

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 November 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

19/0111 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

19/0112 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No declarations of interest were received.

19/0113 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

19/0114 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Waites, Baskeyfield, Hellewell, Gemmell & Slater

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/0115 Admission of the Public

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

19/0116 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 1 October (*as amended*)

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 October

19/0117 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The Cumberworth Road application which both he and Cllr Turner spoke against, would be considered at Strategic Planning and would be returned in December.
- Top of Warburton application decision had been appealed by the applicant and would be going to the Planning Inspectorate. This had been rejected initially on highways issues. Further submissions could be directed directly to the Inspectorate.
- A meeting on the Wildflower Project would take place with the parks team on Thursday.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Due to the General Election, Kirklees would enter Purdah on 8 November.
- There would be a cabinet meeting on Tuesday at Dewsbury Town Hall re: the Climate Change Report (details of this could be found on the Kirklees website).
- The Denby Dale Christmas lights switch-on would take place at 6pm on 30 November with an events programme. The Skelmanthorpe switch-on would be at 3.30 on 1 December.
- Cllr Woods thanked both councillors for their assistance in the replacing of goal-posts at Warburton rec.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

19/0118 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report. Cllr Atkinson thanked Dave for his and the volunteers work in litterpicking at Woodhouse Lane, as this was a difficult area to clear.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/0119 Clerk's Report

The Clerk tabled a report.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/0120 Council Building – Lighting Provision

Following a tender process undertaken by Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, as having expertise in such projects, on behalf of the Council, two bids were received and a summary provided by Cllr Gott was discussed. Cllr Gott then withdrew from the discussion. Cllr Wood thanked the Chairman for all his hard work on the process.

RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to Dextra, subject to confirmation that the quote was inclusive of labour costs. The vote was 13 in favour, with 2 abstentions.

Feedback on Art Exhibition

Cllr Flinders reported back on the very successful Art Exhibition run by the Village Art Group and the Friends of the Library. It was felt that the exhibition had helped promote the building and had attracted further visitors. It had been suggested that a programme of further themed exhibitions take place, and it was agreed that this be added to the December agenda. Thanks were given to Mike Roberts who had put in much work and time to run the exhibition, and who had installed the hanging rails.

19/0121 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 745 be approved for payment, totalling £839.26
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for November 2019.
- External Audit: It was **RESOLVED** that the council formally noted 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.

To also note - *the other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority: The smaller authority should ensure that it has regard to the level of reserves held when considering future precept requests. Any earmarked reserves should be considered and formally approved by the smaller authority.*

- Budget 2019-20: **RESOLVED** to vire the required amount from reserves to the council building budget line for the provision of a new lighting system.
- Community Grant Applications:
RESOLVED that a grant of £1000 be awarded to Denby Village Conservation group for a noticeboard using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
RESOLVED that a grant of £1000 be awarded to the Emley Millennium Green group towards lighting the Beacon using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

19/0122 CAB Provision: Cllr Gott stated that the provision was now in place and would begin on Thursday. The Clerk was requested to circulate the posters provided to go out on social media sites.

RESOLVED that the Clerk go ahead and arrange further signage for the building to promote the service, using existing contact and style.

19/0123 Calendar of Meetings – RESOLVED to accept the calendar of meetings for 2020-2021

19/0124 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Remembrance Day Wreath Laying – **RESOLVED** that the wreaths were layed by councillors Gemmell, Cook, Turner, Gott, Waites & Wood.
- Cllr Naylor's membership of Plans Scrutiny Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Naylor could be a member of both committees.
- Update from Emley School Working Group – Cllr Wood stated that a meeting had been held with the practice manager at the health centre to agree a re-scheduling of surgery times to avoid a clash with schools hours, and a meeting had also been held with the vicar to request use of the community centre parking area for larger services. He would report back with any progress.

- YLCA Report – the report was accepted.

19/0125 Churchfields: no update received.

19/0126 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors that the 'Utterly Yorkshire' shop in Denby Dale had agreed to stock the heritage publications.

19/0127 Working Party on Public Transport Report – no update received.

19/0128 Denby Dale & Skelmanthorpe Libraries update: - no further update received on libraries provision. Cllr Denby reported that the re-lining and re-surfacing at the Denby Dale Library had taken place.

19/0129 December Council Meeting Items:

- Relate email request
- Footpath at Ponker Lane (Cllr Cook)
- Footpath at Denby Dale no. 77 (Cllr Cook)
- Climate Emergency Working Group (Cllr Simpson)

19/0130 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 19 November
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 26 November
- Full Council – 3 December

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CHAIRMAN