

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Neil Denby, Cynthia Naylor, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Eddie Shaw, Maggie Blanshard, Kelynn Waites, Stuart Merry and William Simpson

16/786 Chairman's Opening Remarks

In the absence of Cllr Cook, Vice Chairman Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting

16/787 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/788 Open Session

Moira Scarff from Kirklees Council spoke to the meeting about the proposed improvements to be made to the play area near the former Chartist pub. Following consultation, a list of improvements (some essential, some desired) had been drawn up but which would be subject to the S106 funding of approx. £150,000:

- Improved access, well-surfaced path along desire line and entrance improvements
- Improved play facilities (complete overhaul), more modern and more varied and wider age-range
- Bins and benches provision
- Additional planting (&wildlife)
- Some provision for informal ball games
- Desired: children's bike track
- Extra facilities for ball games
- Picnic tables
- Outdoor gym
- Improvements to the brick bunker for a youth shelter (open to road)

She would continue to engage with the local schools and councillors were welcome to feed any ideas/thoughts via the Clerk. She would hopefully have further feedback in the new year.

16/789 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Cook, Jamie Summers, Janet Depledge & Neil Gemmell. Cllrs Slater & Hellewell were absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/790 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/791 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his tabled a report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/792 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 6 November (*attached*)

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 13 November (*attached*)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 November (*approved, to be signed after meeting*)

Staffing Committee – 27 November (*approved subject to heading correction*)

16/793 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- There was still challenging work to be done on the budget, with an approx. £15 million overspend. Spending was expected to tail off towards the end of the year.
- The new director of Children's Services commenced in post yesterday
- The libraries plan was moving forward, with work being concentrated on buildings issues.

- Cllr Turner hoped for an agreement to move the Emley bus stop but as there had been objections due process would have to be followed.
- Cllr Turner would be meeting with the Chief Officer of Kirklees to discuss current issues.
- The Alexa Service had been launched and was going well, and would be extended in the services provided. This complimented the 'My Kirklees' programme.
- The issue of double lines at Emley was now undergoing a feasibility study with Kirklees officers.
- The ward councillors would be undertaking an inspection around the ward tomorrow, this would include looking at the footpath area behind Shelley College.
- The Skelmanthorpe flag banner was currently being restored and would be displayed at the People's Museum from March to commemorate the Peterloo massacre.
- In reply to a councillor question, Cllr Turner stated S106 money for the Skelmanthorpe play area came via developers at Paddock, as part of the planning process and planning committee decision
- Cllr Turner informed councillors of a new piece of legislation around empty properties which may help recover houses back into stock by increasing council tax on them.

16/794 Police Report

No report was provided.

16/795 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report. It was agreed to remove 'pigs from Scissett woods' due to there being no legal infringements. Cllr Turner would be looking at the Shelley footpath issue tomorrow. No complaints had been received by the school or police regarding parking issues around Scissett Middle School, therefore the letter provided in the Clerk's report appeared to be a one-off issue.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/796 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 721 be approved for payment, totalling £1091.15
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for December 2018.
- Budget 2019/2020: Cllr Brook referred to the minutes of the last Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, which provided the background for the proposed cuts in some budget lines due to the need to reduce the level of reserves. He noted the increase in Schools Grant budget to £1000 per school and the increase to the new Churchfields line to £1,000 following a meeting of the working group where it was proposed the council undertake four cuts per year. Cllr Gott had also agreed to investigate vehicle costs for the countryside e project with a view of reducing costs. **RESOLVED** To adopt the draft budget as recommended by Finance & General Purposes Committee which would be subject to further minor amendments.
- Schools Grants: **RESOLVED** to award Emley First School a grant of £500 towards a traversing wall, subject to the application form being re-submitted with accurate financial information to the Clerk's satisfaction, using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
RESOLVED to award Scissett Middle School a grant of £500 towards Kindles, subject to the re-submission of the form with accurate financial information to the Clerk's satisfaction, using the General Power of Competence provided by the localism Act 2011.

16/797 Co-option Procedures: The Clerk formally notified the council of the vacancies in the Clayton West and Emley Wards, and of the current co-option procedures in place due to no election being called. Closing date 19 December.

16/798 Calendar of Meetings: **RESOLVED** to approve the calendar of meetings for 2019/2020.

16/799 GDPR Compliance:

- DPO Service: in light of the DPO appointed now being unable to fulfil the role, and due to further information becoming available, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that no DPO would be appointed, The decision would be reviewed annually along with the GDPR policies by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- Security Incident Policy: it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

16/800 Green Acres Close, Emley

It was noted that no public comments had been received and that this was for outline permission only.

16/801 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Brook reminded councillors of the agreement made for himself and Cllr Depledge to investigate, with no obligation, future library provision. With Kirklees council still working to keep libraries open, he would provide any further update in the new year around Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale libraries.

16/802 Archives Website:

Cllr Brook requested council's approval to further develop the very successful archive website with information from Cllr Wood on Emley boundary walks, from U3A on textile history in the area and from Leslie Robinson's archives. It was **RESOLVED** that an increase of £1000 be provided to further update the website.

16/803 Matters Raised by Councillors

- YLCA update: Cllr Shaw spoke to his tabled report highlighting issues around the Yorkshire Dales National Park

16/804 Churchfield Update

Cllr Naylor informed councillors of the Churchfield's Working Group meeting where it had been recommended that the council undertake 4 cuts to Churchfield a year for a 5 year period. It was noted that this had been agreed in the budget for next year.

The clerk informed councillors of the request received under the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

RESOLVED that the Clerk, as the Proper Officer, sign the agreement on behalf of the council as leaseholders to allow for consent for physical environment improvements.

16/805 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the Museum would be open on Saturday and Sunday and noted that the Christmas Tree Festival was taking place at the same time in Pilling Lane Church, with a tree provided by Cllr Merry on behalf of the council. He noted that the EPIP Outdoor Festival had been agreed for the end of next June, and that local businesses were applying for the Leader Fund, which may be finishing after this year.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/806 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites noted the increase in double decker bus provision and requested he attended the meeting with Yorkshire Tiger and the combined authority with Ward Councillor Turner.

Cllr Depledge had provided information from Naylor from the new contact who had not been aware of the history between Naylor and the parish council but who would come back to us in the new year following a review of all their mining sites.

16/807 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

No further update

16/808 January Council Meeting Items:

- Community Plus Team attendance
- Waste bin provision at Pilling Lane (Cllr Merry)

16/809 Dates of next meetings:

- Full Council – 8 January
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 15 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 January

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CHAIRMAN