

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

**Members Present:** Cllrs: William Jewitt, Tim Bennett, Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Michael Watson, John Cook, Eric Wrench, Ray Gott, Steven Slater, Lynn Hardy, Eddie Shaw, Cynthia Naylor, and Claire Rimmer.

**Members Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs: Kelvyn Waites, Jim Dodds, Stuart Merry, Susan Hellewell, Jamie Summers and Janet Depledge.

**In attendance:** Carole Wadsworth (Clerk to the Council)

### **12/ 634 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Cook, Vice Chairman standing in for the Chairman welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

### **12/635 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **12/636 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

### **12/637 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Kelvyn Waites, Jim Dodds, Stuart Merry, Jamie Summers, Susan Hellewell and Janet Depledge.

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

### **12/638 Admission of the Public**

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

### **12/639 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- Full Council – 3 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 March

### **12/640 Ward Councillor's report**

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Due to the elections the council is in purdah so things appear quiet at the moment.
- Cllr Turner has now finished visiting all libraries in the area, the reports from these visits will form part of the consultation process which ends on Friday. So far over 5,000 responses have been received.
- There was progress reported on Broadband, with the possibility of some funding being available later in the year.
- Cllr Shaw proposed a vote of thanks to both ward councillors for their work in reporting back to the parish council from Kirklees.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/641 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer.**

Cllr Turner reported that Andy Wickham's line manager, John Fletcher, had now retired from the service which was a sad loss to Kirklees.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/642 Clerk's Report**

- Denby Dale Station – Clerk was liaising with Naylor's until after elections.
- Land at Upper Cumberworth – Cllr Cook to arrange a meeting with the farmer.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **12/643 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Brook reported that he had attended a meeting which had not been very encouraging as the team only had a budget for a further 12 months. Kirklees is now looking to volunteers to adopt and maintain rights of way. Walkers are Welcome do some of this already, but there is scope for more liaison with Kirklees council's assistance. A booklet had been produced to assist with the process and would be available from the Clerk. Kirklees aim to encourage people to walk some of its 700 miles of rights of way over the summer, as walking the paths was one of the best ways to maintain them. Meetings are now only being held quarterly.

#### **12/644 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook stated that the Friends group were hopeful of Heritage Lottery funding to purchase the textile museum.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12/645 Churchfield Update**

This was covered in the Countryside Officer's report.

#### **12/646 Rural District Committee Update**

Cllr Brook stated that at the last meeting there had been guest speakers including from EPIP and Pennine Prospects regarding the latest programme, and from Penistone Line Partnership. A Kirklees Officer also reported on rural broadband.

#### **12/647 Skelmanthorpe Library Building**

Following discussion resolutions were made as follows:

**RESOLVED** that the council agreed to a formal hand over by means of an Asset Transfer of the Skelmanthorpe Library Building from Kirklees Council to the Denby Dale Parish Council with running costs of the building using the power provided under Local Government Act 1972 s133 and being drawn from the Library Building budget of £30,000 for 2015/2016 and as per Kirklees Council Cabinet proposal passed on 10 March 2015 (attached). A named vote was requested, the resolution was passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that the estimated running costs presented by the working party were accepted.

**RESOLVED** that the insurers for the building would be Zurich, at an additional £878.88 plus tax on top of the existing policy using the power provided under Local Government Act 1972 s133.

**RESOLVED** that the contract for the cleaner/caretaker be approved with the expenditure using the power provided under Local Government Act 1972 s133

**RESOLVED** that the Fire Package provided by Kirklees Council at a cost of £400pa be approved using powers provided under Local Government Act 1972 s133

#### **12/648 Notice of intention to apply to transfer maintenance responsibility of churchyard to Parish Council by St Nicholas Church**

**RESOLVED** that the parish council pass responsibility over to Kirklees Council under section 215 of Local Government Act 1972 and that the Clerk write to Kirklees Council and St Nicholas Church to inform them of this within the allotted time period of 3 months.

#### **12/649 Denby Dale Community Project Update**

Cllr Turner reported that the Big Lottery Fund had been approached for funding and they expected news at the end of April and that negotiations were ongoing with an anchor tenant.

#### **12/650 Matters Raised by Councillors**

Litterbins at Emley Church - **RESOLVED** that a litterbin be provided at Emley Church

YLCA report - **RESOLVED** that the report provided by Cllr Shaw be accepted.

Emley Football Club Grant update request – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the present Chairman to request feedback on the project under the council's rules for grant giving.

#### **12/651 Finance Matters**

Orders for Payment - **RESOLVED** that orders for payment No.628 be approved for payment, totalling £2,947.02. The Clerk also noted her corrected salary/WYPF/HMRC payments now the live Payetool was current.

**12/652 May Council Meeting Items:** There were no items raised.

**12/653 Dates of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 April
- **ACM and APM – 19 May**

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CHAIRMAN