

**Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Cynthia Naylor, Kelvyn Waites, Paula Kemp, Neil Gemmell, Eddie Shaw, Billy Jewitt, Susan Hellewell, Janet Depledge, Ray Gott, Jamie Summers, John Cook, Maggie Blanshard and Lynn Hardy

**Members Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Turner, Merry, Wood, Denby and Slater.

**16/410 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Jewitt welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

**16/411 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**16/412 Open Session**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**16/413 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Turner, Merry, Wood, Denby and Slater.

**RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

**16/414 Admission of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that no items needed to be taken in private.

**16/415 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 7 February

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 February

**16/416 Ward Councillor's Report**

Cllr Turner sent a written report:

- Meeting held with metro to discuss concerns regarding the bus service. A further update will be given following their meeting with Yorkshire Tiger.
- Ward PC has left her role to take up a detective training course. Her replacement is Caroline Newsome and Cllr Turner hopes to meet her soon to discuss issues in the ward.
- Men's Sheds project progressing well and potential sites have been identified. Anyone interested in joining can contact Cllr Turner.
- A meeting to discuss the new U3A was very successful with over 130 people attending.
- New CE of Kirklees, Jacqui Gedman, has now taken over.
- Budget agreed in February, and many services will be re-designed or removed to match the council's reductions. The Council is also working hard to make the required improvements in Children's Service.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**16/417 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer**

The Countryside Officer gave a written report.

**RESOLVED** to record the Council's thanks to Dave Wilde and the volunteers for their hard work.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**16/418 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided a written report:

Cllr Depledge stated she had contacted the Joseph Norton Academy regarding the trust governor post, which would be as an individual and not a councillor.

Cllrs noted that the Denby Dale Nursery site was open again, but it was also noted that a new planning proposal was going through.

Cllr Waites noted the lack of response from Royal Mail regarding the Scissett post boxes.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **16/419 Finance Matters**

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 676 be approved for payment, totalling £5,189.78
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for March 2017.
- Noticeboard at Denby Dale: **RESOLVED** to formally note the increase in cost of the noticeboard due to the additional wording at a cost of £45+VAT.
- Community Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that a grant of £600 be awarded to Clayton West Bowling Club using the Power of General Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Countryside Officer Training: **RESOLVED** to note the spend on Allotment training of £115 to YLCA under the Countryside Project budget.

#### **16/420 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- Sovereign Liaison Committee Feedback: Cllr Kemp provided the minutes from the last meeting and advised that the new proposal was part of the Local Plan and as such was now part of Any Other Business on the Committee agenda to allow the senior planner to leave. Problems were discussed around the existing quarry.
- Update on Emley Mast & issues of transport of rubble through Emley Village: Cllr Kemp had been liaising with residents and Arqiva around the issue of removal of soil from the site and aggregate to be brought in via the village, and around the use of the helicopter to remove the top of the mast and build the temporary new mast. Timing still wasn't clear as this would be affected by the weather. Discussions were held around the best possible route for HGV's. Cllr Kemp would continue to pass on residents' concerns to Arqiva.
- Signage at High Flatts: Cllr Cook reported that he was following up the signage issue at Firth Lane and would be asking for a letter of support from the parish council in future.
- Support for the diversion of the Public Right of way between Upper Cumberworth and Denby Dale Station: Cllr Brook referred to the map circulated showing the proposed diversion to the route and requested the council's support. **RESOLVED** that the council support the proposed diversion.

#### **16/421 Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum**

Cllr Brook stated the Forum had not met. This item to be removed as a standing agenda item.

#### **16/422 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report**

Cllr Brook reported that work was on-going uploading photos to the archive website which was being very well received.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **16/423 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

Cllr Waites referred to Cllr Turner's report on the issues with bus services being raised with Tiger.

#### **16/424 Churchfield Update**

Cllr Jewitt referred to the Countryside Officer's report.

#### **16/425 Rural District Committee Meeting**

Cllr Brook reported that Ward Councillors had put in a bid for the Citizens Advice Bureau to enable them to continue to use the Council Offices in Skelmanthorpe. There was also a joint bid

from Kirkburton and Denby Dale to amend the speed restrictions from Birds Edge to the Sovereign. Walkers are Welcome had two successful bids for bridleway improvements.

**16/426 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update**

A meeting of the Building Working Group had taken place to discuss the Bookings Policy which would be reviewed at the next F&GP meeting.

**16/427 Denby Dale Community Project Update**

This item to be removed as a standing agenda item as the building is now open.

**16/428 April Council Meeting Items:**

- Emley Moor Mast (*Cllr Gott*)

**16/429 Dates of next meetings:**

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 March
- Full Council – 4 April

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CHAIRMAN