

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Neil Gemmell, Eddie Shaw, Billy Jewitt, Janet Depledge, Ray Gott, Graham Turner, Stuart Merry, Mike Wood, Neil Denby, John Cook and Maggie Blanshard

**Members Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Hardy & Slater

### **16/430 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting and spoke about the successful Old Folks Treat at Clayton West Darby & Joan. Cllr Depledge had attended an open day event at the Joseph Norton Academy which featured the opening of their farm which Cllr Depledge reported was inspirational.

### **16/431 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Blanshard and Depledge regarding the Denby Dale Bowling Club grant application.

### **16/432 Open Session**

No members of the public wished to speak.

### **16/433 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell Hardy & Slater. Cllr Summers was absent.

**RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

### **16/434 Admission of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that no items needed to be taken in private.

### **16/435 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 7 March

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 March

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 March

### **16/436 Ward Councillor's Report**

Cllr Turner sent a written report:

- Cllr Turner would be meeting with the new Ward PC at Kirkburton Police Station on Friday and stated he was happy to take any questions from councillors to be passed on
- The Men's Sheds project was progressing well and there would be an event on 22 April. The trustees were now in place, and consideration was being given to a shed in Scissett.
- Cllr Turner reminded Councillors that the Denby Dale Community Library was now open along with the hospice gift shop and coffee area.
- Work was going on around the further budget cuts to Library Services with a public consultation beginning on 8 May for 12 weeks. Options considered included an arms-length operation.
- The new company dealing with dog fouling/littering commenced work yesterday.
- The Children's Services report would be submitted with proposals at the end of the week with a Government decision expected around June.
- Cllr Turner was requesting that planning appeal decisions be sent automatically to the Clerk as she wasn't currently receiving them.
- The Local Plan would be submitted to Ministers by the end of the month after lengthy delays. The public examination would hopefully take place in June and would be a more informal approach.
- Cllr Turner would be speaking to the MD of Yorkshire Tiger buses and would take any concerns around the service to him.

- Cllr Turner replied to a question raised by Cllr Waites on the state of the roads, specifically Huddersfield Road into Skelmanthorpe, that this had already been reported in.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **16/437 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer**

Unfortunately this had not been tabled by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the report be circulated by the Clerk

#### **16/438 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided a written report:

- Cllr Waites requested that the issue of post boxes in Scissett be followed up.
- Denby Dale nursery was again unsafe. Cllr Turner reported Kirklees were aware and were tracing the owners.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **16/439 Finance Matters**

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 679 be approved for payment, totalling £12,402.47
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for April 2017 and note the pay increases in line with contracts and NJC Salary Scales.
- Budget 2017/18: **RESOLVED** that the budget for 2017-2018 be increased to £215,682 as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee to account for the increases to the Insurance and Employment Cost budget lines.
- Schools Grants: **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Joseph Norton Academy towards a wildlife pond using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011  
**RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be awarded to Kayes First & Nursery School towards a defibrillator using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Community Grant: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write out to Denby Dale Bowling Club stating that the council had not awarded a grant at this time, but would like to re-consider a grant application if three quotes were submitted, and suggesting that they speak to Clayton West Bowling Club regarding their mower. Clarification was also to be sought on whether the club paid VAT.
- Discussion on Co-operative Bank operations: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate changing the parish council's banking arrangements with further consideration of alternatives going to the next F&GP.

#### **16/440 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- Clayton West Noticeboard – Cllr Hardy not present so this item was not discussed.
- Emley Moor Mast – Cllr Gott requested this item be deferred until the May meeting as was waiting for a reply to an email.
- Woodland Charter Trust – Cllr Denby spoke to the meeting about the Woodland Charter Trust request for support and asked councillors to do all they could to raise awareness of this and to sign the Trusts request for support.
- Emley Noticeboard – Cllr Wood stated he would like to investigate costs and come back to the council with a proposal for a noticeboard in Emley.

#### **16/441 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that all photographs had now been uploaded to the archive website, a site which had been originally funded by EPIP.

Cllr Brook also gave the good news that the Denby Dale Walkers Are Welcome Group's bid to EPIP to improve the surfaces of two bridleways had been successful.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **16/442 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

Cllr Waites reported that a new initiative had been launched by West Yorkshire Combined Authority 'Bus 18' where compensation for missed services could be sought.

**16/443 Churchfield Update**

Cllr Jewitt reported that work on the access ramp was completed. The allotments were also progressing well.

**16/444 Rural District Committee Meeting**

Cllr Brook reported a planning meeting had been held, and a public meeting was to be held on 20 April in Holmfirth.

**16/445 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update**

The Clerk and Cllr Jewitt would be arranging for the damaged window in the Chambers to be fixed.

**16/446 May Council Meeting Items:**

- A vote of thanks was proposed to be added to the Chairman, Cllr Jewitt.

**16/447 Dates of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 April
- Full Council – 2 May (ACM and APM)

Signed.....  
CHAIRMAN