

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Mike Wood, Maggie Blanshard, John Cook, Neil Gemmell, Lin Newton, Kelvyn Waites, Susan Hellewell, Neil Denby, Eddie Shaw, Stuart Merry, Polly Flinders, Will Simpson & Jeremy Patterson

19/028 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting

19/029 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

19/030 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

19/031 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Naylor, Slater, Turner, Baskeyfield and Atkinson
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/032 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that there were no items to be taken in private.

19/033 Presentation by Chelsea Guest, West Ambulance Service

Chelsea Guest spoke in place of Darren Brook, the only community First Responder for the area. CFR's are unpaid volunteers who can assist at the scene with basic equipment, and provide CPR and are trained in the use of the defibrillators which they would like to provide more of. The scheme also provided first aid training to local businesses agreeing to place these. They were also looking at ways to increase public awareness of the. They were looking at raising £4000 for 3 more defibrillators, with Darren replacing the pads for these. Councillors suggested looking to the larger developments in the area which had to provide funds for public use, the Awards for All grant scheme, the Co-op Society and the parish council's own Community Grant Scheme. The parish council had also included an article on the service in their latest newsletter and offered use of their parish noticeboards. Ward Councillor Will Simpson also offered assistance.

19/034 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council (ACM) – 21 May

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 May

19/035 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner tabled a report:

- Changes had been implemented within the Yorkshire Tiger bus service following a meeting with the combined authority, resulting in an increase in punctuality. Contactless technology and new ticket machines had also been introduced. Early running was also being addressed with real time data technology. More double deckers and extra recruitment were also being introduced.

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- Added that if the changes didn't improve the service then Yorkshire Tiger would be referred back to the authority.
- Children's Services would receive a 2 week Ofsted inspection, with the hope that the service would receive good, with some areas requiring improvement.
- Cllr Simpson was now on the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee (Chair) Corporate Scrutiny Panel (member), Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (member) & Substitutes Panel (member)
- The two Station Road development applications would probably be rejected, however as planning officers must facilitate best development, they would be working with developers to come back with a different format.

- The Cumberworth Road development planning application would be shortly re-submitted.
- Issues of flood risk were discussed, mainly in relation to the Station Road proposals and the affect on the lower area around Park Gate. These had been rejected as proposed drainage was seen as inadequate, however there was a pre-existing problem which needed addressing, by Kirklees as the flood authority.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/036 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report. Thanks were given for the countryside officer's input.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/037 Clerk's Report

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

19/038 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 735 be approved for payment, totalling £5846.60
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for June 2019.
- Bank Signatories: **RESOLVED** to remove Janet Depledge and Polly Flinders from the signatories list and add Mike Wood and Will Simpson to both cheque and internet banking lists.

19/039 Kirklees Council Code of Conduct: RESOLVED that the council would not adopt the Kirklees Code of Conduct.

19/040 Community Liaison Committee, Appleton Quarry: RESOLVED that Cllr Cook be appointed as the parish council representative

19/041 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Denby Dale Nursery site – Cllr Denby stated an application had been submitted, which was very similar to the previous one, Plans Scrutiny Committee had returned no objections to this.
- CAB provision – Cllr Simpson stated that the idea to progress with using library volunteers was unlikely so other avenues were to be explored. Cllr Gott asked that the parish council agenda this item to look into any ways it could help maintain a similar service, and referred to the previous statistics showing the importance of the service in the area. Cllr Simpson reminded councillors that presently, Community Plus could assist, i.e. by getting people to centralised services.
- Walkers Are Welcome – Cllr Brook informed councillors that this very successful group was now 10 years old, and that the parish council had been instrumental in its development. It had increased the profile of the area for walking and outdoor pursuits, as well as assisting local businesses. There had been some delays in producing the new trail leaflets as funded by the parish council, however Penistone Line Partnership would be displaying the 5 trails at the station which could be downloaded.

19/042 Churchfields Update

No update received

19/043 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors that further photographs of 'Old Emley' had been scanned and uploaded and that the Textile & Heritage Museum would be open as part of the Textile Festival. He also advised that the EPIP programme was coming to a close and it was unclear as yet if any replacement programme would be put in place.

19/044 Working Party on Public Transport Report

It was agreed that Cllr Cook would continue liaising with Naylor's over the land at Denby Dale station.

19/045 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Gott informed councillors that the decorating was approx. 90% complete with just the library room and part of the lobby to complete, and that the library had been given the agreed notice for closure for 2 weeks. There had been some re-plastering undertaken in the upstairs IT room store, and some further remedial plastering work to be done by the back fire escape due to damp. Cllr Gott stated that the building required work to the gutter and asked for any contacts to be sourced. He also informed council that he was awaiting further details on the costs for a new consistent lighting system, and for the cost of movement sensor lighting.

19/046 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Brook stated that there still was no further information from Kirklees on what they can offer in terms of staffing and back up provision therefore this item was to remain on the agenda. It was agreed that Cllr Brook, Flinders, Denby and Gott would follow up on this. Councillors were reminded of the events going on around the Textile Festival. Cllr Simpson updated councillors on the high level of volunteer hours achieved at both libraries, and the tremendous effort undertaken by volunteers.

19/047 July Council Meeting Items:

19/048 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 11 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 June
- Full Council – 2 July

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CHAIRMAN