

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 February 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

Members Present: Cllrs: Richard Brook, Maggie Blanshard, Eddie Shaw, Stuart Merry, Polly Flinders, Will Simpson, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Neil Denby, Lin Newton, Kelvyn Waites, Cynthia Naylor, Alison Baskeyfield, Jeremy Patterson & Steven Slater

19/0169 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Waites, Vice Chairman of the Council, welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

19/0170 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

19/0172 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

19/0173 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Cook, S Slater, N Gemmell, and R Gott.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/0174 Admission of the Public

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

19/0175 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 7 January

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 14 January

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 January

19/0176 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- Clearance work had commenced at the front of the Council building by Cllrs Simpson and Turner and Dave Wilde. There was gravel available if anyone knew of any paths which needed maintenance. They had been approached to place a bench at the front of the building and would trial this once landscaping was complete, with flowerbeds and wildflower planting.
- Also working with Dave Wilde, He would be looking at improvements to the 'hanging ground' in Skelmanthorpe with Cllr Newton and residents, to develop a community space.
- He reported on the play strategy meeting attended, where £9.5 million was being invested to improve playgrounds. In Denby Dale there were 15 playgrounds under Kirklees, with 2 in Skelmanthorpe managed by resident agreement.
- Cllr Simpson also informed councillors that a lot of progress was being made in the Denby Dale Pie Hall to help it recover, and a 1896 pie plate had been donated to raffle.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Cllr Turner had been working on the budget which was now published. This was a more ambitious budget than previous years due to the cuts which had been made, there was now room for increased revenue spend.
- £15 million had been earmarked for unclassified roads, of which there were many.
- Tree cover investment and recycling levels and a fleet of electrical vehicles were included.
- £600,000 investment was to go to Young Peoples projects.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

19/0177 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report. Cllr Wood commented that the members breakfast presentation had been very well attended.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/0178 Clerk's Report

No report was tabled.

19/0179 Vacancy in the Clayton West Ward:

RESOLVED that Kevin Carr be co-opted onto the Council.

19/0180 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 753 be approved for payment, totalling £3572.52
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for February 2020.
- PRECEPT: **RESOLVED** that a precept of £150,000 be raised as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

19/0181 Skelmanthorpe Council Building: The Clerk noted that the lighting system was almost complete and should be fully complete by next week. Cllr Waites noted that he had asked the Clerk to get a quote for public access wifi for the building.

19/0182 Community Voices: No councillors wished to undertake training. The Clerk reminded councillors that she could pass contact details to any groups interested.

19/183: FGP Meeting: **RESOLVED** to move the January F&GP meeting to 19 January 2021

19/0184 CAB Report: the CAB report and statistics were noted.

19/0185 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Cllr Bolt – **RESOLVED** that the clerk write to Cllr Bolt to politely request he refrain from acting as a spokesperson for parish councils.
- Defibrillators – Agreed that the Clerk documents where previous defibrillators from grant applications for groups were placed, and approach the Ambulance Service for locations.
- Noticeboard provision – Cllr Hellewell was obtaining a quote from Blackburns, and Cllr Turner would get a quote from the Mens' Shed group. Cllr Denby noted that he had access to a noticeboard near Withy Wood which the Clerk could send him information for.
- Footpath at Ponker Lane – This would be on next Month's agenda as Cllr Slater was due to speak with Cllr Cook but both were unfortunately absent.
- Progress on Bench at Churchfields – Cllr Brook would speak with Dave Wilde regarding a quote for a recycled plastic bench and would consult the Churchfields Friends of Group.
- Request for Camera, Leys Lane – A camera had been effective here, but had unfortunately been stolen. Cllr Turner was investigating options for this site.
- Request for 2 dog waste bag dispensers, Emley – **RESOLVED** that the clerk purchase the dispensers and that Cllr Wood was responsible for ensuring re-stocking.

19/0186 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors that the three out of print local history books had now been re-printed and all five were stocked locally. He also mentioned that a new member had been added to the Heritage Working Party who was currently involved with the Textile & Heritage Museum. Cllr Brook added that a local historian was now ready to allow his personal archive to be digitalised on the council's archive website.

19/0187 Working Party on Public Transport Report – Cllr Waites noted that Yorkshire Tiger was now going to be taken in-house by the Arriva company. It was unclear as yet how this would work but Cllr Turner would be meeting with Yorkshire Tiger in the next two weeks.

19/0188 March Council Meeting Items:

- Field for Sale at Pilling Lane (Cllr Merry)

19/0189 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 25 February
- Full Council – 3 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – 10 March

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CHAIRMAN