

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 February 2016 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, Maggie Blanshard, Stuart Merry, Janet Depledge, Jamie Summers and Neil Denby

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Senior and Slater

15/146 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed the councillors to the meeting and introduced Solo, from Rural Action Yorkshire, to the meeting.

15/147 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No declarations of interest were received.

15/148 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

15/149 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Senior and Slater. Cllr Hardy was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

15/150 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

15/151 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 5 January

Finance & General Purposes – 19 January

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 January

15/152 Rural Action Yorkshire Presentation on Dementia Friendly Communities (*item 10 brought forward*)

Solo from Rural Action Yorkshire spoke to councillors about the work he would be doing in Denby Dale Ward to create dementia friendly venues for dementia sufferers and their carers. This would involve creating new dementia friendly venues, and also supporting existing venues to provide new services. Mapping of the area suggested that this ward could have a predicted number of 200 people diagnosed with dementia, therefore there is a clear need for this support in the parish. Solo stated he currently needed to identify venues to work with, he had already established contact with the Denby Dale Centre, Clayton West Derby and Joan and Skelmanthorpe Tenants and Residents Association. He welcomed any feedback via the Clerk from councillors with venue contacts or for volunteers which were central to the success of the initiative. Solo was currently working with Kirklees Dementia Action Alliance, Yorkshire Children's Centre, Kirklees Visual Impairment Network and Action on Hearing Loss, and would be working with local businesses on the high street in Skelmanthorpe, Emley, Denby Dale and Clayton West over the next couple of months to improve awareness and encourage businesses to become dementia friendly.

15/153 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The budget which had been taking a lot of work had been presented at cabinet today
- The Local Plan consultation had now finished and would go to the Government inspector to ensure criteria had been met. There would be a further opportunity for community involvement in the process, however timescales were not yet clear.
- The provision of the museum service was now being reviewed.
- The 'Asset Board' was about to be finalised to rationalise Kirklees assets.

- The 'Britain First' demonstration in Dewsbury had taken up much time but had passed off peacefully thanks to planning by the police and officers.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/154 Report from Andy Wickham, Countryside Officer

Andy Wickham provided a written report. Cllr Waites noted that Martin Longman, who had died over Christmas period, was also a leading light in the local community with his volunteer litterpicking.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/155 Clerk's Report

- Building Site Impact – Cllr Kemp would liaise with the Clerk to formulate a letter to companies with planning applications in the pipeline.
- Correspondence was noted.

15/156 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge reported that five councillors had met with Andy Manning of Naylor's to look at the possibility of the proposed car park near the station. The scheme would be very simple, and would involve levelling and putting a surface down, and there would be access to a small country park area. The land was being offered at a peppercorn rent. The overall timescale for the carpark was estimated at approx. 15-18 months. This could have budget implications for the parish council in 2017/18, however Naylor's would be providing all the hard core and fencing for the carpark, therefore it was hoped that there would be a low impact on the council budget. Cllrs Brook and Waites had also had a positive meeting with Northern Rail to discuss the plans

15/157 Bus Timetable Consultation feedback *(brought forward from item 20.2)*

Cllr Waites reported that he had attended the consultation event however was disappointed that this appeared to be an information collecting event only. He would be attending an event on Thursday at Denby Dale Pie Hall where he hoped things had moved forward. He asked any councillors to pass on suggestions to him.

15/158 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

No further meeting had taken place.

15/159 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund from the Friends of Skelmanthorpe Heritage Textile Centre would be considered this month.

Cllr Brook reported that the delayed EPIP programme was about to be launched, and the local group would be holding a public meeting on Wednesday 10 February at 7pm at the Foresters pub. An applicants' handbook would be available, along with a manager to help any applicants.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/160 Churchfield Update

No further update was available.

15/161 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Brook reported that the RDC had stated that there had been no New Homes Bonus grants taken up yet.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15/162 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Update

No further update was available.

15/163 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Turner stated that building work was nearing completion.

15/164 Countryside Officer Post

Cllr Brook spoke regarding the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to employ a replacement for the Countryside Officer.

RESOLVED that as per the Finance & General Purposes Committee recommended, that in principle a Full Time employee be recruited on Grade 6 payscale initially as a replacement for Andy. The parish council should also investigate the costs of a vehicle for the post.

15/165 Emley Show 2016

RESOLVED that the parish council do not take a stand at this year’s show.

15/166 Matters Raised by Councillors

Queens 90th Birthday Beacons – Cllr Shaw stated that he and the Clerk had approached Emley Millennium Green and had received a quote of £1,010.00 for the lighting of the Beacon. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the parish council donate the sum of £1,010.00 to Emley Millennium Green providing that they undertook the organisation of the event. Cllrs Shaw, Kemp and Waites would offer councillor support.

Application for New Homes Bonus - Cllr Jewitt submitted two quotes for the windows for the application. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk complete the application using the higher quote for the first week of March deadline.

Health Provision in Kirklees – **RESOLVED** that the Council write to the Secretary for Health and Chief Executive of Calderdale Health Trust to request a change in the proposals to close Huddersfield A&E.

Neighbourhood Plans – Cllr Denby spoke to councillors regarding his suggestion to publicise these, however he withdrew his request following discussion.

15/167 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 648 be approved for payment, totalling £6,267.56
- Budget: **RESOLVED** that the revised budget of £212,170.20 was agreed.
- Precept: **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2016/17 would be £219,359.00.

15/168 February Council Meeting Items:

No items were provided.

15/169 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 23 February
- Full Council – 1 March

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CHAIRMAN