

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

Members Present: Cllrs: Ray Gott, Richard Brook, Eddie Shaw, Stuart Merry, Polly Flinders, Will Simpson, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Neil Denby, Kelvyn Waites, Cynthia Naylor, Alison Baskeyfield, Jeremy Patterson & Kevin Carr

19/0190 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Gott welcomed Councillors to the meeting, including new councillor, Kevin Carr.

19/0191 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

19/0192 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

19/0193 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hellewell, Blanshard, Newton, Slater, Cook & Gemmell
RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

19/0194 Admission of the Public

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

19/0195 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 4 February

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 25 February

19/0196 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- Wildflower work with Dave Wilde and the ten villages volunteers had started in Clayton West
- Will and Dave had been working to clear the area at the front of the council building, with compost being delivered and the gravel removed helping to improve paths across the ward.
- Work was on-going to alleviate anti-social behaviour with many volunteers helping and working with youth workers and Mark Burns-Williamson, hopefully to establish a base in Skelmanthorpe

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- The budget was now established and work was on-going for cabinet holders to implement this.
- A Devolution deal across the 5 west Yorkshire authorities would go out to public consultation later in the year.
- The Council had plans in place for dealing with Covid19, and was working with partner organisations and services. At present, ensuring good hand hygiene was the best advice. It was advised to keep the use of face masks for the health service who needed them most.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

19/0197 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer tabled a report.

Item 12.2 Brought forward – It was **RESOLVED** that the Countryside Officer had the final decision on sourcing and placing a bench at Churchfields, with a simple plaque acknowledging the work of ex-councillor Billy Jewitt, with the Clerk to furnish appropriate costs.

RESOLVED that the report be received

19/0198 Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the audit process for May.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

19/0199 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 755 be approved for payment, totalling £18,395.15
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for March 2020.
- Review of Statement of Internal Control and Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit: **RESOLVED** that the Statement be accepted.
- Review of Risk Assessment: **RESOLVED** that the Risk Assessment be accepted.
- Public Access Wifi: **RESOLVED** to investigate the use of ports further and defer decision to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.
- Denby Dale Bowling Club Grant Application: **RESOLVED** that an award of £13,260 be made towards a secure store using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Emley Show: **RESOLVED** that the Council continue to make a £200 contribution towards the community transport to the Show.

19/0200 Skelmanthorpe Council Building: Councillor Gott noted that work was on-going with the new lighting system due to delays with supplies, and that the Clerk had attended the building due to an alarm issue, during her leave time.

19/0201 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Request from Climate Emergency Working Group – following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

Denby Dale Parish Council notes:

- That the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the UK Government's Committee on Climate Change, supported by over 97% of the scientific body, have outlined that we face a climate emergency and that significant steps need to be taken to address the crisis that we face
- That a scientific environmental audit of Kirklees has taken place and has outlined that the borough can become carbon-neutral by 2038, but that significant steps need to be taken to achieve this
- That the UK government has suggested that local and regional authorities have an important role to play in addressing the climate emergency

The Parish Council resolves:

- To recognise that there is a climate emergency
- To publicise this to our residents to raise awareness of this
- To support the local community to take effective action
- Invites the Climate Emergency Working Group to produce an action plan, to contribute to efforts in addressing this emergency locally, which will report back to Full Council within 6 months'

Motion to consider climate, environment and sustainability impacts on grant applications

Denby Dale Parish Council resolves to amend its grant application forms for the addition of a section to consider the climate, environmental and sustainability impact of proposals as a part of the grant application process.'

Cllr Gott wished it noted that he had serious reservations on the intent and consequences of passing the combined motions under 19/021; and upon the budget for 20/21 as no provision had been made for this activity.

- Councillor bench at Churchfields – (dealt with under Countryside Officer's report)
- Path at Ponker Lane – Cllr Turner noted that this clearance work had been undertaken.
- Noticeboard provision Clayton West – to defer to the April meeting.

- Defibrillators – Cllr Denby provided a map of defibrillators in the ward and pointed councillors to the interactive map on NHS websites. Cllr Simpson suggested the 'Made in Clayton West' group be approached to suggest sites there where there appeared to be no provision. Any un-marked defibrillators could be passed on to the NHS site. It was also suggested that the maps be added to noticeboards.

19/0202 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook informed councillors of archives which had been digitalised ready for the archive website, and the large amount which could yet be done. It was agreed by all councillors that this was important, sensitive work which was fully supported by the parish council.

19/0203 Working Party on Public Transport Report – no update

19/0204 April Council Meeting Items:

- Noticeboard provision – Clayton West (*Cllr Hellewell*)

19/0205 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – 10 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 31 March
- Full Council – 7 April

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN