

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on  
Tuesday, 5 February 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Gott, T Bennett, K Waites, J Cook, B Rushforth, R Brook, R Pickford, S Kinchin, E Shaw, J Dodds, G Turner, L Hardy

**APOLOGIES:** C Rimmer, M Watson, C Naylor, S Slater and M Fahey

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Jubb, Clerk to the Council

**12/155 Declarations of Interest**

All councillors signed a declaration of interest for the precept item on the agenda. **RESOLVED** that dispensation be granted to all councillors for that item.

**12/156 Open Session**

No members of the public were present.

**12/157 Apologies for Absence**

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from councillors C Rimmer, M Watson, C Naylor, S Slater and M Fahey. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence submitted by these councillors be accepted as valid.

**12/158 Admission of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that there were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

**12/159 To receive a report from the police**

The police did not attend the meeting.

**12/160 To receive the Ward Councillors report**

Cllr Dodds reported that the application for four new houses at Emley would go to the planning committee. The Emley Cross had been damaged again by a lorry. Objections received regarding the wind turbines at Birdsedge, had reached the hundreds. The Denby Dale Library project was ongoing and he hoped to have something to report at the next meeting. The Kirklees Council budget would be set on 20 February 2013. There had been no movement on the three Redrow applications. Cllr Dodds had met with BT regarding broadband and they had agreed to attend a public meeting to discuss broadband provision in the area.

**12/161 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meetings were agreed to be accurate:

- Full Council – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- Planning Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**12/162 Cycling**

Lynette Evans, Cycling Officer for Kirklees Council and Cllr Martyn Bolt, Deputy Mayor attended the meeting to give a presentation on cycling. **RESOLVED** that the council consider the points raised and information provided and discuss at a future meeting.

**12/163 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer**

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

**12/164 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the report be received and that the Clerk and Cllr Cook reply to the letter from Kirklees Planning department regarding Green Hallows.

**12/165 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

The group had not met since the last meeting.

**12/166 Heritage Working Party**

Cllr Brook reported that historic photos of the area were currently being added to the archive website. The Skelmanthorpe local history book had sold out and more copies were being printed. A fifth local history book was currently being written about Spring Grove Mills.

**12/167 EPIP Report**

EPIP were currently writing an end of programme report which would highlight the amount of work carried out in our area.

**12/168 Matters raised by councillors**

**Cold Calling Zone – RESOLVED** that the council would not join a bulk buying scheme to buy additional cold calling signs.

**Car tax at Scissett Post Office** – Cllr Dodds said he had been in touch with the Post Office and they had no plans to offer a car tax service at Scissett. The Post Office felt there were sufficient outlets in the area for customers already.

**Part night street lighting** – Cllr Turner circulated a list of lamp posts which would be switched off during the part night street lighting trial.

**Parking at Emley** – Cllr Bennett raised the issue of people double parking near the pub in Emley. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Dodds would ask Kirklees Highways department to look into painting double yellow lines on the road.

**Sewage at Emley** – Yorkshire Water hadn't provided a satisfactory response to the councils concerns. Simon Reeve MP had agreed to speak with Yorkshire Water regarding the matter.

**12/169 Finance matters**

**RESOLVED** that orders for payment number 575 totalling £951.00 be agreed for payment.

**RESOLVED** that the precept be raised to £135,665.00 for the year 2013/14.

**12/170 Administrative matters**

**Standing Orders – RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be updated to include the changes to the Code of Conduct and the General Power of Competence.

**Precept – RESOLVED** that the precept for 2013/14 would be £135,665.00.

**12/171 March council meeting**

Councillors requested the following items on the next agenda:

- YLCA meeting agenda items
- Emley Show
- Denby Dale Library update
- Allotments

**Dates of next meetings:**

- Planning Committee – 26 February 2013
- Full Council – 5 March 2013
- Planning Committee – 26 March 2013

Signed..... CHAIR