

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 September 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Kelvyn Waites, Billy Jewitt, Cynthia Naylor Janet Depledge, Ray Gott, Mike Wood, Maggie Blanshard, Graham Turner, Susan Hellewell, Paula Kemp, Lynn Hardy and Stuart Merry

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Shaw, Denby, Slater, Gemmell and Cook

16/516 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge welcomed the councillors to the meeting

16/517 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/518 Open Session

Stephen Mills spoke to the council in support of the grant application for Clayton West Scout Group.

16/519 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Shaw, Denby, Slater, Gemmell and Cook. Cllr Summers was absent

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/520 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/521 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 4 July (*with amendment to attendees list*)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 July

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 August

16/522 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Many challenges ahead with Kirklees Council having to reduce spending by £54 million
- The Local Plan was on-going with a public meeting which residents who registered interest or to speak at being contacted with proposed dates.
- Further consultations were taking place around the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and play facilities, and changes were being considered for services for children, young people and people with disabilities as well as free home-to-school transport.
- With regards to Childrens Services, the Government has agreed for Leeds to be a partner in the programme to improve Children's Services, therefore this service does not go into Trust. The director from Leeds Childrens Services is now director at Kirklees, and the Government funded inspector will remain on a part-time basis. As part of the recovery plan, the service will also move to Civic One, and there would be a mobile form of working. Cllr Turner explained that the Government report on Childrens Services was still due to be made public and this was out of Kirklees' hands.
- Cllr Turner and Paula Sherriff MP would be meeting with PC Newsome on 20 October and Cllr Turner would be meeting with the rural police inspector.
- The Men's Shed initiative was progressing well and was taking on more members and an official opening would be held on 30 September
- Cllr Turner and Paula Sherriff would be meeting with Yorkshire Tiger to discuss the on-going problems with the service

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/523 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent a written report. The Chairman thanked Dave for his skill in engaging volunteers to such an extent.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/524 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report: Cllr Turner highlighted the importance of compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/525 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 688 be approved for payment, totalling £139.43.
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for September 2017
- Budget Outturn & Income: The budget outturn was noted.
- Community Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that The Clayton West Scouts Group were awarded a grant of £3,000 with the understanding that they would provide a further quote for the works and the bank statements and accounts by 30 September. The award was made using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Annual Return: The report from PKF Littlejohn that: 'on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met' was noted by the Council.
- Unity Trust Bank: The Council noted that two new accounts had been opened with the Unity Trust Bank to replace the Co-operative bank accounts and that the Council could now undertake internet banking. The transfer involved transferring £500 (cheque 503636) from the Co-op account to Unity trust.

16/526 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Tree Charter: Cllr Denby sent an update stating that he had applied for trees for Churchfield and Clayton West Millennium Green and was waiting for a response from the Woodland Trust/Tree Charter
- Phoenix Mill: Cllr Jewitt updated the Council on the on-going issues due to odours being omitted from the unfinished chimney, security, over-hanging trees and footpath issues. **RESOLVED** that the Council write to Phoenix Mills outlining the issues and requesting a reply to each of the concerns raised.

16/527 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that starting on Thursday the National Heritage Open Days would be taking place over four days which included the Textile Heritage Centre and Quaker Meeting House.

Cllr Brook reported that Cllr Cook was now also on the EPIP board thereby increasing the Council presence on this group.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/528 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites asked if any of his issues had been raised at the recent public meeting with Yorkshire Tiger however Cllr Turner who attended had not been aware if they had. Various issues and concerns were raised by Councillors on behalf of residents, including around transport issues for schoolchildren.

RESOLVED that Cllr Turner would email the Deputy Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and that Cllr Depledge would contact local schools regarding the concerns expressed.

Cllr Depledge advised the Council of a public meeting taking place on Wednesday at Denby Dale Library at 7pm regarding the Naylor's planning application for removal of clay. She advised that Councillors would be there as part of the consultation process only.

16/529 Churchfield Update

No further update – Item to be removed as it is included in the Countryside Officer's Report.

16/530 Business Plan

Cllr Depledge would be following this up with the sub group, which Cllr Gott would be joining.

16/532 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Waites requested that the Building Working Group meet to discuss charges for rooms.

16/533 October Council Meeting Items:

- Christmas Tree Festival (*Cllr Merry*)
- Conditions for Grant applications (*Cllr Gott*)

16/534 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 September
- Full Council – 3 October

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CHAIRMAN