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/721 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge informed councillors that her contact with Naylor had now left, so she was trying to get another contact to get information on the planning application on.
Cllr Waites stated that there had minor changes to the Sunday services.

16/722 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

No update other than the roofing works as per clerk's report.

16/723 September Council Meeting Items:

- Churchfields management discussion

16/724 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 July
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 August
- Full Council – 4 September

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CHAIRMAN