

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 September 2021

Members Present: Cllrs: Stuart Merry, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Kelvyn Waites, Kevin Carr, Susan Hellewell, Mike Woods, John Cook, Will Simpson, Jeremy Patterson, & Polly Flinders

21/022 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the Council to the first face-to-face meeting held in 18 months.

21/023 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllrs Brook and Cook declared an interest in the Denby Dale Walkers Are Welcome grant application due to their involvement with the group.

21/024 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

21/025 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Denby, Blanshard, Naylor, Slater, Gemmell, Pink, Baskeyfield & Shaw

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

21/026 Admission of the Public

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

21/027 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

- Full Council Minutes – 4 May (ACM)

21/028 Ward Councillor's Reports

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The new bus service had been successfully launched for the area with the launch of the new X1 service, the 'Holmfirth Explorer' also going very well. With there being no more Yorkshire Tiger, the Emley service was now being operated by Arriva.
- The planning application for Wentworth Grove was now in with additional numbers of housing.
- The Scissett wall had been completed however the top stones had been stolen.
- The Council was hoping to hear back regarding the Penistone Line improvements
- The Full Council would meet tomorrow in person in the Town Hall and were hoping to approve the new Waste Strategy which would improve matters for residents.
- Progress was being made with both sports facilities (partially funded by the Parish Council) at Cumberworth and Emley.

RESOLVED that the report be received

21/029 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

21/030 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions

-RESOLVED To ratify and formally accept the delegated decisions as made by the Clerk as per the May resolution.

-Flagpole: RESOLVED to defer the decision regarding the flagpole until the October meeting and to investigate the number of high days and holidays that the flag would have to be raised.

21/031 CO-OPTION The clerk reported that as no election had been called, the vacancy had now gone to co-option, with applications to be decided at the October Full Council meeting

21/032 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 788 be approved for payment, totalling £15,429.64
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for June, July, August, September 2021.
- Budget Outturn: **RESOLVED** that the budget outturn be accepted.
- Community Grants: - Bromley Park Residents Association – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk asked for further information on the age, cost and service history of the current and proposed mower.
- Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome – **RESOLVED** that an award of £1485 be made for the walking leaflets, awarded under the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011)
- Auditor Report: **RESOLVED** to accept the report of the External Auditor showing the AGAR was in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met, and to advertise the Rights of Inspection and the AGAR in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – **RESOLVED** that a meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday 12th October

21/033 Skelmanthorpe Building

RESOLVED to adopt the Building Covid Risk Assessment as revised and circulate it to user groups to be signed prior to use of the building. It was noted this included that staff could continue to work flexibly from home when necessary, as they had done during lockdowns due to Covid.

21/034 Climate Emergency Working Group

Cllr Simpson stated that there was no update but that meetings had been held via Zoom and a meeting was taking place tomorrow. The Countryside Officer would be contacting schools again regarding the Eco-School award support.

21/035 Matters Raised by Councillors

- Parking issues at Bank Lane and Gunthwaite Lane, Upper Denby – Cllr Cook referred to the issues caused by double parking along these lanes and requested assistance from Cllr Simpson and for the Council to write to Kirklees Highways to highlight the problems caused.

21/036 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook stated that the National Heritage Open Days were going ahead this month and information had been circulated and copies were available.

21/037 Heritage and Tourism Report Development

Cllr Brook stated that he believed this had been delayed, which was confirmed by Cllr Simpson. Cllr Brook reminded all that the parish council had requested to be part of this consultation undertaken by Kirklees.

21/038 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Waites and Cllr Carr stated that they had not met since May and would be talking further about promoting sustainable transport once the new bus services were bedded in. Cllr Carr referred to a Saturday service, primarily for High Hoyland to Barnsley which would be extended.

21/039 October Council Meeting Items:

- Noticeboard provision at Clayton West (Cllr Hellewell)
- Council pictures/commemorative gifts (Cllr Waites)

21/040 Dates of next meetings:

- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 28 September
- Full Council Meeting – 5 October
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 12 October

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CHAIRMAN