

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 December 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: William Jewitt, Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, John Cook, Ray Gott, Eddie Shaw, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Paul Cassidy, Steven Slater, Maggie Blanshard, Neil Denby, Lynn Hardy, Stuart Merry and Janet Depledge

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Summers and Hellewell

15/108 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed the councillors to the meeting, and showed councillors a card from Nortonthorpe Hall School thanking the council for the grant received.

15/109 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Declarations were received from Cllrs Brook and Waites regarding item 12, and from Cllrs Hardy, Jewitt and Cook regarding Clayton West Cricket Club on item 18.

15/110 Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

15/111 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Summers and Hellewell. Cllr Senior was absent.
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

15/112 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

15/113 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 3 November

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 November

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 November

RESOLVED to note Cllr Gott's concerns regarding the legality of the resolution to take item 7 in private session at the last Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting.

15/114 David Sheard, Leader of the Council

Cllr Sheard reported to the council on the following matters:

- Cllr Sheard expressed his interest in setting up conversations with parish councils, in order to work in partnership to deliver what parish councils needed to do.
- In response to Cllr Shaw's question on neglected pavements and roads in Emley, Cllr Sheard stated that these should be addressed at the programming stage, with parish councils putting priorities forward.
- In response to Cllr Hardy's question on grit boxes, Cllr Sheard stated that if boxes were identified on established gritting routes, these could be potentially moved to other areas, however he agreed that new grit boxes would not be provided.
- Cllr Depledge asked how members and officers were made aware of the particular issues of rural communities. Cllr Sheard advised that all decisions were made public, with local communities asked about their concerns.
- The issue of speed control was raised with Cllr Sheard who stated that there were resource allocation issues as well as legal reasons needed to be addressed. The issue of evidencing need was also discussed.
- Cllr Gott asked if Kirklees council could take the opportunity to work with Yorkshire Water when new developments happened. Cllr Sheard stated that Yorkshire Water were already asked to comment on more than the necessary developments of over 30 houses, but agreed to raise this issue.

- Cllr Sheard raised the issue of the problem of housing for older people in local communities, and suggested that the parish council raise this issue when looking into the Local Plan, in terms of dedicated housing for the elderly.
- Cllr Sheard thanked the council and asked that if they wished to contact him with further questions, he would be happy to get back to them.

15/115 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The new police inspector was committed to neighbourhood policing which was very positive news.
- The Autumn Statement was now out and further work was on-going to work out the impacts
- The cutting of the Rate Support Grant was likely to have a huge impact
- Asset Selling under the Autumn Statement meant that assets could be part of revenue and capitol now, however the detail of this was not yet clear
- There was a large investment in Broadband, which would be starting hopefully in April 2016, with survey work going on now
- The deadline for consultation on the Local Plan had been extended until the 1 February
- The Library Service was now implementing the new service
- The council was still on track to receive two refugee families by Christmas to the area

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/116 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/117 Clerk's Report

- Denby Dale Station – Cllr Depledge reported on a meeting held with Cllr Brook and Naylor's where detailed plans were provided on a landscape area and an area proposed to be given over to the parish council for possible car parking. She proposed that in order to investigate this further, the transport sub-committee should be re-instated, with this item to be taken forward to the next Full Council meeting for any interested councillors to put their names forward..
- Denby Dale Village email: it was proposed that the council's response would be to forward these concerns to Inspector Trueman, along with the concerns raised in the email regarding building works at Skelmanthorpe.

15/118 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

No further meeting had taken place.

15/119 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that no progress on the EPIP Leader programme had taken place as it was still to be signed off by Defra.

Cllr Brook submitted a request for support from the Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre to enable them to obtain Heritage Lottery Funding. This could be moral support, and/or in terms of financial support via Small Grants.

RESOLVED that the parish council send a letter of support in terms of moral and future possible small grant aid support.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/120 Churchfield Update

The Clerk reported that the lease agreement had not been signed and that further questions had been received from the solicitor which she and the Countryside Officer would try to clarify and respond to.

15/121 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Blanshard reported on the last Rural District Committee meeting

- Community Engagement had been discussed
- A presentation on Dementia came under the Committees health remit and could mean funding towards an initiative
- Clarification was given on the New Homes Initiative by Cllr Turner, who advised that groups needed to apply for this for projects

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/122 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Update

The Clerk reported that the Asset Transfer was yet to be finalised, and that the Working Group had responded to a solicitors letter raising issues from Kirklees in line with advice from the parish council solicitor and insurance company.

15/123 Denby Dale Community Project Update

It was reported that building work was now in progress having been stopped previously by heavy rain.

15/124 Local Plan Discussion

Following discussion particularly around education provision, it was **RESOLVED** that councillors should submit individual responses to the consultation on the Local Plan, which had been extended to 1 February.

15/125 Matters Raised by Councillors

Clayton West Cricket Club Cllr Jewitt reported on the well-attended public meeting, and advised that he would update councillors following the next meeting

YLCA Report no attendees from Denby Dale due to illness

Christmas tree at Xmas tree Festival **RESOLVED** that Cllr Merry provide photographs and a tree for the festival, with information provided by the Clerk.

Litterbins at Emley Community Centre and Football Club: **RESOLVED** that 3 bins be provided.

Building Site Impact on Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe: to be discussed in more detail at the next Full Council meeting.

15/126 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 644 be approved for payment, totalling £2,942.23
- Budget Outturn 2015/16: **RESOLVED** that the outturn be accepted
- Draft Budget 2016/17: **RESOLVED** that the draft budget submitted by the Finance & General Purposes Committee be approved and adopted.
- Precept: As information was not yet available from Kirklees on the tax base, this would be deferred until the next Finance and General Purposes Committee, to then take forward to February's Full Council meeting.

15/127 January Council Meeting Items:

- Building Site Impact on Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe
- Clayton West Cricket Club
- Transport Sub-Committee membership

15/128 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 15 December
- Full Council – 5 January 2016
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 19 January 2016

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CHAIRMAN