

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2016 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Eddie Shaw, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Maggie Blanshard, Stuart Merry (after item 11), Janet Depledge, Billy Jewitt, and Lynn Hardy

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook, Gott, Denby, Slater and Hellewell. Late apologies were received from Cllr Senior

16/240 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting and informed them he had attended Ripponden Civic Service which had been very informative.

16/241 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No declarations of interest were received.

16/242 Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

16/243 Apologies

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RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/244 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/245 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council ACM – 3 May

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 May

16/246 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Dodds gave a verbal report:

- Kirklees Council was in a state of flux due to the lack of a council leader, therefore the CE was currently running the council.
- The Children's Service issue was raised, as this may go into special measures.
- Cllr Dodds had been elected Mayor 2 weeks ago and wished to speak to the council about his chosen charity, the Royal British Legion. He had had calendars made up in honour of all those who gave their lives in service, in particular the six service personal killed recently in Afghanistan. These calendars were on sale at £7.50 each and could be purchased through him, or the Clerk could forward requests and would promote these on the website and in the newsletter.
- Cllr Dodds updated on the Denby Dale Project, stating that he had assurances after a warning had been issued to contractors, that this would be completed by 17 June.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Cllr Turner assured the meeting that no children had been in any danger over the Children's Service issue, that the problem had been in management procedures and steps were in place to mitigate these problems.
- There would be difficulties with a lack of leader with difficult choices to make coming up.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/247 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

Dave Wilde was formally welcomed to the parish council. Dave spoke to the council about his past and present work and on his visits to volunteer groups so far. The Chairman encouraged

councillors to volunteer with helping out on site. It was agreed that the work of the countryside project should be promoted as much as possible.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/248 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/249 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Shaw updated the meeting on Penistone Line Partnership meeting where Northern Rail had informed them of future developments including the new carriages to replace pacer cars. Cllr Depledge stated that she would be speaking to Naylor's regarding their planning application which had not yet been submitted.

16/250 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook stated that no meeting had taken place but informed councillors of the Walking Festival taking place from 18 to 26 June and the leaflets which were available from him.

16/251 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the Friends of the Textile and Heritage Centre had now signed all the documents for the completion of purchase of the Centre. Once this is complete, further funding could be accessed to develop activities and promote the Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/252 Churchfield Update

It was formally reported that the Lease Agreement document had been duly signed in accordance with Standing Order 15a by Cllrs Jewitt and Depledge and witnessed by the Clerk on 5 May using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011. It was agreed that the Working Party should arrange to meet to start things moving on the allotments.

16/253 Rural District Committee Meeting

No meetings had taken place.

16/254 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Update

The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received for IT provision and recommended Global Solutions.

RESOLVED that Global Solutions be contracted for IT provision and website provision

The Clerk reported that two quotes for telephone service provision had also been provided.

RESOLVED that Global Solutions be contracted to assist with telephone/broadband changeover.

16/255 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Update had already been provided by Cllr Dodds.

16/256 Review of Standing Orders

RESOLVED to amend the Council's Standing Orders to reflect changes in Committee Structure policy 'When either of the Standing Committee's membership cannot be agreed as 11 members, to approve membership numbers by resolution of the Full Council'.

RESOLVED that Cllr Cook be confirmed as a member of the Plans Scrutiny Committee.

16/257 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Dog bag dispenser, Station Road, Skelmanthorpe – **RESOLVED** that this be provided.
- Repair to Scissett noticeboard at a cost of approx. £50 – **RESOLVED** that this repair be undertaken
- Joint Marketing event with Friends of the Library – **RESOLVED** that via the Library Working Group an open day be arranged with the Friends of the Library, for some time in October.

16/258 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 657 be approved for payment, totalling £4,634.97
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised
- Expenditure Review: **RESOLVED** that the expenditure review presented by the Clerk be accepted.
- Lift Insurance: The Clerk formally reported additional insurance cost with Zurich to the Council Buildings insurance for the lift inspection and lift insurance as £350 plus VAT. **RESOLVED** that this additional cost was accepted under the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Mobile Phone: The Clerk formally reported on the cost of a contract mobile phone for the Countryside Officer at £22 exc VAT per month on a 24 month contract. **RESOLVED** that this be accepted under the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011.

16/259 Vacancy in Emley Ward

The Clerk formally reported the vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Paul Cassidy. Election notices had been issued by Electoral Services with a closing date of 21 June.

16/260 July Council Meeting Items: no items were received.

16/261 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 June
- Full Council – 5 July

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CHAIRMAN