

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Maggie Blanshard, Paula Kemp, Eddie Shaw, Janet Depledge, Graham Turner, John Cook, Mike Wood, Neil Denby, Steven Slater, Billy Jewitt, Lynn Hardy and Neil Gemmell

16/592 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge welcomed councillors to the meeting.

16/593 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/594 Open Session

No members of the public were present

16/595 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Naylor, Waites and Merry. Councillor Summers was absent

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/596 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/597 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 5 December

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 19 December

16/598 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report.

- Work was on going with the council budget which was now in draft form and would be discussed at Cabinet on the 30th January
- Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe, would be under-going re-surfacing for 3 weeks in February between the hours of 7-11pm subject to weather conditions
- The Library Consultation started on Monday and would last for 12 weeks. This can be accessed on-line or in libraries. Cllr Turner hoped to have secured a meeting with the Libraries Minister in London for useful national information
- Mens Sheds Project was going well and had been selling reindeer over Christmas
- 'My Kirklees' had also started well with 9,000 people having signed up, well over the target
- Cllr Turner would be attending a meeting with Redrow and residents to discuss concerns about the Pilling Lane development
- A Local Area Co-ordinator for rural areas was to be appointed under a pilot scheme funded by Better Care Fund to look at long term mental health/social isolation/deprivation
- The re-selling of road planings were discussed, however, Cllr Turner advised Kirklees Council didn't do this as the contractors who removed them would increase their price
- Cllr Turner agreed to look at the Highways Plan regarding any improvements to the road in Emley

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/599 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report. Cllr Depledge commented on the excellent work undertaken by the Officer, especially in terms of volunteers.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/600 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

- Footpath at Shelley Woodhouse – The Clerk was asked to write again to Kirklees to ask that they consider making this into a path instead of a verge as many young people do use this route and it is unsafe
- Clayton West Recreation Ground – the Clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to Kirklees for the improvement to visibility following the cutting of the hedge and safety improvement with the use of the boulders in the gap.
- Noticeboard at Lower Denby – Cllr Cook confirmed that this board was not the parish council's and had been put up by the residents of Lower Denby. Cllr Cook, however, would visit the concerned resident and see what could be done about the state/siting of the board.

16/601 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 697 be approved for payment, totalling £5,015.82 (total approved in lieu of Clerk completing this after the meeting)
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for January 2018.
- Precept: Cllr Brook reported that it had been confirmed by Kirklees that the parish council would again receive the Council Tax Reduction Grant, and that the precept would be discussed and a recommendation put forward by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at their meeting next week.

16/602 Draft Calendar of Meetings for 2018/2019

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings be accepted

16/603 GDPR Briefings from NALC

The Clerk referred to the briefings provided and asked all councillors to read and keep these documents as it is essential that all councillors understand the implications of the new regulations as more information comes out. The Clerk highlighted the point from NALC stating that Clerks could not undertake the role of Data Protection Officer. NALC may be able to put something in place to cover this for parish councils and the Clerk stated that the council would have to outsource this role somehow. Cllr Turner stated that Kirklees had tried to put a business case forward for outsourcing, starting with schools, but this had not proved to be viable. He also stated that their Information Officer would be trying to get together a list of reputable businesses offering DPO/Consultancy packages. He would also ask the Information Officer to contact the Clerk with further assistance. The Clerk stated that there was some information from the ICO to hand out and further information was available on the ICO website, and that GDPR would remain on future agendas for further update. Policies were being put forward to the Finance & General Purposes meeting for adoption, however, the Clerk stated that this would not be effective until a DPO was appointed.

16/604 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Superfast Broadband – Cllr Gemmell highlighted the fact that many households further away from exchanges did not receive the increased rate once the upgrade had taken place. Grants to improve services were available, but sometimes not to all. Cllr Turner gave www.digital.enterprise.co.uk for information on grants.
- Estate Agent boards on paths – Cllr Blanshard highlighted the 'clustering' of boards on pathways, which is illegal. Once highlighted to Kirklees council, the council could request that the estate agents remove them from Kirklees land within a given timescale. If they were not removed, the council could remove them and charge the agents. Due to limited resources, Cllr Turner asked that any issues be photographed, with the location (and showing the agents details) so officers could write to them directly.
- Bottle Bank Sites – Cllr Turner stated that Kirklees council were losing land to site bottle banks on, and asked councillors to let him know of any willing landowners who would be willing to have them sited on their land. Sites should not be too close to homes, should

have parking and access for removal. Cllr Hardy suggested the gas yard in Clayton West but wasn't aware of who owned this.

16/605 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the Skelmanthorpe Textile Centre would be open regularly on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 10.30-12.30. He also stated the Clerk had circulated the EPIP newsletter. Cllr Brook also referred to the interesting article on the Denby Dale viaduct circulated by Cllr Kemp who agreed to get further information to him.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/606 Working Party on Public Transport Report

No update provided

16/607 Business Plan

Cllr Gott updated on the meeting held and stated that the group would attempt to get a draft together to bring for consideration at the April meeting if possible.

16/608 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Jewitt referred to the leak in the ceiling which seemed to be caused by missing roof tiles. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for this to be fixed urgently under delegated powers.

16/609 February Council Meeting Items:

- TARDIS – to consider the siting of the TARDIS if still applicable in February

16/610 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee 16 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee 30 January
- Full Council Meeting 6 February

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN