

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 January 2014 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, Kelvyn Waites, Claire Rimmer, Stephen Kinchin, Rob Pickford, Lynn Hardy, Tim Bennett, Bev Rushforth, Michael Watson, Allan Hinde King, Stephen Slater and Jim Dodds

Members Apologies: No apologies received

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/364 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr John Cook welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

12/365 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

12/366 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

12/367 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

12/368 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/369 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Plans Scrutiny 26 November 2013
- Full Council 3 December 2013
- Plans Scrutiny 17 December 2013

12/370 Report from the Ward Councillors

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report including:

- The Redrow planning application at Pilling Lane, Scissett, had been passed by the Heavy Woollen Committee on 19 December.
- The Kirklees Council budget discussions were still on-going.
- Cllr Dodds was in discussion with the swimming club at Scissett regarding policy changes at Kirklees Active Leisure and changes in price. He would be attending a meeting a week today with the swimming club.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report including:

- Budget discussions at Kirklees.
- The Pilling Lane application. A discussion was held around the issue of infrastructure and drainage problems in Scissett.
- The Strike Lane planning application public enquiry, which had unfortunately agreed to withdraw its objections partially because of the lack of LDF and the problems that these had caused within planning nationally.

RESOLVED that the reports be received.

12/371 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/372 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Cllr Rushforth stated that she had had a positive meeting with Naylors regarding the land at Denby Dale station and had spoken to other agencies involved, and that she was happy to take this forward once some queries had been resolved.

Cllr Rimmer stated that she was waiting for the Girl Guide group to get in touch with her regarding the land at Upper Cumberworth.

Cllr Cook advised the meeting that a further application had been put in for Green Hollows, High Flatts.

Correspondence: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Kirklees Council regarding the request for repairs to the War Memorial in Clayton West.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be received.

12/373 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Cook had not been informed of any meeting being held.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the group to chase up information on future meetings.

12/374 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook stated that nothing at present to report on the Heritage Working Party. It had been agreed to hold another festival week commencing 16 June following last year's success.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/375 Churchfield Allotments Update

No further meetings had taken place.

RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on Andy Wickham's return

12/376 Neighbourhood Plans Update

No further meetings had taken place.

12/377 To discuss implementation of NALC revised Standing Orders

Cllr Watson advised the meeting of various changes and tightening up within the revised standing orders.

RESOLVED that Cllr Watson produce draft revised Standing Orders for Denby Dale Parish Council which would then be discussed at the February Full Council Meeting

12/378 Vacancy in Skelmanthorpe Ward: to formally report the vacancy

The Clerk advised that no call for an election had been received by Electoral Services therefore the co-option procedures would be put in place, with a vote then taking place at the Full Council meeting on 4 February.

12/379 Budget 2014/2015

Cllr Brook advised that the precept would have to be agreed at the Full Council meeting in February.

RESOLVED that the current funds position submitted by the Clerk be accepted.

12/380 Denby Dale Community Project

Cllr Dodds spoke to his paper tabled at the meeting and circulated by email. He advised that the Project had now been awarded charitable status, which would enable them to make further grant applications to bridge their funding gap. He hoped that the paper gave the assurances requested regarding the process involved in selecting a project manager, and requested that the council consider two options to draw down committed funds:

Option one: to approve the project to draw down all £40,000 as soon as possible.

Option two: to approve the project to draw down £18,000 as soon as possible, with the balance of £22,000 when construction starts (date to be confirmed).

RESOLVED that Option one was defeated by 9 votes to 5 (for: Cllrs Shaw, Jewitt, Naylor, Gott, Hardy. against: Cllrs Hinde King, Rimmer, Kinchin, Bennett, Rushforth, Pickford, Waites, Watson, Summers. Abstained: Cllrs Cook, Slater, Dodds, Turner, Brook)

RESOLVED that Option two: to draw down £18,000 as soon as possible, with the balance of £22,000 to be drawn down when construction starts, was accepted by 11 votes to 1 (for: Cllrs

Kinchin, Shaw, Bennett, Rushforth, Pickford, Slater, Waites, Watson, Summers, Cook, Hinde King. Against: Cllr Hardy. Abstained: Cllrs Dodds, Turner, Brook, Gott, Jewitt, Naylor, Pickford) (using the power Local Government Act 1972, s.133)

RESOLVED that progress be reported to each Full Council meeting.

Cllr Dodds also requested that the council consider submitting the planning application for the project to Kirklees Council. This would save the project 50% of the costs.

RESOLVED that the Clerk receive the application and submit it to NALC for advice. An Extraordinary meeting will be called following receipt of NALC's advice to discuss.

12/381 Litterbins

Cllr Brook tabled a list of existing blue bins on the main road through Scissett and Denby Dale.

RESOLVED that all requests for litterbins to be received by the Clerk by the next F&G Purposes meeting to be prioritised then within the existing budget.

12/382 Broadband Update

Cllr Brook stated that the Council leader had met the Government Minister to express concerns on the changes to procedures. He also advised that Peter Butters had also met that day with Defra and had advised that some progress had been made that he wished to take back to Kirklees council and the consultants. Cllr Brook asked that we invited Peter Butters to the next Full Council meeting to provide an update.

RESOLVED that Peter Butters be invited to the next Full Council meeting to update councillors.

12/383 Matters Raised by Councillors

Speed limit, Wakefield Road – Cllr Cook highlighted the concerns of residents in Clayton West regarding speeding specifically near the entrance to the light railway.

RESOLVED that Cllr Dodds and Turner request that the speed indicator device be installed along this road.

Christmas Tree, Clayton West – Cllr Waites raised the concerns of residents over the lack of a tree this year. He advised that he had agreed, along with a resident, to be contacted by Parks and Landscapes for next year's tree. Cllr Jewitt advised that he also had spoken to residential groups

RESOLVED that Cllr Waites and he share the information to enable the residents to work together.

To discuss repayment to Cllr Waites on behalf of Scissett village group – Cllr Waites advised that last year, the money collected by Scissett village group, totalling £585.00 (including an excess of £230.00) had been paid into the Parish Council funds and hadn't been invoiced by Kirklees Council. Cllr Waites also questioned whether the Parish Council should contribute more next year towards trees.

RESOLVED that the total of £585.00 be paid to Cllr Waites on behalf of Scissett village group, and for Kirklees to invoice him for £355.00, with the over-collection of £230.00 being held over by Cllr Waites for next year's tree.

RESOLVED that the contribution towards Christmas trees be put on the F&G Purposes agenda

12/384 Finance Matters

Orders for Payment

RESOLVED that orders for payment No.595 be approved for payment, totalling £2025.70

Emergency Fund for maintenance/work Kirklees unable to undertake

Cllrs Rushforth and Gott stated that there was already a process in place for community groups to approach the council for funding via the Community Grant Scheme. It was also suggested that the council could not yet pre-empt what works Kirklees would be unable to undertake.

RESOLVED that this be included on the F&G Purposes agenda for discussion.

12/385 February Council Meeting – Further agenda items:

- Agree the precept

12/386 Date of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 21 January

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 28 January

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CHAIRMAN