

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Neil Denby, Eddie Shaw, Graham Turner, Billy Jewitt, Susan Hellewell, Janet Depledge, Ray Gott, John Cook and Steven Slater.

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Blanshard, Summers, Gemmell, Wood & Merry

16/370 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

16/371 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/372 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

16/373 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Blanshard, Gemmell, Wood, Summers & Merry. Cllr Hardy was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/374 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/375 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 6 December 2016

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 20 December

16/376 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Work was on-going with the four-year budget, with the Government 4-year settlement having been notified late December
- There had been some unexpected changes in the settlement, including the removal of the Education Supplement Agencies £4 million, which would possibly mean more savings to be made. The New Homes Bonus Grant had also been reduced and changed to the Social Care Precept.
- The Leader of the Council and senior members had been to lobby DCL in London today. Cllr Turner confirmed in answer to a councillor's question that Kirklees was less funded than other authorities in the immediate area.
- Children's Services was being proposed as a Trust, which was being resisted by Kirklees.
- Full Council was to debate NHS/Adult Social Care next week.
- An IT failure over Christmas at Kirklees would be fully investigated and systems would be down between 3pm on Thursday and 8am on Friday to finalise the back-up.
- Cllr Turner updated on an incorrect story by the Huddersfield Examiner, stating that the Francis Bacon collection had not been sold, it was currently 'on tour' on its way to Scotland, and was not worth £60 million, but had been valued last at £19.5 million.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/377 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent in a written report. It was noted that the Countryside Officer would be attending meetings approx. quarterly.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/378 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report:

- It was noted that the Denby Dale Nursery site was now unsafe again, with hoarding having been removed from the rear of the site and debris spread around.
- Cllr Waites requested that the Clerk write to the Post Office again around Scissett post boxes.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/379 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 671 be approved for payment, totalling £2,192.48
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for January 2017.
- Precept: It was noted that the Precept would be discussed at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on 17 January, for approval at the Full Council meeting on 7 February.

16/380 Matters Raised by Councillors

- YLCA Report: Cllr Shaw reported that due to YLCA subsidies, contributions to NALC were down to 4.9%, partly due to new parish councils having been formed and therefore contributing. YLCA were currently dealing with approx. 100 queries per week. The recent referendum on precept had not affected this Council, only Keighley in this area. It was reported that training events were going very well and Cllr Shaw urged councillors to attend these.

16/381 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook stated the Forum had not met.

16/382 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that he would be putting in a request to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to vire funds to the working party to enable historic photographs to be uploaded to the archive website. He also stated that the Textile & Heritage Centre would be open to the public every second Saturday of each month on a trial basis.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/383 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge referred to her paper on Naylor's at Bromley Farm, where it was hoped there would be land made available for parking and for a country park, and reported that the planning application had been submitted to remove clay from the site over a 5year period, which may raise questions from members of the public. There were areas of concern around the bridge and parapet. It was noted that normal policies should cover all Health and Safety concerns due to the nature of the work.

Cllr Waites stated that there were problems with unreliability of Tiger buses over the last two months at Emley. Cllr Turner noted that there were plans for a new bus service which would hopefully be confirmed by the weekend.

16/384 Churchfield Update

Cllr Jewitt reported damage caused at the site, and at the site at Cliffe Woods.

16/385 Rural District Committee Meeting

No meeting had been held.

16/386 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Brook reported that the U3A (University of the Third Age) would hopefully link to the building when launched in Skelmanthorpe. A meeting was being held on 20 February at 10am in the Savoy in Skelmanthorpe.

16/387 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Brook reported that the keys had now been handed over to the trustees and that the building would now be fitted out by Kirklees and by the Kirkwood Hospice. There would be a paid member of staff in the library for 15 hours per week, with support from volunteers. There would also be a self-issuing machine.

16/388 February Council Meeting Items:

- Signage at High Flatts (*Cllr Cook*)
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16/389 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 January
- Full Council – 7 February

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CHAIRMAN