

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Maggie Blanshard, Eddie Shaw, Janet Depledge, Graham Turner, John Cook, Mike Wood, Cynthia Naylor, Stuart Merry, Billy Jewitt, Susan Hellewell Lynn Hardy and Neil Gemmell

16/611 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge welcomed councillors to the meeting and informed them of the Kirkburton Civic Sunday she had attended. Cllr Depledge also informed councillors that she had sent on the Councils' best wishes to Cllr Waites. Cllr Depledge requested that the issue of the 'Lady's chain' be considered at a later date.

16/612 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/613 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

16/614 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Denby, Waites, Kemp & Slater. Cllr Summers was absent. **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/615 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/616 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 9 January

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 23 January

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 January

16/617 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report.

- Much of his time had been taken up with work on the budget, which would go to Full Council on 14 February.
- Cllr Turner reported that due to the cabinet reshuffle, he had not been able to meet with the library minister, and was waiting for a new date to be set.
- Cllr Turner would be meeting with the ward PC on Friday.
- He informed the council that the Naylor's planning application was likely to go through to the March meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/618 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his tabled report, including on the agreed the Friends of Churchfield event to be held sometime in August, where he hoped to encourage a stand for volunteers to assist in a recruitment drive and possible demonstrations of their work. Leaflets would be issued shortly. Cllr Depledge thanked Dave Wilde for his continued impressive work with volunteers.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/619 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a verbal report that, as requested, she had written to Kirklees Council requesting that the verge near Shelley College be adopted as a path.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/620 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 700 be approved for payment, totalling £491.23
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for February 2018.
- Precept: **RESOLVED** that the Precept figure raised would be £233,746, as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

16/621 GDPR Briefings from SLCC for consideration

The Clerk referred to the paper circulated and commented on the impact on the payroll company which would affect the parish council and stated that there was still nothing further regarding a package of support from NALC as yet, this was still being considered.

16/622 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Emley Footpath/bus stop issues: Cllr Gott referred to his tabled photographs showing the difficulties due to the lack of room for a paved area, and the fact that the side road couldn't be used for waiting due to traffic turning off the main road. Cllr Turner stated he would speak to the school bus provider regarding possible re-routing of school buses. Cllr Gott also stated that Ward Councillor Dodds would be speaking to Kirklees Highways about the issue. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.
- 'Please Slow Down' initiative update: Cllr Depledge thanked Cllr Kemp for all her work in setting up this initiative, which had been extremely well received at Emley First School by the school, police and road safety partners, and had been written up in the Huddersfield Examiner. The police had asked if this initiative could be used in other parish council areas. Cllr Cook had attended and stated how enthusiastic the children were to perform their song.
- TARDIS: Cllr Turner stated that the area manager was still considering if the TARDIS could be moved into the library.

16/623 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had agreed further financial support for the archives website with more photos to be uploaded from Leslie Robinson's estate. He asked if councillors could provide any further information for the website.

Cllr Brook referred to the support EPIP was giving to the next EPIP Outdoor Festival and would circulated a programme shortly.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/624 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge referred to Cllr Turner's comments regarding the Naylor's planning application which would hopefully be considered in March.

16/625 Business Plan

Cllr Gott stated that the Business Plan draft should be ready to circulate at the April meeting.

16/626 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Fire Risk Assessment: Cllr Gott referred to the on-going actions taken regarding the assessment document and the policy document he would be preparing.

16/627 March Council Meeting Items:

- Emley footpath/bus stop issues (*all*)
- Denby Village Conservation Group request for dog waste bag dispenser (*Cllr Cook*)

16/628 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee 27 February
- Full Council Meeting 6 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee 13 March

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN