

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

19/070 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

19/071 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest, Cllr Simpson stated that he was no longer a coach with Emley Moor ARLFC.

19/072 Open Session

Two members of the public spoke in support of the grant application for Emley Moor ARLFC. A member of the public spoke in support of the proposal for a bypass at Flockton village.

19/073 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Naylor, Hellewell & Slater, **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/074 Admission of the Public

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

19/075 Item Brought Forward

Flockton Bypass – it was **RESOLVED** that the council express their support via a letter of support to the group and Cllr Middleton from Kirkburton parish council.

19/076 Item Brought Forward

Grant Application from Emley Moor ARLFC – **RESOLVED** that the grant for £30,000 towards a new changing room block be awarded subject to the successful payment of other independent grants. The grant would be then awarded next financial year from earmarked reserves, using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

19/077 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 3 July

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 30 July

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 August

19/078 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The examiner had reported on the wildflower project he and Cllr Turner were working on at the Skelmanthorpe rec, which now included a wildflower area in its plan. Kew Gardens' 'Grow Wild' Project were also sending seeds out in 2 weeks time as Denby Dale was a priority area. Dave Wilde would be assisting East Hill Group to apply, and other groups were encouraged to apply.
- Following criminal incidents, 2 community safety meetings and a police drop in session had taken place and Neighbourhood Watch schemes would be starting up again with the police. Anyone interested should contact ward councillors for information. An officer would also visit residents home to offer advice on security.
- The Pie Hall had been struggling lately and could close in the new year, therefore were holding events to promote its use such as a 'pie and pint' event on Saturday and a quiz starting 23 November.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The financial settlement would hopefully be received tomorrow, so work could start on the budget early.
- Yorkshire Tiger had set out the new timetable, and a meeting would be held at the end of the month to see what affect this had. There had been a delay on receiving the double decker buses.
- An announcement on a new investment strategy from network rail would involve a launch event and a long-term consultation process over 2 years.
- The Council budget was roughly on target with a slight overspend as expected.
- Government had instructed councils to set up Brexit arrangements which would involve liaising with other authorities.
- The double yellow lining in Emley would be out to public consultation shortly.
- New legislation on ‘invisible disabilities’ would enable further applications on the blue badge scheme in Kirklees.
- A review on polling stations in the area had resulted in no changes planned.
- The review on Children’s Services stated ‘requires improvement’ therefore there was still a lot of work to do however they hoped for ‘good’/outstanding’ at the next review.
- The Shelley Woodhouse footpath was complete and it was discussed whether the parish council’s pressure to bring this about should be highlighted.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

19/079 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

19/080 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk tabled a report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/081 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 741 be approved for payment, totalling £140.25
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk’s and Countryside Officer’s salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for September 2019.
- Community Grant Application: Clayton West Darby & Joan Club – **RESOLVED** to award the grant of £500 towards loft insulation using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Schools Grant Applications: Scissett Middle School – **RESOLVED** to award the grant for £1000 towards drones and equipment, with the students being taught about relevant drone legislation and responsible use, using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
Emley First School – **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1000 towards tree bark, shingle and seating area using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
Birdsedge First School – **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500 towards glockenspiels using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

19/082 CAB Provision: RESOLVED that the quote from Barnsley Citizen’s Advice be accepted at £4770 for one year, for 3.5 hour fortnightly session at Skelmanthorpe Council Building, using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011. This service renewal to be published in the council’s newsletter and advertised where possible.

Any further provision would be discussed at the next meeting of the Full Council.

19/083 Consultation on Phone Boxes

Phone Box at Clayton West – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigates the adoption process for this phone box by the parish council

19/084 Churchfields Update

No update received

19/085 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors that the Skelmanthorpe Heritage & Textile Centre and the Quaker Meeting House at High Flatts would be open for the Annual Heritage Open Days as per information circulated. The Emley photos had been uploaded with some needing captions, any input to help identify these was welcomed.

19/086 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Cook stated that he would follow with his contact at Naylor's to see if any decision had been reached about extracting clay, and if there would then be any further agreement on land for a car park or wildlife area.

19/087 Skelmanthorpe Council Building Update

Cllr Gott referred to his paper stating that the Clerk had designated powers to spend and as there were no further large-scale plans for the building, the group should be wound up. It was **RESOLVED** that the Building Working Group be dissolved.

19/088 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update:

Cllr Turner stated that Kirklees had demonstrated successful use of libraries with usage and membership up. Cllr Denby advised that the Denby Dale library car park would be resurfaced and the railings replaced.

19/089 October Council Meeting Items:

- Shelley Footpath (Cllr Denby)
- Adoption of the Emley phone box (Cllr Wood)
- Christmas Tree Festival (Cllr Merry)

19/090 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 24 September
- Full Council – 1 October

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CHAIRMAN