

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Ray Gott, William Jewitt, Lynn Hardy, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Eric Wrench, Stephen Slater, John Cook, Bev Rushforth, Jim Dodds, Cynthia Naylor, Claire Rimmer, Stuart Merry and Jamie Summers.

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs; Richard Brook, Edward Shaw, Kelvyn Waites, Michael Watson & Graham Turner

In attendance: Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

12/ 501 Chairman's Opening Remarks

A minutes silence was held at the start of the meeting, in memory of Cllr Rob Pickford, and also in memory of Leslie Robinson, local historian.

12/502 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

12/503 Open Session

No members of the public requested to speak at the meeting

12/504 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brook, Shaw, Waites, Watson and Turner

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

12/505 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

12/506 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Annual Council Meeting – 2 September
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 23 September

12/507 Report from the Ward Councillors

Cllr Graham Turner tabled a report:

- He is actively involved with a large number of villages trying to find solutions to proposed cut in library budget
- Second public meeting held regarding Skelmanthorpe library, with a follow up being held on 11th November in the council chambers at 7.45pm with a plan to set up a user/friends group.
- Work still going on with Denby Dale Community Project
- First stage public consultation on budget proposals finished on Friday. Second phase scheduled to run from 27 October until early December.
- Traffic issues in Emley – Graham has asked highways to do an up to date speed and traffic count over a period of a week. This will be done when they have time to install the equipment.
- Up to date report received on child sexual exploitation with a debate held at Full Council last week. It is clear there are some children at risk but they are as confident as they can be that they have identified these and are doing all they can to protect them.
- (addendum to report: Gritting - we have just agreed at cabinet to reduce the runs from 32 to 27 but still grit the same overall length of priority routes, by using revised routes)

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Cllr Jim Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Budget work was on-going. The final budget would be ready in January. Still major problems with year 3 not balancing, therefore there are still many savings to make.

- Planning: a major issue on the housing development proposed in Scissett had been raised with concern over flooding issues. He also raised the concern over the affect on school intake in the area.
- Safeguarding: a panel will be set up consisting of members of all political groups. Cllr Dodds also had asked for all Ward Councillors to be informed of issues within their wards as they wanted to be aware of any issues.
- Rural Broadband: Cllr Dodds stated he would be in Lancaster tomorrow at a conference looking at grants from the EU to assist local businesses.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/508 Report from Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received and thanks given to Andy for his on-going work.

12/509 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

Land at Upper Cumberworth: Cllrs Cook and Slater to speak to the farmer again regarding this land.

Emley Traffic Issues – Cllr Turner had advised in his report that he had requested highways to do an up to date speed and traffic count. Concern was expressed over the positioning of the equipment in the past.

Telephone Kiosk, Emley – Cllr Wrench reported that this had been removed.

Denby Dale Pie Dish – Cllr Dodds reported that he and the metal worker had visited the site, and there were concerns over the base. It was proposed that the dish be cleared out during the new build to so a JCB to be used.

Phone Box, Upper Denby – Cllr Cook stated that there was interest in the community to take this over. He suggested replacing the glass with Perspex in all windows. It was agreed that the Clerk check again on the ownership of the phone box.

Footpath, Upper Denby – Cllr Cook stated that this path was not on the definitive map. It was suggested that the respondent may obtain an ‘adopt a path’ pack from Kirklees/Andy Wickham.

RESOLVED that the Clerk’s report be received.

12/510 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Rushforth stated that no meeting had been held for some time.

12/511 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook tabled a report.

- Defra have informed EPIP that the decision on which groups will be park of the next Leader programme has been put back to the end of November.
- 132 people visited the Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre during last month’s Open Days. However, this has been overshadowed by the sad death last week of the owner, Leslie Robinson. We await news of the future of the Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/512 Kirklees Rural District Committee Update

Cllr Flinders reported from the last meeting and from the consultation meeting held recently. She stated there had been many discussions around devolution but with no set ideas put forward on how this will happen. At present, parish councillors attended as members of the public only.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12/513 Churchfield Update

Cllr Naylor reported that this was covered in Andy Wickham’s report, and added that Cllr Brook had promised that some benches would be provided by the Walkers are Welcome group. Two dog bag dispensers were also to be placed at either end of the footpath. The next meeting was to be held on Wednesday 5 November at 1pm in the council chambers.

12/514 Grant Application from Emley Boundary Walk 2014

RESOLVED that the grant for £200 be awarded in full using the power set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1986 s.19.

12/515 Remembrance Day Arrangements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following councillors lay wreaths:

All Saints Church, Clayton West – Cllr B Jewitt

St Michael's Church, Emley – Cllr E Shaw

St Augustine's Church, Scissett – Cllr K Waites or Cllr J Cook

St Aiden's Church, Skelmanthorpe – Cllr S Merry

War Memorial, Denby Dale – Cllr K Waites or Cllr J Cook

War Memorial, Birdsedge – Cllr C Naylor

It was **RESOLVED** that the donation to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal be increased from £112 to £200, the balance to be vired from the Administration budget line.

12/516 Neighbourhood Planning Update

Cllr Cook reported back from the exploratory public meeting held last month, which had been poorly attended.

RESOLVED that the council would not undertake to produce a neighbourhood plan.

12/517 Review of Council's Handling Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED that the revised guidelines be adopted.

12/518 Implementation of Guidelines for broadcasting or using social media at council meetings

RESOLVED that the guidelines be reviewed at the next Full Council meeting along with Kirklees guidelines.

12/519 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Dodds informed the meeting that the business plan had been submitted on Monday. There were a number of funding applications being completed, and the aim was for the build to start in the new year. The Surestart Centre would close on 31 December and move to Grange Moor, with an outreach worker remaining in Denby Dale.

12/520 Matters Raised by Councillors

Timbernest, Clayton West – Cllr Jewitt reported that this building was in the process of being sold to a new buyer who would be putting in planning permission for housing.

Dog fouling, Clayton West – Cllr Hardy reported on the dog fouling by the school and in the recreation area used by the school, which had previously had gates stolen. Suggestions for the school included reporting incidents/individuals to the Dog Warden, and the purchase of a dog bag dispenser by the council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk provide Kayes school with current legislation on recreation grounds regarding dog walking.

RESOLVED that a dog bag dispenser be purchased for placement near the school.

12/521 Finance Matters

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.613 be approved for payment, totalling £1,926.19

Expenditure Update – the council noted the expenditure update provided by the Clerk.

12/522 October Council Meeting – Further agenda items

- Implementation of guidelines for broadcasting or using social media at council meetings
- Telephone Box at Upper Denby (Cllr Cook)

12/523 Date of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 21 October
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 28 October

- Full Council Meeting – 4 November

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CHAIRMAN