

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 March 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, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites, Claire Rimmer, Tim Bennett, Rob Pickford, Polly Ann Flinders and Jim Dodds

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Michael Watson, Stephen Slater, Allan Hinde King. Late apologies were received from Cllr Bev Rushforth.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/410 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/411 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/412 Open Session

Jim Ainsworth addressed the meeting regarding the request from Emley & District Garden Society for a donation of £50 or 50 beech saplings to be planted around the War Memorial in Emley. Eric Wrench addressed the meeting regarding his interest in the vacancy in the Emley Ward for a councillor.

12/413 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Watson, Slater and Hinde King. Late apologies were submitted by Cllr Rushforth.

12/414 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/415 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council 4 February subject to amendment to minute ref: 12/395 to read 'Kirklees Council'.
- Plans Scrutiny 25 February

12/416 Presentation by the Youth Engagement Team (item brought forward)

Cllr Suzanne Triggs from Kirkburton Parish Council introduced members of the team, who gave a presentation on their achievements to date, and their hopes for future support from the parish council. Cllrs Dodds and Cook congratulated the team on their presentation and hoped the council would be able to support them in the future.

12/417 Request for assistance to fund defibrillator – John Purvis, Denby Dale Rotary Club (item brought forward)

John Purvis spoke to the meeting about the intention of the DD Rotary Club to donate an automated external defibrillator to the community. The Club has received advice from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on placement and costs. He explained the difficulty of having the defibrillators only in internal locations, such as doctors' surgeries, and the intention to request some of these to be moved externally. He hoped that the council would consider match funding at least one defibrillator and cabinet, at an estimated cost to the council of between £300 and £500. It was suggested that outside the new Denby Dale Community Centre would be an ideal location. John Purvis had been advised by the Y.A.S. that both Denby Dale and Skelmanthorpe were areas which they struggled to reach. It was agreed that the Denby Dale Rotary Club approach the council when they were closer to being able to send in a grant application for assistance.

12/418 Report from the Ward Councillors

Jim Dodds gave a verbal report:

- The budget had been agreed at the last Full Council meeting.
- Area Committee would continue but with no capital funding only revenue, therefore there would be limits on what they could do.
- There would be more devolvement of some decisions to local level.
- Planning: problems continued with POL land being potentially open to development. The application for wind turbines at Birdsedge had not been appealed and had passed the submission date.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Graham Turner gave a verbal report:

- The new leader of Kirklees Council, David Sheard, would take the council in a different direction.
- There was a need to look at the Area Committee and how to get the best value from them with the changes now made.
- Green Hollows: a new application had been refused.
- A new planning application was still to come forward for 78 houses in Skelmanthorpe.
- Kirklees was now working on the next years budget.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/419 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/420 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Cllr Rimmer was still pursuing issues at Upper Cumberworth.

Cllr Cook had received a request for further information on siting the new litterbins with Cllr Brook to provide exact siting for the bin at Denby Dale Pie Hall.

Graham Turner advised that there were still problems with addressing Green Hollows. Cllr Cook stated a community trust was being developed who would be looking at possible funding to undertake restoration work.

Graham Turner also advised that Inspector Trueman would be getting back to him regarding Emley traffic issues.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/421 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Richard Brook had attended a meeting on Monday 3rd March where the Forum had advised it would not be able to finance any further work to maintain public rights of way and would need to seek help from volunteers. Cllr Brook advised that the Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group already had an adopt a path scheme where volunteers could help to maintain a trail, and they would be looking at where these trails overlapped with the Forum's rights of way.

12/422 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook stated that as the HWP would be looking at undertaking an exhibition around some WW1 archives in a collection in Scissett, he had requested the use of the council offices to undertake an inventory next Tuesday of the material.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/423 Churchfield Update

Cllr Cook advised that a meeting had been held on Friday with members of the Churchfield Group. This had cleared up some misunderstanding around an email from the group, and some good ideas for the use of the open area of Churchfields had been received. It was agreed that the working party should arrange a further meeting shortly.

RESOLVED that the report be received

- **To decide on appropriate procedure for allocation of the allotments at Churchfield**
RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the April Full Council meeting.

12/424 Vacancy in Emley Ward: To formally report the vacancy

Cllr Cook informed the council that he had now received a written resignation from Cllr Kinchin who passed on his thanks to the council. The Elections Office would be notified of the vacancy.

12/425 To discuss Implementation of NALC Revised Standing Orders

RESOLVED that a small working party consisting of Cllr Watson and Cllr Gott would provide draft Standing Orders.

12/426 Denby Dale Community Project

Cllr Dodds advised that the planning application was now live and that ground investigation was taking place. The Asset Transfer document had been completed. A memorandum of understanding had been completed with the library. A further meeting would be held in March to discuss how to raise further funding.

12/427 To discuss whether to move June Full Council meeting

In light of the 27 May meeting, it was **RESOLVED** to cancel the June meeting.

12/428 Matters Raised by Councillors

Telephone Kiosk at Emley

RESOLVED that council request that BT remove this kiosk.

Raising Profile of Parish Council

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until April.

12/429 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.600 be approved for payment, totalling £682.78

RESOLVED that the council would not take a stand at Emley Show this year.

RESOLVED that the council would renew its insurance with Zurich on a 5 year agreement at a cost of £806.21

RESOLVED that the council gives it consent to the Emley & District Garden Club purchasing beech saplings for the War Memorial at Emley, and providing the council with the receipt for payment of £50.00 by cheque from the council.

12/430 To discuss whether to hold a Civic Sunday Event

RESOLVED that the council would hold a Civic Sunday Event.

12/431 April Council Meeting – Further agenda items

No further items were received for the next meeting.

12/432 Date of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Meeting – 18 March
- Plans Scrutiny Meeting – 25 March

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CHAIRMAN