

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 November 2020

Members Present: Cllrs: Carolyn Newton, Maggie Blanshard, Richard Brook, Stuart Merry, Polly Flinders, Will Simpson, Graham Turner, Mike Wood, Neil Denby, Kelvyn Waites, Kevin Carr, Cynthia Naylor, Eddie Shaw, Neil Gemmell, Hayley Pink, Susan Hellewell, Steve Slater & Jeremy Patterson

20/066 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman informed the Council that the response drafted by Cllr Simpson regarding the Government white paper had been sent. He also advised that the Plans Scrutiny Committee had been made aware of possibly two businesses adversely affected by the difficulty experienced in obtaining planning permission recently. He informed councillors that Remembrance Sunday arrangements will also be affected by the recently announced lockdown, and councillors laying wreaths should only do so if they felt safe, and to check arrangements on churches websites for changes. Cllr Denby informed councillors that Kirklees libraries would continue with a 'click and collect' service.

20/067 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Turner declared an interest in the Men's Shed Application.

20/068 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

20/069 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook and Baskeyfield.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

20/070 Admission of the Public

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

20/071 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 6 October

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 27 October

20/072 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- As the Tier 3 restrictions which were due to come into effect had been cancelled due to the second national lockdown, it was now unclear where the council stood in terms of additional funding from Government.
- The Parish Council had given support to the Denby Dale Food Fund during the initial lockdown and already Cllrs Turner & Simpson had given £1000 from their budgets and were running a public donation drive for additional funds. There may be a further approach to the parish council for more funding.
- Cllr Simpson highlighted the future tree planting and environmental work to be done at Parkgate was now unfortunately on hold. There would be consultation with local people on this in the future.
- He noted that Busker Lane was now re-open following resurfacing work, and that following a Highways consultation with all three ward councillors there would be £15 million to manage highways in decline.
- He stated that the Waste Strategy was now on facebook for consultation and he would share a link with council.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- There had been a lot of discussion around Tier 3 funding and now on the extra funding support for Test and Trace and for local businesses to be worked out due to national lockdown. There would also be a scheme to assist those who are shielding.

- The next budget would be only a one-year forecast due to the one-year settlement and there would be difficulties to set out a longer-term budget, with difficult decisions to make.
- In answer to questions on museums, Cllr Turner stated that the Tolson museum was badly placed being out of the town centre, and had very limited space and the Art museum would have required much structural work and neither could be considered fit for future purpose.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

20/073 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer gave a verbal report to support the written report circulated.

RESOLVED that the report be received

20/074 Clerk's Report

Reported that a work mobile phone had been received. New work number for the clerk is: 07947 355930. This is also now on the website, noticeboard at the council offices, and signature strip on all Clerk's emails.

20/075 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 768 be approved for payment, totalling £1546.34
- Budget Outturn: Cllr Brook noted that there had been less spend and less income due to Covid however the council was broadly on target to reduce reserves. The Finance & General Purposes Committee would be considering next year's budget at their next meeting.
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for November 2020.
- Small Grants Applications: (all awarded using Power of General Competence provided by Localism Act 2011)
RESOLVED to award the grant to Scissett FC for £629.30 towards sports equipment
RESOLVED to award the grant to Denby Dale Mens' Sheds for £1000 towards a band saw

20/076 Skelmanthorpe Council Building

RESOLVED that no changes were necessary at this point to the Covid Risk Assessment and no access was needed by user groups. It was noted that the Library would continue with its current service.

RESOLVED that the Clerk seek a new security contractor for the building in light of recent problems experienced.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Simpson, Carr and Waites be added to the Clerk as contacts for Admiral Services for the building.

20/077 Climate Emergency Working Group

Cllr Simpson stated that following the meeting with Keep Britain Tidy they had said that the help being given to schools by the parish council was exceptional. The work at Parkgate was on hold but he hoped to report back to a future meeting.

20/078 Calendar of Meetings

RESOLVED to accept the Calendar of Meetings

20/079 Matters Raised by Councillors

- **Christmas Trees** – The Clerk reported that this was going ahead as usual with the council contributing towards each tree
- **Christmas Lights** – Cllr Simpson reported that this was going ahead but with no lighting up ceremony
- **Wreaths** – Arrangements due to lockdown would change, therefore councillors laying wreaths would need to check with the local church for arrangements.

20/080 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook stated that there had been an addition to the Archives website on the history of the Skelmanthorpe Music Festivals over the last 100 years.

20/081 Working Party on Public Transport Report – no further update

20/082 December Council Meeting Items:

- Litterbins at Emley (Cllr Shaw)

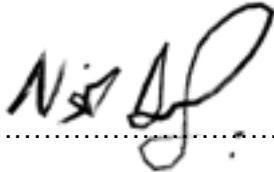
20/083 Dates of next meetings:

Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting – 17 November

Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 24 November

Full Council meeting -1 December

Signed.....



CHAIRMAN