

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 April 2021**

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

### **20/0152 Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed the Council

### **20/0153 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **20/0154 Open Session**

There were no members of the public present.

### **20/0155 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook and Simpson. Late apologies were received from Cllr Patterson. Cllr Slater was absent.

**RESOLVED** that the reasons submitted be approved.

### **20/0156 Admission of the Public**

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

### **20/0157 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

- Full Council Minutes – 2 March
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Minutes – 16 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 30 March

### **20/0158 Council Meetings**

In light of the Covid Legislation giving the power to hold remote meetings not being extended by Government, The Chair presented the Council with three possible options to allow the functions of the Council to continue; via face to face meetings, which were not deemed possible or acceptable to members on the whole, via 'Hybrid' meetings, which would involve a lot of organisation and a high cost in purchasing new technology, for hopefully a short period of time, or via Delegation of powers to the Clerk, following Zoom discussions of councillors which would not be official Council Meetings.

**RESOLVED** That the Council will delegate decisions regarding the effective operation of the council to the Clerk, following consultations held via Zoom, which members of the public will be invited to attend remotely. These will remain in place until such time it is deemed necessary and safe to return to Council meetings in person.

This decision is also subject to any further changes in the Covid regulations which can be reviewed at the May Full Council (ACM) meeting.

### **20/0159 Council Building**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the Building Covid Risk Assessment

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**RESOLVED** to update user groups of the date that the building will re-open for use after the May ACM.

### **20/0160 Ward Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report:

- Services and buildings would begin a slow re-start process due to the number of staff re-deployed in Covid work this would be a gradual process.
- The Council was currently in Purdah due to the May elections

- Work was on-going with planting projects with the Countryside Officer and further decisions would be taken around the Parkgate Project
- Cllr Turner continued to work with the Denby Dale Centre and the Pie Hall
- Re-planting work would take place at Clayton West where work was interrupted by lockdown.
- Cllr Turner would speak to Highways regarding a question on road surfacing in Emley.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received

#### **20/0161 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer**

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**RESOLVED** that the Countryside Officer could investigate joining the 'cycle to work' scheme.

#### **20/0162 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions**

Clerk reported that a Direct Debit Bank Mandate for Kirklees Council waste disposal was set up in-between Full Council meetings.

**RESOLVED** to accept the report.

#### **20/0163 Finance Matters**

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 781 be approved for payment, totalling £11789.04
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for April 2021.
- Budget Outturn: **RESOLVED** that the budget outturn be accepted.

#### **20/0164 Climate Emergency Working Group**

No update received

#### **20/0165 Matters Raised by Councillors**

No issues were raised

#### **20/0166 Heritage Working Party**

Cllr Brook stated that the archives website work was progressing however due to the decision to use original photographs and documents the storage capacity had to be increased. There would be an additional cost of £180pa for this. Cllr Brook requested that this was added to the May agenda for discussion and decision.

#### **20/0167 Heritage and Tourism Report Development**

Cllr Brook referred to the paper circulated and asked for councillor support for the strategy. It was agreed that the Council request be consulted fully in this strategy to ensure the Ward was fully featured.

#### **20/0168 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

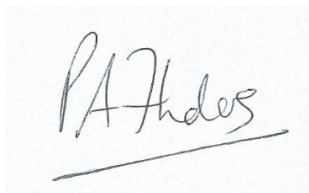
Cllr Waites stated that a meeting had been scheduled for the 12 May

#### **20/0169 May (ACM) Council Meeting Items:**

##### **20/0170 Dates of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 27 April
- Full Council Meeting (ACM and APM) – 4 May

Signed

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CHAIR