

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

Members Present: Cllrs: Ray Gott, William Jewitt, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Eric Wrench, John Cook, Cynthia Naylor, Claire Rimmer, Richard Brook, Michael Watson, Graham Turner and Stuart Merry.

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs; Kelvyn Waites, Eddie Shaw, Lynn Hardy, Steven Slater and Jim Dodds. Cllrs Bev Rushforth and Jamie Summers were absent.

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/ 524 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook, deputising for Cllr Kelvyn Waites, welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/525 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/526 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

12/527 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Shaw, Waites, Hardy, Slater and Dodds.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/528 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/529 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council Meeting – 7 October
- F&G Purposes Committee – 21 October
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 October

12/530 Report from the Ward Councillors

Cllr Jim Dodds tabled a report:

- The second phase of the budget consultation started on the 27th October until the 5th December 2014.
- In summary, the findings from Phase 1 have shown that looking after vulnerable older people and children, and feeling safe, were top priorities for spending. 0.38% of population responded.
- Just over half of respondents (52%) said residents should pay a 2% increase in council tax, and 16% supported an increase of 5%. Around a third (32%) felt there should be no increase in council tax at all. Two thirds (65%) agreed that the council should sell some of its assets (land and buildings) for cash.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Cllr Graham Turner gave a verbal report:

- On Wednesday there would be the launch of 'City Fibre', looking at high speed fibre network. No further information was available until after the launch.
- Kirklees Council Full Council meeting on Wednesday would be looking at housing stock.
- The new Strategic Planning Committee on Thursday would be looking at all large planning applications with all questions being submitted 48 hours in advance.
- First round of Budget consultation has finished, with the highest feedback ever received.
- Cllr Turner is still working closely with staff and departments looking at solutions for libraries in the area. Public consultation begins in January.
- The new Local Plan is now under way and it is important that the council and the public get involved as this forms part of the Structural Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/531 Report from Countryside Officer

No report was provided for this meeting due to Countryside Officer's leave.

12/532 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Working Party on Public Transport – Cllr Rushforth was absent so no update was available.

Land at Upper Cumberworth – Cllrs Slater and Cook to speak to the farmer again.

Emley Traffic Issues – Cllr Turner still waiting for feedback.

Denby Dale Pie Dish – No further update.

Dog Fouling at Clayton West – Information had been sent to the school and a dispenser is ready for placement.

Correspondence:

Cllr Turner to investigate the sign at Denby Dale.

Cllr Turner reported that the cut-through at Radcliffe Street was not on the definitive map. There is a process for residents if they wish to take it up with Public Rights of Way.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/533 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

There was concern that nothing had been forthcoming for some time. Cllr Turner would pursue this with Giles Cheetham at Kirklees Rights of Way.

12/534 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that EPIP were expecting to hear from Defra in November regarding the bid for the next scheme.

Cllr Brook reported that nothing had yet been heard from the family of Leslie Robinson regarding their intentions for the museum. He also stated that the HWP would be requesting re-printing 100 more copies of 'Bagden Hall' as there had been a request from Bagden Hall. This would not exceed their £600 float.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/535 Churchfield Update

Cllr Naylor reported that the grass had been cut again as arranged by the Friends of Churchfield.

Cllr Turner reported that the planning application was now in. The next Churchfield Working Group meeting was to be held Wednesday 5 November at 1pm.

12/536 Calendar of Meetings 2015/2016 to approve

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings for 2015/2016 be approved.

12/537 Budget 2014/2015

RESOLVED that the budget lines be revised as recommended by the Clerk.

12/538 Budget 2015/2016

RESOLVED that the budget of £211,799 with recommendations as proposed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee be accepted (see attached.)

12/539 Skelmanthorpe Library Building

After discussion, it was agreed that the wording of the proposal be slightly altered and the resolution was agreed as follows:

RESOLVED that in principle, the Council look towards adopting the building, taking over the ownership from Kirklees Council and set up a working party to look at the mechanisms on how to do this, with a budget of £30,000 to be put in place in 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the working group consist of: Cllrs Billy Jewitt, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Polly Flinders, John Cook and Kelvyn Waites.

12/540 Implementation of Guidelines for broadcasting or using social media at council meetings

RESOLVED that the guidelines be adopted and the standing orders updated to include legislation.

12/541 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Report tabled by Cllr Dodds:

We have had favourable responses from Garfield Weston and the Big Lottery to our applications and we continue to look at other avenues of grant applications.

On the 27th November 2014 we are running another event for the local businesses who have offered us support. This will allow us to update them with our progress and make sure that we keep them on side with the project.

Cllr Brook is running a Christmas Raffle and tickets will be available for sale in the next few weeks. We plan to hold a fund raising Murder Mystery Evening in the New Year at Kirklees College this will widen our target area and hopefully bring in much needed funds.

12/542 Matters Raised by Councillors

New litterbins in Scissett: The Clerk updated on behalf of Cllr Waites. No further bins necessary in Scissett at this time.

Emley School buses safety issues: The Clerk updated on behalf of Cllr Waites. Only one Shelley College bus for older children uses this stop, the other three services use routes which involve pick up/drop off across the road. No increased danger of accidents was perceived by Cllr Waites.

Telephone box at Upper Denby: Agreed that the new group of volunteers could undertake the management of this whilst the Clerk investigate the matter further.

Replacement of Council Offices Flag: Agreed that the Clerk under delegated powers could purchase a new flag.

Emley Old Peoples Flat: Cllr Turner agreed to ask the Kirklees council to re-mark the hatched entrance to the flats.

12/543 Finance Matters

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.616 be approved for payment, totalling £0.45

Emley show – **RESOLVED** that this matter be deferred until after the new council had been elected.

12/544 December Council Meeting – Further agenda items

- Christmas tree at the Christmas Tree Festival (*Cllr S Merry*)

12/545 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 25 November
- Full Council Meeting – **2 December**

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN