

## Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 April 2022

**Members Present:** Cllrs: Stuart Merry, Cynthia Naylor, Eddie Shaw, Polly Flinders, Richard Brook, David Pearson, Kelvyn Waites, Hannah McKerchar, Neil Denby, Graham Turner, Susan Hellewell, John Cook & Kevin Carr

### 21/0136 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Council to the meeting. As this would be her last Full Council meeting as Chair, she highlighted all the good works going on in the parish, assisted by the parish council. she stated had also attended; the defibrillator training with Cllr McKerchar at St Aidan's First School, the Village Art Exhibition in the Council Building, the Ukraine Appeal event at the Denby Dale Methodist Church, a tour of the new changing rooms of Emley Rugby Club, which were based at Scissett Middle School and would be used by the community, this had been possible with the assistance of a grant from the parish council. She finished by stating that councillors should be proud of the work they do around the parish.

### 21/0137 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Denby declared an interest in the Denby Dale First and Nursery grant application.

### 21/0138 Open Session

No members of the public were present

### 21/0139 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Wood, Blanshard, Patterson, Baskeyfield, Slater and Simpson

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

### 21/0140 Admission of the Public

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

### 21/0141 Minutes of the last meeting

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

Full Council Minutes – 1 March

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 15 March

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 29 March (as amended)

### 21/0142 Ward Councillor's Report

No report received.

### 21/0143 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

A report from the officer was tabled.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

### 21/0144 Clerk's Report

The Clerk stated that further work was needed on the building lift so it would comply with Fire Regulations and due to the on-going problems with the building door she would be proposing a replacement at some stage to be approved by council.

### 21/0145 Co-option for the Vacancy in Clayton West Ward

**RESOLVED** that Janet Depledge be co-opted to the Council and sit on the Plans Scrutiny Committee

### 21/0146 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 804 be approved for payment, totalling £5315.27
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for April 2022

- **Reserves: RESOLVED** to approve the Earmarked Reserves Levels as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
  - **Schools Grants:-** Emley First School request for £845 towards a defibrillator (with suggestion it could be more accessibly placed)
  - Denby Dale First & Nursery Jubilee event PA system for £969
  - Joseph Norton Academy request for £500 towards Jubilee picnic
  - Birdsedge application for £405 towards a jubilee event
  - Kayes First School application for £222.50 towards Jubilee tree planting & activities)
  - Scissett Middle School application for £500 towards bookmarks for jubilee picnic
  - Cumberworth First School for £1000 towards jubilee workshops, medals**RESOLVED** to award the schools grants using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.
  - **Community Grants:** Denby Dale Pie Hall Grant for £10,000 towards structural work **RESOLVED** to award the Community Grant using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011  
 Bromley Park £2000 for Mower – **RESOLVED** that the clerk write to the Association to request at least one further competitive quote as previously requested, clarifying the Council’s support of them but with public funds being spent full compliance was necessary.

**21/0147 Skelmanthorpe Council Building**

The Clerk stated that she would remove the review of Covid Restrictions on the building now unless any councillor wanted to add it to an agenda in the future.

**21/0148 Climate Emergency Working Group**

**Cllr Denby referred to the tabled** minutes and then spoke to the latest working group minutes which he would pass to the Clerk to circulate:

- Cllr Carr agreed to feed into the item on community buses/bus use
- All schools in the ward had taken up the Eco School award scheme
- The working group take-over of the newsletter had gone ahead and would be out for delivery shortly. Some copies were tabled and Cllr Denby would drop others off at post offices, libraries and any other venues councillors could let him know of.
- The suggested community events were coming up for example at the Whistle Stop Express in Clayton West and future schools events with the eco-schools feeding into youth panels on Climate Change.
- The idea of an environmental questionnaire was still being discussed.

**21/0149 Matters Raised by Councillors**

- Replacement bin, Station Road: **RESOLVED** to request a replacement bin from Kirklees
- Litterbin at Rectory Lane: **RESOLVED** to request a bin from Kirklees
- Follow up on bin at Carr Hill Road; **RESOLVED** Clerk to follow up

**21/0150 Heritage Working Party**

Cllr Brook stated that a contact at Emley had provided photos which had been scanned and were ready to upload to the Archives Website. A further ringbinder of Stanley Sheards photos would be scanned and uploaded. A Governor at Denby Dale First & Nursery school had made contact regarding schools photos for adding to a new section on the website.

**RESOLVED**

**21/0151 Heritage and Tourism Report Development** – item to be removed from agenda until update available.

**21/0152 Working Party on Public Transport Report**

Cllr Carr reported that the Government had announced £70 million towards improving transport for the region. This was less than ½ the requested amount. He also informed Councillors that due to staff shortages, the 232 service through Emley had been halved to every 2 hours. This must be

monitored so it didn't become permanent. He would also be dropping paper timetables off around the area.

**21/0153 May (ACM) Council Meeting Items (bearing in mind that this is the ACM)**

- Schools Grants discussion on the Jubilee awards.

**21/0154 Dates of next meetings:**

- Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 26 April
- Full Council Meeting (ACM/APM) – 3 May

Signed.....

CHAIRMAN