

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 March 2022

Members Present: Cllrs: Stuart Merry, Maggie Blanshard, Will Simpson, Jeremy Patterson, Cynthia Naylor, Eddie Shaw, Polly Flinders, Richard Brook, David Pearson, Kelvyn Waites & Kevin Carr

21/0117 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Council to the meeting. She informed councillors that St Aidan's Academy and Skelmanthorpe Academy were planning a Jubilee festival on the 11 June which would hopefully involve local artists and businesses and she asked for anyone with contacts to note this. The schools would be applying for funds nationally and possibly to the parish council. It was then **RESOLVED** to go out of standing orders to bring two items forward and allow members of the public to speak to them.

21/0118 Skelmanthorpe Building (brought forward)

- Covid Risk Assessment for the Building – **RESOLVED** that the Risk Assessment for the building remain advisory only

- Art Exhibition – Mike Roberts spoke to the meeting about the history of the Village Art project and requested that the exhibitions could be re-instated from April

RESOLVED – that the Village Art Exhibitions could be re-instated, with thanks to Mike from the Council for all the work he did. It was confirmed that there would be no impact on staff in the building and that exhibitors would be made aware of the conditions of letting, which stated that there was no council liability for the exhibits.

21/0119 Climate Emergency Working Group (brought forward)

Helen France representing UDVET spoke to the meeting about her tabled paper of suggestions which Cllr Simpson had suggested she take to the Climate Emergency Working Group. The discussion centred around getting information, help and advise out to members of the public on issues such as hedgerow conservation, tree maintenance and tree planting... Cllr Flinders stated that the parish council was doing much already, with the work and involvement in the community of the Countryside Officer who worked closely with volunteers and referred to his countryside project monthly reports. It had also already been agreed by the parish council to produce a dedicated newsletter by the CEWG and a leaflet of advice to distribute across the ward. Cllr Simpson welcomed input from UDVET in these. Other suggestions included a stall at the jubilee village event or a dedicated Green Fair.

Standing orders were resumed.

21/0120 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

No Declarations of Interest were received.

21/0121 Open Session

Two members of the public were present and spoke to the items brought forward.

21/0122 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Wood, McKerchar, Denby, Baskeyfield, Turner, Hellewell, Cook and Slater

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

21/0123 Admission of the Public

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

21/0124 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council Minutes – 1 February

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 22 February (Cllr Simpson noted that on application 90298/E vegetation clearance only had taken place)

21/0125 Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Simpson gave a verbal report:

- The Council budget had been passed with an additional £10 million for unclassified road improvements to be shared equally between the wards.
- A new deal had been passed allowing for more materials to be recycled in green bins from 31 March.
- More money was available for ward rangers work and Green Fleet investment.
- For jubilee celebrations, there would be no charge for road closures
- Cllr Simpson would be giving funding to each village group for jubilee events.
- School Lane in Emley would be re-surfaced in April, and the double yellow lines would be in place then too.
- A Lower Cumberworth wall which was destroyed by a driver would be re-built with the driver being charged back.
- Cllr Simpson had been working with officers following the storms on roads and pothole repairs. He requested that these were reported via the council portal.

21/0126 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer submitted a written report. Cllr Flinders noted the many suggestions for art projects at Parkgate.

RESOLVED that the report be received with thanks to the Countryside Officer.

21/0127 Clerk's Report

No report was received.

21/0128 Vacancy in the Clayton West Ward - Update. The Clerk informed the Council that the last date for an election to be called was 3rd March. If no election was requested, the vacancy would be advertised for Co-option.

21/0129 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 801 be approved for payment, totalling £846.89
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for March 2022
- Grants; the following grants were awarded using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011:
Schools grant to Joseph Norton Academy £1000 towards music therapy
Schools grant to Cumberworth First School £1000 towards workshops
Small grant to 1st Upper Dearne Valley Navigators of £500 towards video equipment
- Councillor Training: **RESOLVED** that retrospective training for Cllr McKerchar and new councillor training for Cllr Pearson were approved.

.21/0130 Matters Raised by Councillors

YLCA Report – Cllr Shaw spoke to his paper, and advised councillors how helpful these meetings were and requested more councillors to attend, especially the one in June to be hosted by Denby Dale and held at the Council Building.

21/0131 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook stated that the group had met and discussed additions to the Archives and the office development in the Council Building. He also stated that 'The Hand Loom Weaver' was nearly sold out and requested that 100 copies be re-printed at a cost of £360

RESOLVED that the reprinting of The Hand Loom Weaver be approved.

21/0132 Heritage and Tourism Report Development

Cllr Simpson advised that the strategy included the three inter-related strands of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, and that the tourism strand of the strategy should be available in the

summer for consultation and the parish council would definitely have the opportunity to feed into this along with other local groups.

21/0133 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Carr reported that the Government had agreed to extend some funds as passenger use started to increase again, and that the National Bus Strategy in diluted form was in progress.

21/0134 April Council Meeting Items:

- Replacement Bin on Station Road (Cllr Merry)
- Litterbin request on Rectory Lane, Emley (Cllr Shaw)
- Update on request for litterbin on Carr Hill Road (Cllr Naylor)

21/0135 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 15 March
- Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 March
- Full Council – 5 April

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN