

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 January 2021

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

20/0100 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the Council back following the break and referred to the recent announcement of the national lockdown. He then stated that item 10 would be brought forward on the agenda.

20/0101 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

There were declarations of interest received from Cllrs Blanshard, Turner & Simpson around item 11.5, donation to Denby Dale Food Fund.

20/0102 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

20/0103 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Naylor. Cllrs Hellewell, Slater and Cook were absent. **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

20/0104 Admission of the Public

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

20/0105 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council – 1 December

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 15 December

20/0106 Family Hub Model presentation (Item Brought Forward)

Jackie Beevers gave a presentation on the recent cabinet paper and proposals for the Kirklees area on community hubs. These would provide early support and help to families right through from birth to young adults who may have SENDs or disabilities or who are vulnerable. The model proposed partnership working and enabling communities to support themselves. There was a need for buildings to allow face to face meetings, such as via schools, GPs or parks. Support would also be offered in nurseries and schools. Groups would be targeted, such as young parents, dads, SENDs and key workers provided. Other targets could include areas of behaviour or needs such as poverty, abuse, gang areas. It was acknowledged that the 'rural' area was very large, and although there was an administrative centre, there would be an outreach service to reach smaller communities. Some contacts would be targeted referrals, but they wanted to make sure that communities could access them too. Jackie would forward details to the Clerk to be distributed amongst councillors' contacts.

20/0107 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The Parkgate consultation closed yesterday with 131 responses which was very positive. Moira Scarffe would collate responses and provide feedback for the next meeting.
- The Denby Dale Centre had continued to provide fantastic support over Christmas with Cllr Wood, Cllr Simpson and many more volunteers assisting with deliveries on Christmas day to isolated people and Cllr Simpson wished to thank all volunteers for their efforts.
- There were national issues with the post due to high absences and Covid restrictions. Cllr Simpson had asked the Scissett office if any additional resources would be deployed.
- Referring to the submission on planning reforms Cllr Simpson stated that not only had the Parish Council response not been reflected following the consultation, further changes

had in fact made the reforms worse for the North which will have a further increased our housing requirement and reducing it for the South East and Home Counties.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Stated that the budget work following the settlement on the 16th was nearly finalised.
- The Council Tax base would be finalised on Monday and go to cabinet on the 26th. This was needed by parish councils in order to set precepts.
- Parking charges would be re-introduced next week following an extension to free parking over Christmas. Plenty of warning signage would be going up to alert public.
- Work was on-going with the NHS and the Army on the mass testing which was reasonably successful but which was taking up a lot of officer time.
- Work was going on with the NHS on setting up the John Smith Stadium for vaccinations.
- The report had gone to cabinet on the £15 million for spend on identified minor roads in the area over the next 3 years.

RESOLVED that the reports be received

20/0108 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer gave a verbal report to support the written report circulated. He noted that the proposed tree planting on Parkgate would only take place now with himself and Andy Wickham.

RESOLVED that the report be received with thanks given for his hard work throughout the year.

20/0109 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions

RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's action to set up a Direct Debit from the Councils account to pay the DVLA for taxing the countryside vehicle.

20/0110 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 773 be approved for payment, totalling £298.88
- Budget Outturn: Cllr Brook noted that at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year the spend was on target at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the budget. **RESOLVED** that the budget outturn was noted.
- Precept – Cllr Turner had noted that this would follow when the base rate was notified.
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for January 2021.
- Denby Dale Food Fund: The Centre were giving out approx. £1000 per month, which would increase due to the lockdown and no doubt go well beyond. Cllr Brook noted that the Council still had significant reserves should they decide to give a further donation. **RESOLVED** to award a donation of £2500 to the Denby Dale Centre to go towards the Food Fund, with a request for feedback on the spend.
- Archives Website: Cllr Brook referred to the previous decision to go ahead with the upgrade of the archive website dependent on Kirkburton Parish Council's decision. As this had been positive, work would commence this month and hopefully be complete in early February.

20/0111 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.

20/0112 Climate Emergency Working Group

No update received.

20/0113 Matters Raised by Councillors

No matters were raised

20/0114 Heritage Working Party

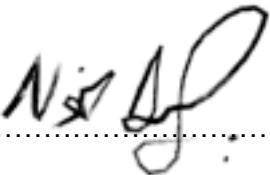
No update given.

20/0115 Working Party on Public Transport Report – no further update

20/0116 February Council Meeting Items: none received at the meeting.

20/0117 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 19 January 2021
- Plans Scrutiny Committee - 26 January 2021
- **Full Council – 2 February**

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CHAIRMAN