

**Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs John Cook, Bev Rushforth, Richard Brook, Cynthia Naylor, Rob Pickford, Michael Watson, Ray Gott, Stephen Kinchin, Edward Shaw, Jim Dodds, Graham Turner, Lynn Hardy, Kelvyn Waites

**Members Apologies:** Cllrs Stephen Slater, Tim Bennett and Claire Rimmer

**In attendance:** Jessica Jubb (Clerk to the Council)

**12/140 Declaration of Councillors' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**12/141 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**12/142 Apologies**

Reasons for absence were submitted from Cllrs Stephen Slater, Tim Bennett and Claire Rimmer.

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

**12/143 Admission of the Public**

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

**12/144 Report from the Police**

There was no report from the police.

**12/145 Report from the Ward Councillor**

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- The Environment Agency has opposed the two planning applications submitted by Redrow in Scissett.
- The planning application at Strike Lane, Skelmanthorpe was progressing.
- The application for four houses at Emley, will go to Kirklees Council's Planning Committee in either February or March, following concerns from neighbouring residents regarding drainage. There has been a new application for four wind turbines at Birds Edge.
- The open cast mining planning application at Clayton West, has been revised; however English Heritage and Wakefield Council are still opposing the planning application.
- BT are looking at updating broadband cabinets in the parish, however each cabinet costs approximately £91k to upgrade, so it is only feasible in areas where BT can make a return on the investment.
- The first meeting of the Denby Dale Community Project (Denby Dale Library group) will be held on 15 January 2013. A public meeting will be organised in March.
- The different political parties are currently discussing Kirklees Council's budget and looking how £69 million pounds can be saved over the next three years.
- The bike track at Clayton West has had a contamination report done and there is no risk to public health. Kirklees Council are looking at leasing the land to a local bikers group.
- There will be improvements made to the Skelmanthorpe Skate Park in spring and an event will be held once the work is completed.
- The Dearne Valley Sports Complex has been awarded £10,000 from the Area Committee.
- The Emley White Cross defects will be rectified by the contractor.
- The Local Development Framework can't be ratified until the Regional Spatial Strategy has been abolished.
- The maintenance of the land at Denby Delph has been an issue and Kirklees Council's Legal Department are taking action.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**12/146 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- 4 December 2012 Full Council
- 4 December 2012 Finance and General Purposes
- 18 December 2012 Plans Scrutiny Committee

**12/147 Report from Countryside Officer**

Andy Wickham provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**12/148 Clerks Report**

The Clerk provided a written report. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report be received.

**12/149 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Both Cllr Rushforth and Cllr Cook were unable to attend the last meeting of the Forum.

**12/150 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that the group had not met since the last meeting. The Friends of the Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre would be holding their first AGM on 21 January 2013. The Walker's are Welcome group has received national accreditation status. EPIP had agreed to fund the updating of the walking leaflets.

**12/151 Neighbourhood Plans**

Cllr Brook reported that the working party had not identified sufficient benefits that justified the significant resources required to do a neighbourhood plan and therefore the group proposed not to proceed with doing a plan. **RESOLVED** that a neighbourhood plan would not be started at the present time. The council would review their decision when the Local Development Framework is published. The Chairman thanked those councillors on the working party for their hard work.

**12/152 Matters raised by Councillors**Parking at Scissett

Cars are parking irresponsibly to drop/collect children from the school. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Turner would raise the issue with the police at the next Neighbourhood Management group meeting.

Formation of Denby Dale Library Site Trust

A library site trust is being formed and it was been proposed that Cllr Dodds would represent Kirklees Council on the board and Cllr Brook would represent the parish council. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Brook represents the parish council on the trust committee.

Gritting and grit boxes

Kaye's First and Nursery School has complained to Kirklees Council that they are not on the gritting route. Cllr Turner and Cllr Dodds highlighted that to cover the road past the school would mean not gritting in another area - no extension could be made to the contract. Grit boxes can be requested from the Area Committee, however Cllr Dodds pointed out that all the money had already been allocated and with more budget cuts it was unlikely residents would be able to get new grit boxes. Cllr Dodds highlighted that residents can ask the highways department at Kirklees for small deposits of grit to be left on their street.

Cllr Hardy said residents near the recreation ground in Clayton West were experiencing surface water running down their street and freezing. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Dodds would look into the surface water matter.

Green Hallows

It had been noted that Kirklees Council had not taken action against the owner of Green Hallows for changing a listed building, in a conservation area, without the necessary planning consent. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Adrian Lythgo at Kirklees Council requesting the matter be investigated.

Planning applications

Cllr Shaw informed the Council that some planning applications for the Denby Dale Parish had been sent to Kirkburton Parish Council in error. The Clerk reported that she had raised the issue with Kirklees Council Planning Department.

Post Office car tax payments

Deferred to the next meeting.

**12/153 Finance Matters**

**RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.573 be approved for payment, totalling £715.88.

It was noted that Kirklees Council had not yet provided the Clerk with the tax base figure, so the parish council could not discuss the precept until the February meeting.

**12/154 Items for next meeting**

- Cold Calling Zone
- Post Office car tax payments
- Precept

**Date of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 January 2013 – 7.00pm
- Finance & General Purposes – 5 February 2013 – 6.30pm
- Full Council Meeting – 5 February 2013 – 7.00pm

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN