

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 October 2016 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Ray Gott, Maggie Blanshard, Neil Denby, Steven Slater, Eddie Shaw, Susan Hellewell, Lynne Hardy, Stuart Merry, Janet Depledge, Mike Wood, John Cook and Billy Jewitt

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Turner

16/305 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

16/306 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Waites, Brook and Flinders for item 20.

16/307 Open Session

No member of the public wished to speak.

16/308 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner. Cllr Summers was absent
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/309 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that item 11 needed to be taken in private.

16/310 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 6 September (*with addition of dates*)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 September

16/311 Police Report

Insp. Mark Trueman and PS Hayley Marsland gave a verbal report on crimes in the area over the last 2 months:

- Burglaries of dwellings has been significant for this ward (3 arrests made)
- Issues with organised crime group travelling to the area (2 arrests made)
- Crime Prevention Events had been running in the area, with another planned in the area for November
- Fire Safety Event on 11 November in Skelmanthorpe
- Theft from vehicles only 7 (4 in Clayton West)
- Commercial Burglaries 2at the tip, 4 overall (2 arrests)
- Anti-social behaviour – less in rural areas overall, anti-social behaviour van had been deployed over the summer in the Dearne Valley
- Youths on motorcycles in Skelmanthorpe – stop and search powers used. Police working with Young Peoples Services and PC Baines co-ordinating around use of CCTV with local business
- Day of Action 'Edward Day' regarding road deaths had been successful – speed cameras deployed, monitored and enforced
- Force recruiting 48 officers every month for foreseeable future
- Reporting of crime can be via website 'contact us' icon as well as phoning 101 for non-emergencies and 'Farm Watch' recommended to report farm thefts.

16/312 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner tabled a written report in his absence:

- No decision taken at the time of writing on the future offer on museums service

- Consultation now active on young people's service on www.kirkleestalk.org until 22 November, with a consultation event at the Savoy Y&C Centre in Skelmanthorpe on 8 November 3.30-4.30pm
- New management structure to be introduced to make savings
- Local Plan going to Full Council on 12 October
- KMC & Parish Councils meeting had been held to discuss working together
- Ofsted currently inspecting children's services
- Efficiency statement had been prepared and sent to new chancellor
- Libraries – review to be undertaken of new service to identify any issues
- Adult Social Care consultation to be planned

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/313 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer sent in a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

RESOLVED that the Countryside Officer maintains use of the lock-up at Emley at a cost of £70+VAT per month using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

16/314 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/315 Co-options

RESOLVED that Neil Gemmell be co-opted onto the council.

16/316 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites reported that the Wakefield via Emley bus route had been re-timed and it was reported that service had improved.

16/317 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum

Cllr Brook stated that a meeting was to be held on Thursday 13 October and he would update councillors following that meeting.

16/318 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that the future of the EPIP programme was still unclear following Brexit, the Autumn Statement may clarify the situation. A meeting of EPIP would take place on Tuesday 11 October to discuss the programme and the outline application made by the Walkers Are Welcome group.

Cllr Brook reported that 'Hand loom Weaver' had now been reprinted. He also stated that 164 visitors had been received at the Textile Heritage Centre during the National Heritage Open days. The launch event had also been very well attended. Cllr Brook suggested a meeting be convened of the Heritage Working Group.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/319 Churchfield Update

Cllr Jewitt reported work was progressing well on the ramp and stonework.

16/320 Rural District Committee Meeting

Cllr Brook reported that the Committee had met at Shelley College last Thursday and he had given feedback on the New Homes Bonus grant issued to the parish council for work on the council offices, Skelmanthorpe. The RDC would be giving £100 towards Christmas trees again this year, along with the parish council, with the village groups raising the balance. There had been a consultation event on the new Kirklees Walking and Cycling Strategy but no information on this. The Yorkshire Ambulance Service had attended and highlighted proposed changes in the area which would reduce provision from Honley.

16/321 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Update

RESOLVED that the report be received and the recommendations within were approved.

Cllr Waites submitted two quotes he had been asked to supply for signage for the building.

RESOLVED that the quote of £200 + VAT from Bobby Dazzler be accepted and that the company be requested to complete signage as previously agreed at the September meeting.

16/322 Denby Dale Community Project Update

Delays had been encountered with requesting utilities and the building was now expected to open in January.

16/323 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Christmas Tree provision – A tree was now on order for Emley village in line with current arrangements with the rest of the parish
- Sponsored hanging baskets – Cllr Kemp informed councillors of an initiative whereby individuals/companies could sponsor hanging baskets. This would not affect the arrangements the council have in place. Cllr Kemp would act to liaise with contacts.
- Report from the HRI Meeting – Cllr Depledge reported back from the joint stakeholder event on the proposed changes, which was a ‘deliberation’ meeting on the outcomes of the now closed consultation. A decision was to be made on the proposed changes on 20 October. As well as the Emergency care provision being proposed to be move away from Huddersfield, Cllr Depledge highlighted that the recommendations included; urgent care, planned (routine) care, paediatric care and maternity care. There was to be a focus on home care due to the belief that patients recover better in their home environment and also to avoid bed blocking. Cllr Depledge advised councillors to look at the ‘rightcarerighttimerightplace’ website for more detail on the proposals.
- Report from Kirklees Councillors meeting – Cllrs Depledge and Jewitt had attended the meeting with Cllrs Turner and Sheard where asset transfers, the new national legislation on precepts and the Kirklees budget had been discussed.
- Waste /rubble disposal – This had been raised with Kirklees councillors at the above meeting along with the issue of fly tipping. It was suggested that signage could be effective as a deterrent, however it was stated that this wasn’t the case in Emley. Cllr Jewitt stated he would be bringing the issue up again at the next meeting.
- Denby Dale Nursery – Cllr Denby highlighted the unsecure door and missing hoardings around the site which would allow access which could be dangerous. It was stated that any individual could contact HSE with concerns. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk with assistance from Cllr Kemp to Kirklees council with the council’s concerns.
- Noticeboard at Denby Dale – **RESOLVED** that a noticeboard be provided for Denby Dale at a cost of £198 plus £80 installation using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

16/324 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 664 be approved for payment, totalling £1,300.39
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk’s and Countryside Officer’s salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for October
- Quote for Clock Repair: **RESOLVED** that the quote from Sinclair Harding for repairs to the Council building clock for £1,800 plus VAT be accepted using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Schools Grants:
RESOLVED to award Scissett Middle School £500 towards the community garden using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED to award Birdsedge First School £345 towards a theatre group production as part of Word Book Day using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

- Community Grant:

RESOLVED to award Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre £340 for health and safety facilities using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

- Uncleared Cheque: **RESOLVED** to note the direct debit payment to AMK Windows due to uncleared cheque.

- Wreaths: **RESOLVED** to order and for the placement of Remembrance Day Wreaths as follows:

- All Saints Church, Clayton West – Cllr B Jewitt
- St Michael’s Church, Emley – Cllr E Shaw
- St Augustine’s Church, Scissett – Cllr K Waites
- War Memorial, Denby Dale – Cllr J Depledge
- War Memorial, Birdsedge – Cllr J Cook
- St Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe – Cllr G Turner

16/325 November Council Meeting Items:

- Christmas Tree Festival, Skelmanthorpe (*Cllr S Merry*)
- **RESOLVED** that the January meeting would now be held on **10 January 2017**

16/326 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 October
- Full Council – 1 November
- Finance & General Purposes – 15 November

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CHAIRMAN