

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Eddie Shaw, Billy Jewitt, Janet Depledge, Ray Gott, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Steven Slater, Lynn Hardy and Neil Denby

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Blanshard, Hellewell, Cook, Naylor Merry & Gemmell

16/474 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge welcomed the councillors to the meeting and requested that all councillors take a moment of silent reflection following the attacks in Manchester and London.

Cllr Depledge then spoke about the Saddleworth Civic Event and the Emley First School British Values event she had attended and the work done by Dave Wilde and volunteers at East Hill Woods.

16/475 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/476 Open Session

Ms Josie Guest spoke in support of the grant application for Nortonthorpe Cricket Club and answered Councillors' questions regarding the series of break-ins which had caused the club financial hardship.

16/477 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Blanshard, Cook, Naylor, Merry and Gemmell. Cllr Summers was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/478 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/479 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council (ACM) – 2 May

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 May

16/480 West Yorkshire Fire Service Presentation

Jo Maffin, the Kirklees District Support Officer spoke to the Council on:

- Her role in the service looking after all the stations via planning, training and performance management.
- Due to the reduced size over the last 7 years a recruitment drive was taking place with approx. 200 places to be filled via a Positive Action Initiative to encourage *all* to join
- More focus on prevention had resulted in less fires attended. The number of calls has reduced however there are the same number of appliances and reserves and a pool of unassigned officers who can attend anywhere.
- First Responder – jointly with the Ambulance Service to attend incidents esp. in rural areas. This does not replace any service but helps support the Ambulance Service. Training now also involves training officers to attend alone whilst waiting for back-up.
- 'Safe and Well Principles' – getting help to the more vulnerable and those who needed more support and therefore working with the NHS.

Councillor Depledge thanked Jo on behalf of the council for a very informative talk.

16/481 Nortonthorpe Cricket Club Grant Application brought forward as Police unable to attend

RESOLVED that Nortonthorpe Cricket Club be awarded the full amount of £4,394 with the condition that the club fit sufficient security arrangements.

16/482 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner provided a verbal report:

- Council currently in Purdah due to Thursday's election
- Delay on the library consultation until after the election but continuing to review what service may be delivered
- Child Services Report delayed until after election
- Men's Sheds initiative – event being held at the Steam Railway on Saturday 10th at 10am - 4pm – all welcome to attend

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/483 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent a written report. It was requested that the Countryside Officer investigates whether he could work at Withy Wood, Denby Dale, as this wood is managed by the Woodland Trust.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/484 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/485 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 682 be approved for payment, totalling £8,779.81. It was noted that cheques had been signed off in between council meetings as per Financial Regulations to avoid delays in payment.
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for June 2017
- Banking Arrangements: A named vote was taken on which bank to change to: The proposal was for the Unity Trust Bank: Votes For: Cllrs Denby, Flinders, Brook, Waites, Wood, Shaw, Slater & Turner. (8 votes) Against: Cllrs Gott, Kemp & Jewitt (3 votes). Abstained: Cllr Hardy. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk progress work to change bank accounts from the Co-op to the Unity Trust Bank.
- Publications: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase 30 copies of The Good Councillor for current and future councillors at a cost of £20 each from the Councillor Training Budget

16/486 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Speed limit near Clayton West School: Cllr Hardy agreed to speak to the school to see if the school could assist with the issue. Cllr Turner explained the difficulty in cost and resources to change speed limits. Cllr Kemp and Depledge agreed to look at a strategy to put in place to assist i.e. via the newsletter
- Phoenix Mills outlets, Scissett: Cllr Turner had spoken to the planning team and the chimney should be in place on 12 June. He also advised that the gas wasn't toxic as advised by Environmental Health and NEA.
- Car park to rear of Council Building – agreed that the Clerk would write to Kirklees re: potholes in the car park.
- Purchase of litterbin for Smithy Lane, Skelmanthorpe – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange to purchase the litterbin.
- Recycling Bins, Emley – Cllr Woods advised Councillors to be vigilant as a number of bogus recycling bins had been appearing around Emley. These could be reported to Kirklees who would investigate and have them removed.
- Emley Noticeboard – Cllr Woods reported a site had been found, yet to be formally agreed, and would report back further in July with a proposal for purchase and siting.
- Goalposts, Warburton recreation ground, Emley – Cllr Turner would investigate why the goalposts had been removed and not replaced.

16/487 Business Plan and Formation of a Business Plan sub group

Item deferred until July meeting

16/488 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the Skelmanthorpe Textile and Heritage Centre would be opening every second Sunday of the month on a 4 month trial basis.

Cllr Brook also updated the council on the completed Bridleway from Bank Lane to Upper Denby and the near completion of the second stretch to Shepley, using funds successfully applied for under the EPIP programme.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/489 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites reported that the new Penistone Line newsletter was available at the meeting.

16/490 Churchfield Update

Cllr Turner reported that the allotments were looking very well with a lot of growth.

16/491 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Brook reported that no meeting had taken place

16/492 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Waites reported on the increased use of the building by the new U3A group.

16/493 July Council Meeting Items:

- Clayton West Recreation Ground (Cllr Hardy)
- Litterbin for Clayton West Recreation Ground (Cllr Hardy)

16/494 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 13 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 June

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CHAIRMAN