

**Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 July 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: William Jewitt, Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, John Cook, Ray Gott, Steven Slater, Lynn Hardy, Eddie Shaw, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Maggie Blanshard, P Cassidy and J Senior.

**Members Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Depledge, Kemp, Denby and Banawich. Cllr J Summers was absent.

**15/ 023 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Cook welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

**15/024 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

Cllr Cassidy declared an interest in agenda item 16.

**15/025 Open Session**

Rosie Taylor from Emley First School spoke in support of the school's grant application.

**15/026 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Depledge, Kemp, Denby and Banawich.

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

**15/027 Admission of the Public**

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

**15/028 Emley School Grant Application (brought forward)**

**RESOLVED** that this grant be awarded for £500.

**15/029 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- Full Council – 2 June
- Plans Scrutiny – 26 May
- Finance & General Purposes – 16 June
- Plans Scrutiny – 30 June

**15/030 Ward Councillor's report**

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Cllr Turner would be attending a meeting on 8 July with senior officers to finalise proposals for the library service, which would be taken to Full Council on 29 July.
- Much time had been spent dealing with the recent developments around the alleged bomber from this area.
- A deal had been signed to start improvements in broadband for the area which would be rolled out in September, postcodes of the exact areas were confidential as yet due to the commercial nature of the broadband service.
- Cllr Turner reported on changes within local surgeries, with Denby Dale surgery cutting opening hours for 3 months, due to a 10% cut in budget. It was not clear how this would affect other surgeries, however Cllr Turner would be writing to the Director of Public Health again.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**15/031 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.**

Andy Wickham provided a written report. It was requested that the Clerk ask Andy to attend a meeting when possible to meet new councillors and explain his role.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**15/032 Clerk's Report**

- Denby Dale Station – No further report as Cllr Depledge was unable to attend.
- Pie Dish – Repairs were complete, and the dish was painted and finished.
- Litter bin – Due to error in replacing this bin with a parish council bin, the Clerk was asked to re-order a parish council bin for Emley Church.
- Chemist at Clayton West – the Clerk and Chairman had not received any further information so no further action could be taken.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **15/033 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Brook reported that no meeting had taken place.

### **15/034 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that the Friends of the Textile Museum had now achieved charitable status which would hopefully help with future grant applications. The family of the late Leslie Robinson had granted the Friends Group the right to occupy the museum, enabling them to take groups round the museum and for it to be opened on heritage days.

Cllr Brook also tabled a report on EPIP detailing the new scheme and reminding councillors that in many cases 40% of costs for a project could be applied for, the other 60% had to be found from other means. He added that the application process could prove to be complicated, and that funds would probably therefore be for larger applications and not small projects.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **15/035 Churchfield Update**

This item had been covered by the Countryside Officer in his report.

### **15/036 Rural District Committee Update**

Cllr Blanshard reported from the last meeting.

- This had been a preparatory, not public meeting, and had discussed the scope and powers of the committee.
- A presentation had been given from a director about the council's reduced budget.
- A Local Assessment document had been discussed, to gather intelligence from the wards and work out their priorities.
- The New Homes Bonus had been discussed, this was a Government initiative aimed at getting extra funding.

### **15/037 Skelmanthorpe Library Building**

Cllr Brook updated the Council regarding the amendment to the Heads of Terms stating that *'the Tenant may assign or underlet the Premises subject to obtaining Landlords consent'*. This document was now with the solicitors. Cllr Jewitt updated Council on the state of the roof repairs, which had not been fully completed, but for which Kirklees Council would be paying, not the Parish Council. It was also suggested that Council start thinking about marketing and the use of the building, which could be via the Working Group initially.

### **15/038 Denby Dale Community Project Update**

A discussion was held around the changes noted in Cllr Jim Dodds report circulated after the last Full Council meeting. The Clerk had confirmed that, legally, the alternative use by a charity from outside the ward for a charity shop could be supported along with the existing remit of supporting the library.

**RESOLVED** that the Council remain committed to keeping the Denby Dale library open if this remains possible, and that the balance of £22,000 be drawn down when construction starts as per the previous resolution (*Full Council, 7 Jan 2014, min: 12/380*), as per the recommendation by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

### **15/039 Matters Raised by Councillors**

The Royds, Clayton West – Cllr Turner reported he had been speaking with Kevin Walton who was aware of this issue and was in constant contact with the resident, however, as this had been

within the rules of permitted development until recently, there was nothing to be done until the residents intentions had been made clear.

Power Socket, War memorial, Denby Dale – Cllrs stated that adequate PA systems were available and the residents should write to Kirklees Council regarding this.

Litter at back of Council Offices – the Clerk would look into a local contractor to deal with ground maintenance once the Parish Council had taken over the building.

YLCA Feedback – Cllr Shaw referred to his report, particularly the use of civic events to enable sharing of ideas. The Chairman accepted the offer of assistance from Cllrs Shaw and Naylor to investigate the possibility of a Civic Event. It was also agreed that the Clerk provide details of invitations to civic events in the Clerk’s report in future.

**15/040 Finance Matters**

Orders for Payment: RESOLVED that the orders for payment No 634 be approved for payment, totalling £475.58.

Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit: RESOLVED that the Internal Audit be approved as effective as recommended by the F&GP Committee.

Virement: RESOLVED that £406 be vired from the Emley Show budget to the Dog Bag/dispensers budget as recommended by the F&GP Committee.

**15/041 September Council Meeting Items: (There is no August Full Council Meeting)**

- Children playing on the war memorial at Emley (*Cllr Kemp*)
- Adoption by volunteer groups of public areas (*Cllr Waites*)
- Over-hanging branches at various locations to be dealt with by Kirklees Council (*Cllr Slater*)

**15/042 Dates of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 July
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – **18 August**

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CHAIRMAN