

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Polly Ann Flinders, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Ray Gott, Janet Depledge, Neil Denby, Kelvyn Waites, Cynthia Naylor, Neil Denby, Lynn Hardy, Susan Hellewell, John Cook, Neil Gemmell and Maggie Blanshard

16/725 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Cook welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting following the Summer break.

16/726 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllrs Brook, Denby, Depledge and Turner declared an interest in the grant application from Denby Dale Community library due to their involvement in this.

16/727 Open Session

A resident thanked the Council for their involvement in the garage issue highlighted on the Clerk's report. Two residents spoke in support of the Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club grant application.

16/728 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wood, Shaw, Summers, Slater and Merry
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

16/729 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that no items needed to be taken in private.

16/730 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 3 July

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 July

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 August (as amended to include street naming suggestion of 'Reform Row'.)

16/731 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his tabled a report, and agreed to follow up his request for the Environment Agency to send Ammonia levels in the river which he would forward to Cllr Gemmell.
RESOLVED that the report be received

16/732 Churchfields Discussion (brought forward)– Cllr Gott spoke to his tabled paper of ideas on progressing issues at Churchfields around the mowing regime and a management plan. It was agreed that this needed to be in place for next Spring. Dave Wilde was currently working on the management plan with Andy Wickham. The continued need to work together with the Friends of Group was highlighted, with the lead coming from the parish council, as the lease holders. It was agreed that Dave Wilde continued to liaise with the Friends of Group and Andy, with the Churchfields working group being re-convened as appropriate, with Cllr Gott added to the members circulation list. Cllr Brook thanked Cllr Gott for his work on the issue.

16/733 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 714 be approved for payment, totalling £12,957.95
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for August (retrospectively) and September 2018.
- Joseph Norton Academy: **RESOLVED** that the Joseph Norton Academy be awarded a grant for £500 for grass sledges using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

- Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club: **RESOLVED** that the Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club be awarded a grant of £2596.40 for resurfacing and repairs to the mower shed using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Denby Dale Community Library: **RESOLVED** that the Denby Dale Community Library be awarded a grant of £7000 towards solar panels using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Completion of Audit: The Clerk formally notified the Council that in the opinion of the External Auditor, information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirement have not been met. A Notice of conclusion of audit with rights for inspection has been prepared in line with the statutory requirements.

16/734 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report

- The Library Services Report gave delegated, specific powers to officers and working groups in order to speed up processes and deliver the service
- Capital investment discussions were going ahead on the play area in Skelmanthorpe
- The Men's Shed Initiative was meeting on Friday and would be looking to sell their products at Christmas markets, school fairs and events
- The local plan was now available on-line

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/735 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report.

- Cllr Turner stated that highways officers would look at usage of the path near Shelley College.
- Cllr Gott informed the council of the extra cost of re-claimed slate to be used on the Council building, as discussed by the working group and reported to the Clerk on her return from leave.
- The issues around the pigs in Scissett woods were discussed again, however no laws had been broken or planning infringement had taken place, however licensing issues over events would be investigated further.

RESOLVED that the report be received

16/736 GDPR Compliance - The Clerk presented the Council with options on the appointment or not, of a Data Protection Officer following the update from YLCA. **RESOLVED** that Sally Barber be retained as the DPO for the parish council on an annual basis, as it is unclear how legislation would progress.

16/737 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Community Libraries – Cllr Brook stated that no detail had come out of a cabinet report other than there were no plans to close any libraries, therefore he had nothing further to add at this stage.
- Suggestion for presentation to Cllr Jewitt – item withdrawn

16/738 Kirklees Recycling Centre – The council considered the request from Kirkburton Parish Council to support sending a joint letter to Kirklees regarding their policy on recycling centres. **RESOLVED** that the parish council support Kirkburton Parish Council's request to Kirklees Council.

16/739 Vacancy in Clayton West Ward - The Clerk formally notified the Council of the vacancy in the Clayton West Ward following the resignation of Cllr Billy Jewitt. Electoral Services have been notified and notices for Election will be posted on 22 August for a period until 12 September.

16/740 Kirklees Local Plan Consultation – The Clerk had previously circulated emails from Kirklees Council regarding consultation on modifications to the plan. These were now available on the Kirklees website.

16/741 Heritage Working Party/EPIP Report

Cllr Brook reported that this month the Quaker meeting house and Skelmanthorpe Heritage Centre would both be open as part of the National heritage open days.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

16/742 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites referred to his tabled paper on bus timetable changes. Cllr Turner was informed of school buses not turning up on the first day back to school which he agreed to investigate.

16/743 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update – The Council considered the request from the library regarding a ‘Musical Themed Fun Day’ in the building. **RESOLVED** that this event could go ahead.

16/744 October Council Meeting Items:

No items provided

16/745 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 September
- Full Council – 2 October

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CHAIRMAN