

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF
DENBY DALE PARISH
COUNCIL**

2018 - 2019

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Here we are once again at the end of another council year and following the elections on the 2nd May all the council seats were taken up.

The parish council is the first step to local democracy where your view can be aired and dealt with either by parish council or to make representation to the local authority and your three LA councillors.

As I mentioned in my New Year's message, we have had a few sad losses, A good friend of mine, Billy Jewitt through ill health, Lynn Hardy and Paula Kemp who both resigned for various reasons, they all have been sadly missed. I'm pleased to say that we filled all the vacancies by co-opting new blood so to speak, who all got into their stride straight away.

The council has once again been supportive to our schools and local groups by giving grants of £500 each and helping the wider community volunteer groups with grants of varying amounts.

This year, with careful budgeting from our Finance & General Purposes Committee under the chairmanship of Cllr Richard Brook, the parish council has been able to reduce the precept of the council to one of the lowest in the last few years.

The countryside officer, Dave Wilde, has been very busy over the last year and you can read his reports in our newsletters. He has been a great asset to the parish council.

I can't close this report without thanking the one person who keeps the parish council in order and that is Carole Wadsworth our clerk who works tirelessly for us all, Thank you Carole.

I think all that remains for me to say is that I have been privileged to have been you chairman for the last year and good look to a new council and a new chairman.

Thank you all,

*Cllr John Cook
Chair, 2018-2019*

May 2019

Plans Scrutiny Committee

There has been a meeting every month and the Council discusses approximately fifteen applications at each meeting.

There have been many meetings attended by members of the public who have had the opportunity at the beginning of each meeting to give their views about the applications.

The Committee does its best to consider the views of the public when making decisions and input from local residents is very much appreciated.

All planning applications and decisions are available for the public to view on Kirklees Council's website.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The F&G Committee met quarterly throughout the year to monitor expenditure against the Council budget.

The Committee is responsible for routine and administrative matters of the Parish Council, in particular setting and monitoring of the budget and expenditure.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY 2018 TO APRIL 2019

MAY 2018

The Annual Council Meeting was held on 1 May 2018 and Cllr John Cook was elected as Chairman of the Council with Cllr Ray Gott as Vice Chairman.



Out-going Chairman Cllr Janet Depledge and new Chairman Cllr John Cook

Members were appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Plans Scrutiny Committee, the Staffing Committee, the Appeals Committee, the Working Party on Public Transport, the Business Plan Sub Group, and the Heritage Working Group and as representatives to a number of other outside organisations. A grant was awarded to the Emley Millennium Green Trust for the lighting of the Beacon to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1.

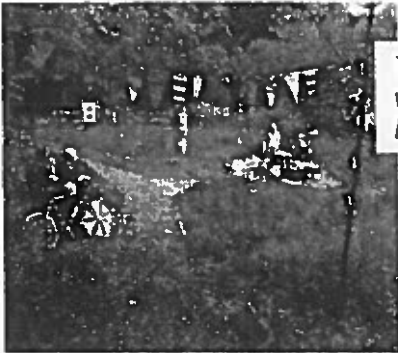
The Council received the Annual Accounts for 2017-2018 and approved the Annual Return.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications. Issues around the pigs in Scissett woods were discussed.

JUNE 2018

The new General Data Protection Regulations were discussed in terms of the Council's compliance. A contract was awarded for extensive repairs to the Community Building roof. A grant application for £6200

was awarded to the Clayton West District Darby & Joan Club towards a disabled toilet, and a grant was awarded to the Skelmanthorpe WW1 Musical Commemoration Group for events at St Aiden's Church. An Open Day at the Men's Sheds Association in Scissett was reported by the Ward Councillor.



The Countryside Officer report included volunteers putting up 'Woolen Woods' at East Hill

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee awarded a grant to Scissett CE First School for a 'peace garden'.

JULY 2018

The ward councillor reported on progress made in Children's Services and on the Emergency Order due to the heat wave and fire incidents. Kayes First & Nursery School was awarded a grant towards a 'pot to plate' project.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

AUGUST 2018

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications. (No full council meetings are held in August)

SEPTEMBER 2018

Grants were awarded to the Joseph Norton Academy, Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club and Denby Dale Community Library. The Ward Councillor updated the council on progress with the library services report. A vacancy on the council was noted following the sad resignation of Cllr Billy Jewitt. Issues around the mowing regime at Churchfields was discussed. Stile repairs were undertaken by the 10 Villages Group at Clayton West.



The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

OCTOBER 2018

The Council discussed the issue of the path at Shelley from the College to Lower Cumberworth. Arrangements were made to lay wreaths in the ward by councillors for Remembrance Day.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

NOVEMBER 2018

Cllr Cook noted the resignations of Cllrs Lynn Hardy and Paula Kemp. Cllr Will Simpson was co-opted onto the council. The ward councillor's report updated councillors on meetings with Yorkshire Tiger and the Combined Authority to report back on changes to bus services and routes. A schools grant was awarded to Birdsedge First School. Parking issues at Emley were discussed.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee met to decide on the small grants allocation for the year, which included grants to Skelmanthorpe Utd Junior Footbath Club for new kit, Clayton West Old Folks Treat, Denby Village Conservation Group towards interpretation boards and Denby Dale Dragons PTA for a feasibility study for a woodland hub.

A Community Grant was also awarded to Denby Dale Pie Hall, and a Schools grant given to Cumberworth First School.

A draft budget was also presented and discussed for recommendation to the Full Council.

DECEMBER 2018

Moira Scarff from Kirklees Council spoke to the council about the proposed improvements to the playground near the former Chartist pub. The ward councillor reported on the restoration of the Skelmanthorpe banner which would be displayed at the People's Museum. A schools grant was awarded to Emley First School.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

JANUARY 2019

A presentation was given by the Community Plus Team about their early intervention strategy regarding health and social care provision. It was resolved to purchase outright, a works vehicle for the Countryside Project.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee recommended to Full Council that the figure of £150,000 be raised via the precept.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

FEBRUARY 2019

Grants were awarded to Denby First School, Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome and Denby Village Conservation Group. The recommended precept was approved. Work was on-going to the Archive website with further photographs and videos uploaded.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

MARCH 2019

Ward councillors reported on the local plan and various parking issues in the ward. The council discussed an update on library provision and the re-decoration of the council building.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee reviewed the council's policies, and approved a Textile festival in the Council Building. Further additions to the archive website were also approved.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

APRIL 2019

A grant application to St Augustine's Church was approved, Citizens Advice provision was discussed, work to the council building was approved and ward councillors informed the council of the Skelmanthorpe Banner being on show at the Peoples Museum, Manchester.

The Plans Scrutiny Committee discussed planning applications.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2017-2018

- The Parish Council precepted the sum of £216,136
- The Parish Council continued to employ two staff.
- £3,000 was allocated to the Environment Trust for the environmental small grant scheme.
- The Parish Council has also supported, by grant aid, the Primary, Nursery, Special and Middle Schools within the Parish.
- A donation was also made to the Royal British Legion.

Unaudited Balance Sheet
(see next page)

DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT AT 31 MARCH 2019

	£
CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Balance as at 31.3.19	27,757.79
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	
Balance as at 31.3.19	<u>2,271.88</u>
PETTY CASH FLOAT	
Balance as at 31.3.19	<u>50.00</u>
KIRKLEES INVESTMENT	
Balance as at 31.3.19	<u>491,054.00</u>
Unpresented cheques	521,133.67

£3,383.10

300331	£500.00
300332	£500.00
300333	£500.00
300334	£47.00
300335	£115.00
300336	£97.14
300337	£61.99
300338	£352.80
300339	£882.50
300340	£28.50
300341	£298.17

Receipts not banked/cleared £204.60

50	£55.00
51	£136.00
52	£13.60

BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS

£517,955.17

Denby Dale Parish Council 2018-2019

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2019

31st March 2018		31st March 2019
	Operating Income	
0	Administration	236 707
0	Heritage	122
0	Allotments	568
0	Council Building	3 391
<u>0</u>	Total Income	<u>240,788</u>
	Running Costs	
0	Administration	78 912
0	Civic	107
0	Grants	31,441
0	Events	6,580
0	Allotments	258
0	Council Building	39,040
0	Countryside Project	26 653
<u>0</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>182,992</u>
	General Fund Analysis	
0	Opening Balance	19,400
0	Plus : Income for Year	240,788
<u>0</u>		<u>260,188</u>
0	Less : Expenditure for Year	182,992
<u>0</u>		<u>77,196</u>
0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	(1,343)
<u>0</u>	Closing Balance	<u>78,539</u>

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2018

31st March 2019

31st March 2018		31st March 2019	
Current Assets			
0	VAT Control A/c	5,972	
0	Prepayments	9,084	
0	Current Bank A/c	24,579	
0	Deposit Bank A/c	2,272	
0	Kirklees Investment A/c	491,054	
0	Petty Cash	50	
<u>0</u>			533,011
0 Total Assets			533,011
Current Liabilities			
0	Accruals	5,812	
0	Receipts in Advance	700	
0	Allotment Deposit	1,300	
<u>0</u>			7,812
0 Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			525,199
Represented By			
0	General Reserves		78,539
0	EM Res - Elections		5,000
0	EM Res - Projects		441,660
<u>0</u>			525,199

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year.

Signed :
Chairman

Date : _____

Signed :
Responsible
Financial
Officer

Date : _____

