

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

**Members Present:** Cllrs John Cook, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Edward Shaw, Jamie Summers, Graham Turner, William Jewitt, Cynthia Naylor, Jim Dodds, Michael Watson and Tim Bennett

**Members Apologies:** Cllrs Bev Rushforth, Kelvyn Waites. Allan Hinde King, Stephen Slater, Lynn Hardy, Stephen Kinchin, Rob Pickford, Mark Fahey, and Claire Rimmer

**In attendance:** Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

### **12/318 Chair's Opening Remarks**

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

### **12/319 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **12/320 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

### **12/321 Apologies**

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllrs Bev Rushforth, Kelvyn Waites. Allan Hinde King, Stephen Slater, Lynn Hardy, Stephen Kinchin, Rob Pickford, Mark Fahey, and Claire Rimmer

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

### **12/322 Admission of the Public**

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

### **12/323 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- Full Council 1 October 2013
- Plans Scrutiny 24 September 2013
- Finance & General Purposes Committee 22 October

### **12/324 Report from the Ward Councillors**

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report including:

- The Redrow appeals for 3 planning applications were going ahead, with Strike Lane on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, Pilling Lane on the 27 January, and Ashbourne Drive already having been heard, but no decision had been made yet. Cllr Dodds raised concerns over the lack of the LDF and the need for a robust defence on appeals.
- A planning meeting would take place on Thursday were the Scissett application would be discussed. Cllr Dodds would try to attend and stated that members of the public could attend for that item only.
- A meeting was held last night in Lower Cumberworth regarding the Coalpit Lane wind turbine application. Opposition to this was still strong despite the size being reduced.
- The Denby Dale Project continues to move forward, with the application for charitable status still going forward and the planning application hopefully going in this week. The Children's Centre are keen to become tenants should the Denby Dale Nursery be moved to Gilthwaites School. The project will be looking to employ a project manager, and three quotes have been received to complete the building. Hopefully the project is still on track to commence March 2014.
- Kirklees budget went live last week in its first draft and doesn't make for good reading.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report including:

- The budget would only get worse in coming years, with very difficult choices to be made.

- A large amount of time was being spent on the LDF at the moment, and Cllr Turner was speaking to planners regarding appeals, as defences were not robust and could cost a lot of money.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

#### **12/325 Report from Countryside Officer**

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12/326 Clerks Report**

The Clerk provided a written report.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

#### **12/327 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Cook had not been informed of any meeting being held. Cllr Brook stated that Kirklees Council were now looking to volunteers to manage paths.

#### **12/328 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook stated that nothing more was happening with the Heritage Working Party or EPIP at present.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12/329 Churchfield Allotments Update**

Cllr Turner stated that we were still waiting for a lease agreement from Kirklees Council.

#### **12/330 Neighbourhood Plans Update**

Cllr Brook stated that a meeting had taken place with councillors attending with Helen France and others from SCAN/SOS, who were keen to have the organisation 'Planning Aid' address a public meeting. This would be a public meeting, not a council meeting, and would not involve the council in any cost.

#### **12/331 Future Meeting Dates – 2014/2015**

**RESOLVED** that the draft list of dates submitted by the clerk be approved.

#### **12/332 Budget 2014/2015**

Cllr Brook stated that due to the current position with Kirklees, we could not make a decision on the budget yet. He stated that last year, we raised the budget by the rate of inflation plus £20,000 for the Denby Dale Project. He asked for this amount to be considered again, in view of the parish council taking over any projects that Kirklees could no longer finance. Cllr Turner stated that the council should make a budget decision as late as possible regarding the Kirklees cuts.

#### **12/333 Small Grant Applications**

**RESOLVED** that the following small grants be approved:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Power</b>
St Augustine's Church	Annual maintenance of church clock	200.00	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.2
Skelmanthorpe Brownies	Creation of garden habitat and seating area	450.00	Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions)Act 1976 s.19
Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre	Purchase of photocopier/printer for publicity material	390.00	Local Government Act 1972 s.142
Clayton West Darby and Joan Club	Seating for meetings held in hall	500.00	LGA 1976 s.19
Old Folks Treat	Old Folks lunch	210.00	LGA 1972 s.145

Cumberworth Football Club	Provide portable goals for junior teams	500.00	LGA 1976 s.19
Skelmanthorpe Brass Band Community	Purchase of a new set of trestle tables	250.00	LGA 1972 s.145
Skelmanthorpe Scout Group	Replacement of tents and equipment	250.00	LGA 1976 s19
Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir	Purchase of new music	250.00	LGA 1972 s.145
Girlguiding West Yorkshire South (WYSholme)	New tables	250.00	LGA 1976 s19
Denby Cricket Club	Scoring display board and stand	250.00	LGA 1976 s19
Skelmanthorpe United Junior Football Club	Football strip	500.00	LGA 1976 s19
Emley Moor Miners Recreation Ground & Institute – Emley Clarence Cricket Club	Refurbish and extend the pavilion	500.00	LGA 1976 s19

Total amount of small grants approved = **£4500.00**

### 12/334 Broadband Update

Cllr Brook raised concerns over the changing conditions, including the procurement process, imposed by DEFRA and the escalated costs of the project. The Council leader would be meeting with the relevant minister next week to express concerns on the changes to procedures. It was discussed whether it would be helpful if the council raised its contribution, dependant on the other parish councils and Area Committees doing the same, in order to keep the project on track.

**RESOLVED** that the parish council consider putting forward an extra £10,000, if Kirkburton Parish Council also considered matching this.

**RESOLVED** that Peter Butters, the Kirklees Officer dealing with Broadband, be invited to the next Full Council meeting to speak to councillors.

### 12/335 Revised NALC Standing Orders

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Watson would review the revised standing orders and report back to Council.

### 12/336 Finance Matters

**RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.591 be approved for payment, totalling £2229.08.

### 12/337 December Council Meeting

Items received for the next meeting:

- Consideration for a stand in for representation at meetings/events (Cllr Shaw)
- The Festival of Britain Garden, and the Garden near the former Green Dragon, Emley (Cllr Shaw)
- Overgrown area by the council offices (Cllr Summers)

### 12/338 Date of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 26 November
- Full Council Meeting – 3 December

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CHAIRMAN