

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Ray Gott, Maggie Blanshard, Susan Hellewell, Paula Kemp, Cynthia Naylor, Eddie Shaw, Janet Depledge, Neil Gemmell and Stuart Merry

Members Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Jewitt, Slater, Waites, Wood, Turner, Cook, Denby, Summers and Hardy

16/573 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Depledge welcomed councillors to the meeting and informed them of the very enjoyable tree planting events she had attended at East Hill, Churchfields and Bluehills.

16/574 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of interest were received.

16/575 Open Session

No members of the public were present

16/576 Apologies

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RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/577 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/578 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 7 November

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 November

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 November

16/579 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner provided a written report.

- The library consultation will start on 8 January and run for 12 weeks.
- A further issue at Phoenix Textiles is being investigated
- Fly tipping has been significantly reduced and 5 fixed penalty notices issued
- Official Government backing received over the arrangements with Kirklees Children's Services and Leeds with cross-party political support having been a crucial factor.
- A report on the Local Plan was also received detailing the stages of the examination in public (available on the Kirklees Council website <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan.aspx>).

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/580 Police Report

No representative was present.

16/581 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/582 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a written report. It was agreed that the Clerk follow up on outstanding matters.

Item 12.5 on the agenda regarding the suggestion of a skatepark in Emley was brought forward for discussion. It was agreed that the land in question was not owned by Kirklees Council, therefore there was little the parish council could suggest other than writing to the Social Welfare Organisation with the individuals request. It was agreed that the Chairman write to the individual stating that their message would be passed on to the Social Welfare Organisation.

16/583 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment No 695 be approved for payment, totalling £1,127.43
- To Authorise Payment of Salary: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for December 2017
- Repayment of Loan: **RESOLVED** to formally accept the report that the loan to the Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre had been repaid in full and on time on 8 November.
- Delegated Spend: **RESOLVED** to formally accept spend on 2 sets of keys for the let office @ £10.
- Budget 2017/18: **RESOLVED** to note the budget and approve the virement from reserves to the employment budget line of £7500.
- Budget 2018/2019: **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2018/19 at £244,007 as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Community Libraries: **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Depledge and Brook remain in contact with Kirklees Council in a non-negotiating role in order to gather information on behalf of the parish council.
- Men's Shed Grant Application: **RESOLVED** to grant the request to draw down the grant prior to purchase of some of the equipment.

16/584 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Denby Village Group letter of support request: **RESOLVED** that the parish council would be happy to provide a letter of support to assist the group with their HLF bid when the time was appropriate.
- Dog waste bag dispenser: **RESOLVED** to provide one dispenser and to request Cllr Wood research any other areas which may need one.
- YLCA report: **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr Shaw's report. Cllr Depledge commented on the dementia friendly initiative and stated she would look into how the council could be more proactive in this.
- DD lions request to hold charity event on Churchfields: **RESOLVED** that there were no objections to an event taking place on Churchfields.
- Skatepark, Emley: (brought forward to Clerk's report)

16/585 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that members of the Friends of the Textile & Heritage Centre would be selling some of the five heritage books in the library. He also stated that the centre was open on Sunday and would be holding a Christmas event on Saturday between 10am and 12.

Cllr Brook also referred to the circulated email on EPIP funding which was still available.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/586 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Depledge referred to emergency works being proposed in Denby Dale near the station to erect a mast. Cllr Kemp advised that this was in the pre-planning stages and would come to the council to comment on in due course as part of the planning process.

16/587 Business Plan

Cllr Gott updated on the meeting held and stated that the group had agreed to a quite aggressive critique to be produced with a full understanding of the need for flexibility due to the constant changing background, transparency, and a business-like approach. He asked for councillors to

input in these early stages so that the group could aim to provide a strategy for 2018-2023 hopefully in April/May.

16/588 Churchfields update

Agreed that this item was no longer necessary

16/589 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

No update was provided

16/590 January Council Meeting Items:

- Superfast Broadband West Yorkshire (*Cllr Gemmell*)

16/591 Dates of next meetings:

- Full Council – 9 January
- Finance & General Purposes Committee 16 January
- Plans Scrutiny Committee 30 January

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN