

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 June 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, Mark Fahey, William Jewitt, Stephen Kinchin, Stephen Slater, Michael Watson, Allan Hinde King, Tim Bennett and Jim Dodds

Members Apologies: Cllrs Cynthia Naylor and Claire Rimmer

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/234 Chair's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/235 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

RESOLVED no declarations of interest were received.

12/236 Open Session

Mr Steve Robinson, member of the Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust, gave a presentation on Churchfield, Denby Dale (attached)

RESOLVED to accept the report

RESOLVED to add Churchfield to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting to be held on 2nd July.

12/237 Apologies

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllrs Cynthia Naylor and Claire Rimmer.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/238 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/239 Report from the Police

There was no report from the police. It was agreed to remove this item from the Full Council agenda.

RESOLVED to remove item from agenda at future meetings.

12/240 Report from the Ward Councillors

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Allotments were progressing as previously discussed at the AGM, and a meeting was to be set up
- Broadband initiative still on-going, and would be discussed later on the agenda
- Library – this was moving along and several meetings were coming up
- Consultation on Kirklees Council was being encouraged through 'It's Time to Talk' with leaflets giving dates of meetings being distributed
- LDF – the core strategy was still in but there had been a proposal to withdraw it for two main reasons: not enough housing, and not enough engagement with neighbouring authorities. Looking at options to move this forward.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Denby Dale library was moving forward with a meeting to be held on 6 June at the Methodist Church. A core of volunteers was in place to start a charitable trust, and there was growing interest from local businesses.
- Wind Turbine at Birdsedge – Kirklees planners had identified various issues such as size, visual impact and noise. The applicant has 28 days to reply.
- The skate park in Skelmanthorpe is to be upgraded before the end of term, it has been very well used.

- Area Committee meeting dates to be changed as not enough interest so meetings are to be held in Denby Dale, Mirfield and Kirkburton
- 'Time to Talk' – Cllr Dodds stressed the importance of advertising this.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/241 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Staffing Sub Group – 15 April 2013
- Full Council – 2 April 2013

RESOLVED that the Staffing Sub Group should be renamed Staffing Sub Committee

12/242 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

12/243 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

RESOLVED that Cllr Rushforth would speak with Naylor Industries regarding land at Denby Dale Station

RESOLVED that the Clerk email Kirklees Planning Dept regarding Green Hollows, High Flatts.

RESOLVED that the Clerk improves clarity of information contained in the distribution of emails

12/244 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

RESOLVED that Cllr Cook will try to attend meetings and that Cllr Rushforth be withdrawn.

12/245 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook reported that the 5th volume of 'Spring Grove Mills' was now available retailing at £5.99 and agreed that the photo of the front of the volume would be used as a flyer when it arrived.

12/246 EPIP Report

Cllr Brook tabled a summary of expenditure showing the spend on current projects. He noted that European funding if approved for 2015 focussed on economic growth.

12/247 Allotments

No new information was raised on this issue.

12/248 Working Relationship; Parish Council/Ward Councillors – Cllr Cook

Cllr Cook discussed the relationship between parish and ward councillors, and the issue of planning. It was agreed it was a positive step that two Ward Councillors were on the Parish Council.

12/249 Small Grant Application from Scissett Youth Band

RESOLVED that this application be turned down for two reasons;

- The application appears to be for a one-off concert only
- The application was for an event out of the ward area

12/250 Emley Show 2013

RESOLVED Interest in assisting with the show to be held on 3rd August was received from:

Cllr E Shaw (AM), Cllr Pickford, Cllr Hinde King (AM), Cllr Waites, Cllrs Turner & Summers if available, and Cllr Cook. Cllr Turner would check if the scouts' tent was available for use again.

12/251 Matters raised by Councillors

- Land at Wood Lane already discussed under Clerks report
- An update on the fast broadband initiative was received from Cllrs Gott & Turner, highlighting the different requirements and interest from the different wards and the difficulty in reaching all members of the public. Emley was struggling due to the very different needs of the business park and the village. Cllr Turner stated that BT would next year be launching free sports channel which would highlight the need for superfast

broadband. Cllr Shaw commented that the superfast broadband initiative would be mentioned at an assembly at Shelley High School. Cllr Turner stated further updated information on website figures would be available from Duggs Carre on his return. The next meeting was to be held on 10 June, with the bid going in after that.

- Litterbin at Upper Denby. **RESOLVED** to discuss expenditure on litterbins as a whole at the next Finance & General Purposes Meeting
- Window Pane in phone box at Upper Denby. **RESOLVED** estimates to be received by Cllr Cook for next meeting.

12/252 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.583 be approved for payment, totalling £137662.36 (including precept)

12/253 Administrative Matters

RESOLVED this agenda item to be removed

12/254 July Council Meeting

RESOLVED Items for agenda were received as follows:

- Blocked footpath at Emley Graveyard (Cllr Shaw)
- Parish Council Flag
- Time to talk meeting update (Cllr Hinde King)
- Broadband Update (Cllr Turner)
- Churchfields

12/255 Date of next meetings:

- Finance and General Purposes – 18 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 June

RESOLVED August Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting be moved to 27 August

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN