

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 February 2014 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs John Cook, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, Jamie Summers, Graham Turner, William Jewitt, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Claire Rimmer, Tim Bennett, Michael Watson, Stephen Slater, Polly Flinders and Jim Dodds

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Lynn Hardy, Bev Rushforth, S Kinchin, A Hinde King

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/387 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/388 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

This item was not addressed.

12/389 Open Session

No members of the public present wished to speak.

12/390 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy, Rushforth, Kinchin and Hinde King.

12/391 Admission of the Public

This item was not addressed.

12/392 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council 7 January
- Extraordinary Meeting of the Council 21 January
- F&G Purposes 21 January
- Plans Scrutiny 28 January

12/393 Broadband Update

Peter Butters from Kirklees Council gave an update on the Rural Community Broadband Fund.

- The expression of interest was submitted to Defra and was well received, however, new conditions and time constraints were attached which Kirklees Council could not meet. This has affected many other councils, with only one council getting to contract stage.
- It has therefore been decided that unfortunately, Kirklees Council are unable to pursue this scheme.
- There is to be a Government announcement next month about a new scheme which aims to extend Super Fast Broadband to areas that don't currently have access to it. Kirklees remain committed to considering the implications and opportunities this might present.
- In the short term, Kirklees will aim to try and help individuals, businesses and community groups with other options such as mobile or satellite.
- Concern was expressed by councillors about the amount of work undertaken locally and the amount of goodwill which could be lost. Peter hoped that the work done could be used in a new application to a new scheme.
- The Chairman expressed the council's thanks to Peter Butters, Richard Brook, Ray Gott and Eddie Shaw for all their work with the initiative.

12/394 Vacancy in Skelmanthorpe Ward: Co-option (item brought forward)

RESOLVED that Polly Ann Flinders be co-opted to the council. Ms Flinders would sit on the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

12/395 Report from the Ward Councillors

Graham Turner gave a verbal report:

- Work was on-going with the budget being finalised on the 20th February.
- A new leader of Kirklees Council would be appointed in early March.
- Suggestions were coming forward around the LDF.
- Much effort had been put in on the RCBF by Peter Butters.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Jim Dodds gave a verbal report:

- A vote would be taken shortly on the new leader of Kirklees Council.
- A new planning application was coming forward for 78 houses in Skelmanthorpe.
- Problems with the lack of a LDF affected hundreds of authorities; Kirklees is not unique in its issues.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/396 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Cllr Rimmer stated that she now had responses from both parties who had sheds on the land and she could now contact Wavin.

Graham Turner advised that there was a request for a site visit to be undertaken by the officer to Green Hollows.

Graham Turner also advised that he would chase up a response from Inspector Trueman regarding Emley traffic issues.

Correspondence: **RESOLVED** that Jim Dodds would try and find out what had happened to the defibrillator which had been in place at Scissett baths.

RESOLVED to invite Philip Coates to attend the next Full Council meeting with further information regarding a defibrillator.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/397 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/398 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Cook had received papers for the next meeting and would report back at next month's meeting.

12/399 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook stated that the HWP would be looking at undertaking an exhibition around some WW1 archives in a collection in Scissett. Cllr Brook provided a financial summary of EPIP Expenditure and reminded the council that there would be a repeat of the walking festival.

RESOLVED that the report be received and a vote of thanks given to Richard Brook for his work.

12/400 Neighbourhood Plans Update

No further meetings had taken place however it was re-iterated that the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan had not been refused, but would be considered when the LDF was in place.

12/401 Churchfield Allotments Update

A meeting had been held the previous evening with members of the Churchfield Group. The meeting had been successful, with the group looking at the details of the suggested lease agreement, and with the Churchfield Group being reassured that the site would be developed sensitively. The Churchfield Group would be meeting to discuss their draft constitution next week. Policies including the allocation of allotments would be discussed at a later date.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/402 Budget 2014/2015

Budget – RESOLVED that the draft budget totalling £178,165.00 which was recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee be approved.

Precept – RESOLVED that the precept for 2014/2015 would be £158,378.00

Schools Grants - RESOLVED that the current system remain in place, with the Clerk issuing a mandatory feedback form for schools to complete on receipt of £400.00 cheque. (*Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s.19*)

12/403 Finance Matters

RESOLVED – that a budget line be approved for future payments at approx. £400pa. towards the hosting of the Archive website.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk order and have placed 11 bins at a cost of £3124.

RESOLVED – that orders for payment No.598 be approved for payment, totalling £535.00

12/404 To discuss implementation of NALC revised Standing Orders

Cllr Watson advised the meeting that he would provide a draft for the next Full Council meeting.

12/405 Denby Dale Community Project

Cllr Dodds thanked the council for their agreement in submitting the planning application, which had reduced the cost to the project to £577.00. He stated that a business meeting had been held and had secured many more offers of support, including offers of free materials and materials/work done at cost. The transfer of land was being discussed and an agreement with the library would also need to be put in place.

12/406 Dog Bag Dispensers

RESOLVED that the two remaining dispensers be placed at Emley and Clayton West Millennium Greens, and that the Clerk order a further three dispensers to be placed: one at either end of the Churchfield site and one at Lower Cumberworth cricket ground.

12/407 Matters Raised by Councillors

RESOLVED that the Youth Engagement Group be invited to attend and record at the next Full Council meeting on 4 March.

12/408 March Council Meeting – Further agenda items

- Telephone kiosk on Stringer House Lane (Cllr Shaw)
- Promotion of the Parish Council prior to Elections (Cllr Watson)

12/409 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 25 February
- Full Council Meeting – 4 March

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CHAIRMAN