

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 November 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Kelvyn Waites, Ray Gott, Mike Wood, Maggie Blanshard, Graham Turner, Susan Hellewell, Neil Denby, Paula Kemp, John Cook, Cynthia Naylor, Eddie Shaw, Janet Depledge, Jamie Summers and Stuart Merry

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Jewitt, Slater, Waites and Gemmell

16/554 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge thanked Cllr Cook for stepping in to chair the last full meeting and informed the Council of various civic events she had been attending and asked for any expressions of interest in holding a civic event for Denby Dale.

16/555 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/556 Open Session

Two members of the public spoke requesting the council's support for maintaining bridleways in the face of current and future development threats, and to update the definitive map with bridleways not currently listed as such.

16/557 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jewitt, Slater, Waites and Gemmell

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/558 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/559 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 3 October

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 October

16/560 Item 11.5 Bridleways brought forward

Councillors expressed their concern over developments affecting existing bridleways due to issues of increased speed of vehicles, machinery, damage to the infrastructure etc. and agreed that through the planning process councillors could highlight the existence of any bridleways within a development and request their protection as they are material considerations which would need 'special circumstances' to have developments on them. Cllr Brook also referred to the Public Rights of Way Forum and the Walkers are Welcome group which could be approached. It was also noted that if a developer damaged a bridleway, Kirklees Council had the power to insist it was restored. It was also suggested to invite the footpaths officer, Giles Cheetham, to meet with councillors to discuss their concerns.

16/561 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The timetable for the library consultation was in place due to begin the first full week in January and running for 12 weeks, with a report expected in late April to go to Cabinet in the summer for decision.
- The Men's Shed Initiative was moving forward and were beginning to look at raising funds for equipment
- The Local Plan inspector stated the examination was ready to proceed to the next stage and details were available on the Kirklees website. Many technical issues had been

approved but there were still areas requiring further information. A draft timetable would be available shortly.

- The Citizens Account was up and running but would not remove existing ways to contact the council, but would hopefully expand over the coming years.
- Cllr Turner had met with PC Caroline Newsome who was highly involved with the use of the laser speedgun in the area, and the 'Dark Nights' initiative aimed at reducing rural crime. Cllr Gott highlighted the recent number of thefts in this area occurring over one week.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/562 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer gave a verbal report which had been tabled. He stated that overall volunteer numbers were ok but stated he would be pushing to increase numbers and agreed to speak to the new U3A group.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/563 Clerk's Report

No report was provided.

16/564 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 692 be approved for payment, totalling £379.88
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for November 2017
- Delegated Spend: To formally accept spend on the hand dryer in the disabled toilets and emergency lights, and boiler repair.

16/565 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Festival of Britain Garden: Cllr Wood reported on the poor state of the structure in the garden. It was questioned whether there was a trustee covenant on this. **RESOLVED** that the council write to Kirklees highlighting the dangerous structure and requesting a meeting on site to discuss possible removal, with the garden being retained.
- Woodland Trust Tree Charters: Cllr Denby noted the arrangements for tree planting within tree week by the Countryside Officer with a very successful uptake on the scheme. He thanked Dave for all his hard work. He advised that there was a separate scheme available for private land. Cllr Denby also noted that the stile on the path at Wither Wood would be mended by the Woodland Trust.
- Flag on the Council Building: **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gott and Cllr Summers would be responsible for raising the flag on the appropriate dates and the Clerk to order new flags for the building and arrange for the flagpole to be fixed.
- Please Slow Down Initiative: Cllr Kemp reported that ROSPA and WY Police were fully supportive of the initiative and that schools were also very interested. She was co-ordinating events with Cllr Depledge and would be providing certificates from the council, and the police would also attend with certificates and vehicles/laser speedgun. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Kemp.

16/566 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the last 10% funding had been received from HLF and so the Textile Heritage Centre was ready to repay the loan to the council.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/567 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites had provided written information on changes to bus routes:

Two new journeys have been introduced on route 83X from Huddersfield to Denby Dale at 1700 and 1730 Monday to Friday from Huddersfield. Route 83 runs via Shepley. The 83X omits Lepton and Highburton and extends from Lower Cumberworth to Gilthwaites, missing out the Rail Interchange.

Evening service on the 435 Holmfirth to Wakefield route has been cut back further. All the following changes apply to the Monday to Saturday service. The 2050 from Wakefield now ends at Shepley (Black Bull). The 2150 from Holmfirth and the 2250 from Wakefield are withdrawn. All this means that the last bus from Holmfirth is now at 1950 and the last from Wakefield is at 2050. Cllr Depledge stated that nothing further had happened on the Naylor's planning application regarding the land at Denby Dale station.

16/568 Business Plan

Cllr Depledge requested that the councillors on the group arranged to meet to begin work on updating the business plan

16/569 Reform of Data Protection Legislation

The Clerk advised the council on the information she had sent round to them all following the webinar by SLCC, and stated that a draft policy was to be submitted to the next Finance Committee for review. Cllr Turner stated that due to the level of expertise required on this issue, it was hoped that parish councils could obtain a package of assistance/advice from Kirklees Council on GDPR.

16/570 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Referring to the minutes of the last Building Group meeting it was **RESOLVED** that Citrus Financial could lease the upstairs office room for a 12 month period and the room be painted as requested as per the minutes of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Clerk request the IT provider to provide a secure network for the room and to get a quote for the rest of the building

RESOLVED that the tender for window cleaning by awarded to A Auty for one year initially to be reviewed.

RESOLVED that the Fire Risk Assessment tender be awarded to DTG Fire Consultancy

16/571 December Council Meeting Items:

- Request for dog waste bag dispenser (*Cllr Wood*)

16/572 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 November @ 7.30pm
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 November
- Full Council – 5 December

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN