

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 December 2016 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Slater & Cook

16/349 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting, and Vice Chair Cllr Janet Depledge spoke to the council about an interesting Civic Sunday she had attended at Holmfirth.

16/350 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/351 Open Session

A resident spoke to the meeting requesting support against land south of the A636 in Clayton West which had been identified as land available to build for industry on in the local plan.

16/352 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook and Slater
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/353 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/354 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 1 November

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 15 November

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 November

16/355 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The Chief Executive would be leaving in February and the Deputy Leader Jacqui Gedman would be taking over for at least the next 12 months for continuity.
- The OFSTED report on Children's Services came back as inadequate, which Kirklees were prepared for and had previously recognised and had already put a recovery plan in place. It was important to note that no children had at any time been harmed as a result. It was also noted that approx. 80% of local authorities had also failed under the new OFSTED regime.
- In response to a question from Cllr Waites, Cllr Turner agreed to investigate the on-going land ownership problem at Scissett CE First School which was delaying multi-academy status.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/356 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent in a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/357 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/358 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 669 be approved for payment, totalling £7,114.43
- Lift Maintenance: **RESOLVED** that White Lift Services be awarded the Lift Maintenance contract for the building, with expenditure approved under the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for December.
- Budget Outturn 2016/17: **RESOLVED** to accept the budget outturn to date.
- Draft Budget: **RESOLVED** to accept and adopt the draft budget submitted by the Finance and General Purposes committee for 2017-2018 totalling £208,483.
- Precept: It was noted by the Clerk that the precept figure could not be set until the Taxbase figure had been received from Kirklees Council, this was usually received in February.
- Schools Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that the application from St Aidan's School be refused as it was felt that the request wasn't for extra-curricular activities and therefore did not meet the Council's guidelines. It was noted however that the school was free to apply again this financial year.

16/359 Matters Raised by Councillors

- NALC Conference: Cllr Denby submitted a report on the NALC Conference he had recently attended and highlighted the information on investment services which he would raise at the next Finance Committee meeting.
- Appleton & Sovereign Quarries Liaison Meeting: Cllr Kemp informed the council that the minutes for the last meeting were not yet available. She had informed the Liaison meeting that the feeling from the community was very negative. Marshalls agreed to meet with members of the local residents to discuss concerns, however members of BOLT refused to meet.
- Men's Sheds: Andy Ryland of Rural Action Yorkshire who were working with Kirklees Council gave a presentation on the Men's Sheds initiative, which now numbered 300 nationally. This initiative addressed the issue of men's health and isolation from the wider community. Robert Barber also spoke to councillors on his own experiences, and requested for any help or ideas for space to use to be forwarded to them. Councillors agreed that the initiative was an important one, and stated that a grant application could be submitted to the council.

16/360 Local Plan Discussion

A Discussion was held around the formulation of a response to the Local Plan Technical Consultation which would need to be submitted by 19 December. Several councillors identified areas which they opposed being in the local plan, and concern was expressed from some councillors with the proposed industrial development near the A636 and the Birds Edge quarry proposals. Cllr Turner advised that although the plan was flawed, it was necessary to have a plan in place, and reminded councillors that this was the second plan submitted, the first being overturned in the main due to it not fulfilling the required numbers in terms of housing. He stated that having no plan would result again in free development. It was agreed by councillors that individual responses to the plan would carry more weight than one response by the parish council, and councillors were urged to send in individual responses. It was also noted that every adult in a house can submit a response, either electronically or by letter, and that a 'yes' to speak at the public enquiry was important, as this could not be requested at a later date.

16/361 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook stated the Forum had not met.

16/362 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that he would be putting in a request to wire funds to the working party to enable historic photographs to be uploaded to the archive website:

(www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk.)

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/363 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites advised there was no report but requested that the clerk include an update on post boxes in the Clerk's Report.

16/364 Churchfield Update

Cllr Jewitt reported that work had been hampered by the weather but was on-going.

16/365 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Brook reported that as the meeting agenda had not been relevant to this parish he had not attended, but reminded councillors of a grant bid submitted for the footpath at Denby Dale station.

16/366 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations of the Building Working Group be accepted.

16/367 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Brook submitted the newsletter produced by the Community Project and stated that trustees were still faced with raising funds for the running costs, which they would partly raise with a Christmas raffle. A meeting would be held on Thursday 8 December so a further update would be available for the January Full Council meeting.

16/368 January Council Meeting Items:

No items were received.

16/369 Dates of next meetings:

- Full Council – 10 January
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 January

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CHAIRMAN