

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Denby, Slater, Blanshard & Hardy

16/262 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting and informed councillors of the successful interview event he and Cllr Depledge attended at Shelley College.

16/263 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No declarations of interest were received.

16/264 Open Session

Vanessa Marsden spoke in support of the grant application submitted by Skelmanthorpe Youth and Community Centre.

16/265 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy, Slater, Blanshard & Denby. Cllrs Senior and Summers were absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/266 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/267 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 7 June

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 14 June

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 June

16/268 Brought Forward: Community Grant Application from Skelmanthorpe Youth and Community Centre

RESOLVED that at present the Council could not award the grant. However it was further

RESOLVED that three councillors, Cllrs Kemp, Waites and Gott, liaise with the group to assist in resolving the issues raised around ownership of the land where the proposed access would go, and the costs involved, possible joint funding from the Savoy Squash Club and alternative funds which may be available i.e. via The Rural District Committee. The Councillors would then make a further recommendation to Full Council.

16/269 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The leadership of the Council had now been resolved.
- Cllr Turner had been given a Cabinet position for resources, and had much work to do to following the disruption of the last few weeks.
- The Museum Consultation was beginning with public meetings being held starting at Dewsbury on Sunday at 2pm. Details were available on-line. It was unlikely that all museums would be maintained due to the current budget.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/270 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent in a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/271 Clerk's Report

No Clerk's report was provided.

16/272 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge reported that she was concerned that no planning application had been submitted by Naylors. Cllr Cook had also been attempting to reach Andy Manning to discuss a proposal. Cllr Depledge stated that she would continue to chase this up.

Cllr Waites updated the meeting on changes which would affect local bus routes in the Autumn, and referred to the circulated Bus Services Bill which would have a significant impact on how buses operated.

16/273 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook stated that no further meeting had been held. He also reported that the recent Walking Festival had been successful, with up to 52 people on one of the organised walks. He also reported that some local businesses were benefitting from the increased profile of the area for walkers.

16/274 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that ownership of the Textile and Heritage Centre had now transferred to the Friends of the Textile and Heritage Centre and that a programme of activities would need to be put together. The Friends were therefore recruiting a freelance project officer to develop this. Cllr Brook stated that due to the EU Referendum result, the EPIP programme was now under question and it was not known at this stage what would happen with regards to funding.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/275 Churchfield Update

- It was reported that a meeting of the Churchfield Working Group had been held on Thursday 23 June (*report attached*) **RESOLVED** that the report's recommendations be accepted
- Mowing of Churchfields **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would undertake to pay for the mowing of Churchfields for one year initially, and that the decision on quotes for the mowing of Churchfields be made by the Countryside Officer

16/276 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Brook reported that this committee was now chaired by Michael Watson. A planning meeting had been held to discuss the coming programme and monies available under various headings. The next public meeting would be held later this month.

16/277 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Update

Cllr Brook referred to the previously discussed letter from the Local History Group who wished to have a presence in the library building, without impinging on letting space. They would be able to provide display cabinets to ensure public access to many archive documents.

RESOLVED that in principle the council would be happy to have the Group display archives in the building, with further details to be discussed by the Library Working Group.

16/278 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Cllr Turner stated that once the utilities issue had been resolved the building should be open to the public in September.

16/279 Matters Raised by Councillors

- 2 dog bag dispensers, East Hill Woods – **RESOLVED** that two dispensers be provided.
- YLCA Report – **RESOLVED** that the report be received

16/280 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 659 be approved for payment, totalling £1,834.17

- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for July *and* August.
- Direct Debit Instruction: **RESOLVED** that the report of the issuing of the monthly direct debit for the phone line was accepted.
- Schools Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that Kayes First and Nursery School be awarded a schools grant of £500 for playground markings using the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011
- Community Grant Application: item was brought forward.
- Delegated Spend: **RESOLVED** that Delegated Authority and Financial Regulations be revised to allow the Countryside Officer delegation to spend, within the agreed budget limits, on allotment related expenditure at Churchfields, and to report the detail of the expenditure back at the next appropriate committee of the Council or to the Full Council meeting.

16/281 Vacancy in Emley Ward

The Clerk formally reported no election had been called therefore co-option procedures had been put in place with a closing date of 19 July, with the applications considered at the September Full Council.

16/282 September Council Meeting Items: no items were received.

16/283 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 July
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 August
- Full Council – 6 September

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CHAIRMAN