

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Cynthia Naylor, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Maggie Blanshard, John Cook, Neil Gemmell, Kelvyn Waites, Janet Depledge, Ian Atkinson, Susan Hellewell, Neil Denby, Eddie Shaw & Jeremy Patterson

16/868 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed Councillors to the last Full Council meeting before the new council were elected. Cllr Denby asked for Margaret Barlow, ex-councillor to be remembered as she had passed away two weeks ago, and a minutes silence was held.

16/869 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/870 Open Session

No members of the public wished were present.

16/871 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Merry, Simpson & Slater. Cllrs Summers & Flinders were absent

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/872 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that item 10.5 regarding bids for the re-decoration of the council building, be held in private session.

16/873 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 5 March

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 12 March

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 March

16/874 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The new inspector, Insp. Vanessa Briggs, had now been appointed
- A new volunteer event had been launched allowing Kirklees officers to have 2 days a year working voluntarily out in the community
- The textile festival was to be launched on 18 April, with the festival running from 8 to 16 June
- The Skelmanthorpe Banner was now on show in the Peoples Museum, Manchester, and was very well placed and was attracting a lot of attention and promoting local villages
- The financial year end had been reached with Kirklees likely to break even on the year
- Shelley Woodhouse path had received major investment and was now ready to be put in the workstream
- The playground by the former Chartist pub had an agreed design with work to start after the summer holidays
- Cllr Turner responded to a question regarding badly signed closures via Busker Lane and would speak to Highways
- Cllr Turner advised there had been no change to street naming policy
- Cllr Turner advised that the advice provision run at Denby Dale Centre was run by a separate organisation and agreed to circulate details

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/875 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/876 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report. Matters arising were on the agenda.

16/877 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 731 be approved for payment, totalling £7496.62
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for April 2019.
- Training: **RESOLVED** to approve Cllrs Atkinson, Gemmell & Wood's attendance at YLCA planning training at £115 each
- Boiler Replacement: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk authorise repairs to the council building boiler at a cost of £7560.63 using KNH, via Kirklees Council, existing contractor to the council.
- Building Redecoration: **RESOLVED** that Nick Turner be awarded the contract to re-decorate the council building in line with the tender document provided at a base cost £5,961, plus £250 if matt finish is opted for at a final spec meeting, which is scheduled for April 4th. The closure of the library would be required for a two-week period. (Cllr Gott abstained from the vote). A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Gott for his work on the tender.
- Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that St Augustine's Church be awarded a grant of £500.00 towards the cost of repairs to the church clock using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

16/878 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Denby Dale Nursery Site – This matter was to remain on the agenda as an on-going concern as yet to be resolved.
- Pack Horse Bridge & other bridges – police were aware of the issues and Cllr Hellewell advised that police were investigating camera footage which may be related.
- CAB provision update – Cllr Turner advised that the group at Denby Dale Centre were from Home Group Housing Association. He also advised that volunteers had been approached to think about signing up training via Kirklees Council. Cllr Gott requested that should no volunteers come forward, the parish council should consider employing an advisor due to the high return of the possible costs to the public.
- Dog waste issue near Redrow Site – Cllr Turner would look into the cost and efficiency of signage via the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. Currently, due to the construction work, it was considered best to wait before siting any dog waste dispensers/bins, as access may also change.
- YLCA report – Cllr Shaw had circulated the report and advised that when the next council was held, two representatives could attend.

16/879 Churchfields Update

RESOLVED to agree extra expenditure for dry stone walling as per quote provided.

16/880 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook informed councillors that photos of old Emley were being uploaded and would be captioned, and he would advise councillors when this was completed.

16/881 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Turner advised that he would be meeting with Yorkshire Tiger on 29 April and Cllr Waites stated that Yorkshire Tiger were meeting the Traffic Commissioner tomorrow in Leeds to discuss their performance.

16/882 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

- Action regarding complaint – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Roofhome to request action on the complaint within a specified timeframe, and would take advice from YLCA

whom she had already contacted. The Clerk would also remain in touch with the complainant advising them that the council were taking the matter seriously and would be taking appropriate action. The matter was to remain on the May agenda. It was agreed that the council must deal fairly and promptly with the matter.

16/883 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Denby advised that due in part to the parish council's funding of the solar panels, the Denby Dale library had received its first payment of £58. Cllr Brook advised that following meetings with the libraries officers no further development had occurred, and this would need the new council to follow up.

16/884 May (AGM & ACM) Council Meeting Items:

Cllr Depledge spoke to the meeting to inform that this was her last parish council meeting and that it had been an invaluable experience and she had appreciated the support given to her during her time as Chair and wished all councillors well.

16/885 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 April
- Full Council (ACM & AGM) – 21 May

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN