

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

**Members Present:** Cllrs: Stuart Merry, Richard Brook, Graham Turner, Kelvyn Waites, Mike Woods, Will Simpson, Neil Denby, Alison Baskeyfield, Eddie Shaw & Polly Flinders

### 21/041 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the Council to the meeting.

### 21/042 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of Interest were received.

### 21/043 Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

### 21/044 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carr, Hellewell, Blanshard, Patterson, Cook, Gemmell, Naylor and Slater

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

### 21/045 Admission of the Public

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

### 21/046 Minutes of the last meeting

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

- Full Council Minutes – 7 September
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 28 September

### 21/047 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The Waste Strategy had been passed and was signed off with the vision to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling, with new plastics to be added to the green bins list
- Special Educational Needs investment had been approved at Cabinet today, to expand facilities, such as at Joseph Norton Academy.
- The first meeting of the Friends of Parkgate had been held and with this set up further applications for funding could be progressed.
- A report in the Examiner on Christmas lights was refuted, Kirklees would be continuing to spend money on Christmas lights and support to community groups.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

### 21/048 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### 21/049 Clerk's Report/Delegated Decisions

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

**21/050 CO-OPTION – RESOLVED** to co-opt Hannah McKercher to the Council and the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

### 21/051 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 790 be approved for payment, totalling £1838.81
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for October 2021.
- Community Grants: - Bromley Park Residents Association – **RESOLVED** that the grant not be awarded on this occasion but were encouraged to re-apply, submitting at least two further quotes due to concerns over the high cost/value for money of the quote submitted.

It was also requested that the Countryside Officer contact them regarding re-wilding of part of the grass.

**21/052 Skelmanthorpe Building**

-Flagpole: The Clerk submitted costs of maintenance for the pole and for its removal. It was agreed that Cllr McKerchar may be able to volunteer to put the flag up, dependant on assistance from ex councillor and on their being a lesser amount of days for this agreed by the Council.

**21/053 Climate Emergency Working Group**

Cllr Denby stated that St Aidan's First School had achieved Green Flag Status, and that Cllr Simpson would present the Council's award to them. Other schools were also taking up the Eco School Scheme. The Friends of Parkgate had been set up, and another meeting was scheduled for next week.

**21/054 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- Noticeboard provision at Clayton West (Cllr Hellewell) – Cllr Simpson stated that a site (next to the phone box) for the new board was agreed and provision was in progress.
- Absence of council pictures/clock (Cllr Waites) – The Clerk agreed to request the pictures were restored to the Chambers, and not the library room
- Wreath Laying for Remembrance Day – **RESOLVED** provisional wreath layers were agreed, subject to Cllr Carr & Cook's availability

**21/055 Heritage Working Party**

Cllr Brook stated that the Heritage Open Days at the two sites had been well attended, even with restrictions in place. The re-opening on a monthly basis of the Heritage and Textile Centre was being considered. The Archives room had been established in the old Countryside Office.

**21/056 Heritage and Tourism Report Development**

Cllr Brook stated that there was nothing new to report on the Kirklees consultation.

**21/057 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

Cllr Waites stated that there were issues around the lack of provision in areas of Kitchenroyd and Clayton West. Cllr Simpson would raise this in his meeting but noted that this route had been considered not viable in the past. Cllr Simpson stated that usage of the D1 service was up to 82% of pre-pandemic levels, and the use of the X1 was up to 85% pre-pandemic levels.

**21/058 November Council Meeting Items:**

**21/059 Dates of next meetings:**

- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 12 October
- Full Council – 2 November
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – 16 November
- Plans Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 30 November

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CHAIRMAN