

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 March 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs John Cook, Bev Rushforth, Richard Brook, Rob Pickford, Michael Watson, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, Jim Dodds, Graham Turner, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites, Stephen Slater, Tim Bennett and Claire Rimmer

Members Apologies: Cllrs Stephen Kinchin, Cynthia Naylor and Mark Fahey

In attendance: Jessica Jubb (Clerk to the Council)

12/172 Declaration of Councillors' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/173 Open Session

Mr Jewitt, Mr Summers and Mr Hinde-King spoke regarding the councillor vacancies. Mrs Firth spoke regarding the resurfacing of Lidgett Lane and chippings on the footpath by Radcliffe Street. **RESOLVED** that the council would report the issues to Kirklees Council.

12/174 Apologies

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllrs Stephen Kinchin, Cynthia Naylor and Mark Fahey **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/175 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/176 Report from the Police

There was no report from the police.

12/177 Report from the Ward Councillor

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- The noise of the wind turbines at Birdsedge would be re-assessed by Kirklees Council.
- The planning for four houses in Emley at land just off Phoenix Avenue, was granted despite objections from local residents.
- The cost of repairing the Emley Cross will be the responsibility of the lorry that damaged the cross. Kirklees Council are looking to put the cross on a plinth to help prevent future damage or might consider moving it.
- The Regional Spatial Strategy has been revoked so the policy position is to give weight to the core strategy. This means applications on POI land can be turned down, such as the one by Redrow at Scissett.
- The outcome of Churchfields site at Denby Dale would be determined on 26 March.
- There has been a change in the way schools are funded which will mean many of the local schools in the parish will have a significant reduction in their budget which could have massive consequences.
- The open cast application is going to the next committee meeting.
- The LDF process is still ongoing.
- Discussions re the library at Denby Dale are still ongoing.
- Simon Reeve MP and Cllr Dodds have met with BT regarding broadband provision in the area. A company called Fibre City can deliver upgrades cheaper than BT.
- The wind turbine application at Kirkburton has been refused

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/178 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- 5 February - Full Council
- 26 February - Plans Scrutiny Committee

12/179 Co-option of councillor

RESOLVED that Jamie Summers, William Jewitt and Allan Hinde-King be co-opted to the council. Allan Hinde-King would sit on the Finance and General Purposes Committee with William Jewitt and Jamie Summers would sit on the Planning Committee.

12/180 Report from the Police

There was no report from the police.

12/181 Report from Countryside Officer

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

12/182 Clerks Report

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk would chase Kirklees Planning Officers regarding the Green Hallows planning issues.

12/183 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

There hadn't been a meeting of the Forum since the last meeting.

12/184 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the group had sent to print a 5th local history book about Spring Grove Mills in Clayton West. Additional work had been done on the local history archives website, which included the uploading of local industrial heritage photos to the site. There are still over 500 local farming photos from Birdsedge to be added, subject to securing further funding.

The East Peak Innovation Fund would not be allocating any further funding and will close in November 2013. Defra have announced that a similar programme is likely to be formed in 2015 and in the meantime some transitional funding may be available to keep key staff employed.

12/185 Matters raised by Councillors

YLCA – there were no agenda items for the next Yorkshire Local Council Associations meeting.

Emley Show – **RESOLVED** that the Council would hire a pitch at the Emley Show in August and invite Kirkburton to share the pitch/costs.

Denby Dale Library – Cllr Dodds said discussions were ongoing and they hoped to have a public meeting on 15 April to inform local people of the future of the library.

Youth Project – On the 14th June the young people involved with the project will be holding an event to celebrate the upgrading of the skate park in Skelmanthorpe.

Allotments – Cllr Turner said that the outcome of the village green application at Churchfields would be announced on 26 March 2013.

12/186 Finance Matters

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.577 be approved for payment, totalling £732.78.

RESOLVED that the Council take out annual insurance cover with Zurich at the cost of £992.19.

Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2013 – 7.00pm
- Full Council Meeting – 2 April 2013 – 7.00pm
- Finance & General Purposes – 29 April 2013 – 7.00pm

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CHAIRMAN