

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 March 2021**

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

### **20/0135 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed the Council and stated the need to re-convene the building working group to consider the building Covid risk assessment in light of the recent Government announcement. He also stated that, dependent on legislation, it may be wise to delay face-to-face meetings until September to allow for councillors and members of the public time to gain confidence in meeting again.

### **20/0136 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **20/0137 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

### **20/0138 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wood and Slater. Cllrs Cook and Gemmell were absent. **RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

### **20/0139 Admission of the Public**

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

### **20/0140 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council Minutes – 2 February
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 23 February

### **20/0141 Ward Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- Mentioned that roads had been affected by recent weather and that potholes were being fixed very quickly;
- A West Yorkshire Mayor was to be elected in May, with arrangements being scrutinised by committee members including Cllr Simpson;
- Tree planting was going ahead, initially only Dave Wilde would be able to undertake this;
- Draft strategies were in development around tourism in the area, with many local businesses being impacted by tourism and heritage issues... he would like to see the parish council pro-active in this.

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Budget –the budget had been agreed and was now in place, and Council were now looking at ideas for the following years budget;
- Council were continuing to award Covid grants to businesses and discretionary awards were also being made, further grants were dependent on Budget announcements;
- The vaccination programme at the John Smith's Stadium continued to go very well.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received

### **20/0142 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer**

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report which he spoke to.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### **20/0143 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions**

The Clerk noted that she had taken delegated responsibility for the decision on councillor training for Cllr Wood on planning. She also noted that a Spring newsletter would be going out at the end of March and asked for articles in over the next three weeks.

**RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's report.

#### **20/0144 Finance Matters**

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 778 be approved for payment, totalling £643.53
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for March 2021.
- Schools Grants:- **RESOLVED** to award the grant application from Skelmanthorpe First & Nursery for £674.20 for children's shed/equipment
- **RESOLVED** to award the grant application from Cumberworth First School for £1000 towards adventure playground/trail
- **RESOLVED** to award the grant application from Joseph Norton Academy for £959.92 towards mountain bikes

(Grants awarded using the Power of General Competence under the Localism Act, 2011)

#### **20/0145 Skelmanthorpe Council Building**

**RESOLVED** that no changes were necessary at this point but that user groups were beginning to ask if they could return in June. He recommended that the Building Working Group reform to consider the risk assessment in light of any forthcoming legislative changes or behaviours necessary when we reach the Governments current aim of non-restrictive movement in June.

#### **20/0146 Climate Emergency Working Group**

Cllr Simpson stated that the group had met with a guest speaker on ground-source heating which they would like to explore for community buildings or schools. They would also be investigating solar panels for schools which could be free or partially funded. They would also working with a social enterprise group which dealt with hard to recycle items, using St Aidan's school as a hub. Feedback from the Parkgate consultation had been very positive, with people expressing interest in improving biodiversity/wildlife, seating, paths and access for all. Cllr Simpson stated they would be working with a charity who would look at accessibility issues on site.

#### **20/0147 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- YLCA membership – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Kelvyn Waites would also be a voting member alongside Cllr Eddie Shaw.
- Dog bag dispensers – **RESOLVED** to purchase two dispensers to be monitored by Cllr Simpson at Spring Grove Clayton West and Holly Road, Scissett. It was also **RESOLVED** that Cllr Carr would take over monitoring of the Upper Cumberworth dispenser, with the one at the Cricket Ground, Lower Cumberworth to be reviewed. Cllr Simpson advised councillors wishing to get updated signage in place to look at Kirklees Rights of Way map so that they could use path numbers to provide locations where signage needed to be replaced.

#### **20/0148 Heritage Working Party**

Cllr Brook stated that work had been delayed on the archive website but was still on-going.

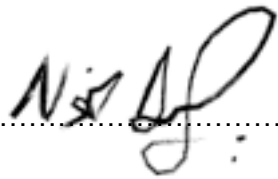
**20/0149 Working Party on Public Transport Report** – no further update however it was noted that existing services were improving prior to lockdown. Cllr Carr asked to reconvene the working party to discuss local need and what the parish council could do to help.

**20/0150 April Council Meeting Items**: none received at the meeting.

#### **20/0151 Dates of next meetings:**

- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – 16 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 30 March
- Full Council – 6 April

Signed.....

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CHAIRMAN