

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 September 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, William Jewitt, Michael Watson, Cynthia Naylor, Jim Dodds, Tim Bennett, Stephen Slater and Claire Rimmer

Members Apologies: Cllr Stephen Kinchin and Mark Fahey.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/278 Chair's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/279 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Rimmer declared an interest in Agenda item 12: Churchfield Site.

12/280 Open Session

Several members of the public were present at the meeting.

Duggs Carre from Kirklees Council spoke to the meeting about the second phase of 'It's Time to Talk' and the next phase of the Rural Community Broadband Bid.

Colin Dixon spoke in support of the Bromley Park Residents Association grant application.

Roy Griffin spoke in support of the grant application for St Nicholas Church.

Terry Rimmer spoke on behalf of a number of people who had previously requested allotments, and on the council's duties to provide allotments.

Gerald Morris spoke in favour of maintaining open green space at the Churchfield site.

12/281 Apologies

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllr Stephen Kinchin.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/282 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/283 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council 2 July 2013
- Finance & General Purposes 18 June 2013
- Plans Scrutiny 30 July 2013.

12/284 Churchfield Site (brought forward)

A discussion was held on the provision of allotments at the Churchfield site at Denby Dale. It was proposed by Cllr Brook that one third of the site be used as allotments, with the rest of the site being used as public open space, subject to a minimum 25 year lease from Kirklees Council. A named vote followed: For the proposal: Cllrs Brook, Turner, Rimmer, Shaw, Waites, Rushforth, Hardy, Pickford and Jewitt. Against: Cllrs Watson, Summers, Gott, Slater, Naylor and Dodds

RESOLVED that one third of the Churchfield site be developed as allotments, with the rest of the site to be used as public open space, subject to a minimum 25 year lease from Kirklees Council. (Using the power Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 ss23,25,26 and 42)

Cllr Dodds proposed that Option 4 (to do nothing) be put forward for the Churchfield site. A named vote was held: For the proposal: Cllrs Watson, Summers, Gott, Naylor, Slater, Bennett and Dodds. Against the proposal: Cllrs Brook, Rimmer, Shaw, Turner, Waites, Rushforth, Pickford, Hardy and Jewitt.

RESOLVED that the motion was defeated.

12/285 Grant Applications (brought forward)

Bromley Park Residents Association – **RESOLVED** that a grant of £2,000 be awarded to the Bromley Park Residents Association using the power Open Spaces Act 1906 s 10.

St Nicholas Church – **RESOLVED** that a grant of £1500 be awarded to St Nicholas Church using the power Local Government Act 1972 s 214.

12/286 Report from the Ward Councillors

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report on behalf of the ward councillors. He stated that the Birdsedge windturbine proposal had been rejected by Kirklees council planners. He advised of a meeting to be held on 18 September regarding the Local Development Framework. He also advised of the public appeal regarding Redrow, the piggeries.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/287 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham attended the meeting and provided a written report. He requested approval to approach probation services for use of labour if we were to work on footpath no.136.

RESOLVED that the Countryside Officer approach probation services for a team of labour if the Council takes over work on footpath no.136

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/288 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report. Cllr Rimmer provided an update on land at Upper Cumberworth. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

RESOLVED that Cllr Rushforth arrange a meeting with Naylor's to discuss land at Denby Dale Station

RESOLVED that the planning officer concerned with Green Hollows, High Flatts be invited to the next Full Council meeting to brief the council on the decisions made.

12/289 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

It was reported that the next meeting would take place on Monday 9 September.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/290 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook gave a report on the Heritage Working Party activity coming up. **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

12/291 Land at Wood Lane, Denby Dale.

RESOLVED that Cllr Rushforth speak with the Clerk to follow up the email from Naylor's.

12/292 Emley Show 2013 – Feedback

It was reported that there was some interest from the public on the day, however, it would be helpful if more councillors volunteered if we attended the event again. It was decided to vote nearer the time whether to attend next year's show. A vote of thanks went to Cllrs Shaw, Jewitt and Turner for their hard work on the day. It was reported that a member of the public was unhappy with the refusal to sell books at our stand on the day. The Clerk explained that there had not been a policy decision, but due to the late notification, it wouldn't be possible to organise this in terms of a float or checking Emley Show policy.

RESOLVED that the council would vote on whether to attend next year would be made nearer the time.

RESOLVED a vote of thanks was recorded for Cllrs Shaw, Jewitt and Turner for their hard work all day at the show.

12/293 Youth Engagement Project

RESOLVED that the request for funding for this project was refused on the grounds it was out of the area, and for an event already planned.

12/294 Matters raised by Councillors

Dog Bag Dispenser trial – it was generally felt that the trials had been successful and that the F&G Purpose Committee should look at funding possibilities for the provision of more bins. The clerk should also advertise them again in the newsletter.

RESOLVED this matter be referred to the F&G to look at funding for more bins.

RESOLVED that the clerk includes this in the next newsletter.

Sound Archive of Parish Council Meetings – it was proposed to trial these within the council.

RESOLVED that this proposal be rejected.

Litterbins in Parish – it was proposed that this item be moved to the next meeting with the councillors advising the clerk in the meantime of possible sites.

RESOLVED that the item be added to the agenda for the next Full Council meeting.

Funding for Footpath No. 136 – previously discussed and already on the agenda for the next F&G meeting.

12/295 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that there were no orders for payment.

12/296 September Council Meeting

RESOLVED Items for agenda were received as follows:

- Litterbins
- Green Hollows Planning Officer invitation to meeting

12/297 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 24 September
- Full Council Meeting – 1 October
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 22 October

12/298 Funding for Planning Training Event.

RESOLVED that the council meets the cost of a planned training event on the 10 October for Cllrs Shaw and Jewitt at a cost of £150 each, with travel arrangements shared between the two attendees to keep costs to a minimum.

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN