

Minutes of the Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2022

Members Present: Cllrs: Stuart Merry, Cynthia Naylor, Polly Flinders, Richard Brook, David Pearson, Kelvyn Waites, Hannah McKerchar, Neil Denby, Susan Hellewell, Mike Wood, Maggie Blanshard, Janet Depledge & Kevin Carr

22/020 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Council to the meeting. He reminded councillors of the YLCA meeting which would be taking place in the Council Chambers on Wednesday open to any councillor who wished to attend. He also highlighted the Walking Festival round Denby Dale taking place on the 18 to 25 June and asked that this be publicised, he had further details to hand out. Cllr Carr then referred to the kind donation of the print 'Three Children Reading a Book' which the artist, John Hewitt, had donated to the Library.

22/021 Declarations of interest/disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Wood declared an interest in the Emley AFC grant application as a trustee of the Emley Moor Miners Recreation Ground & Institute.

22/022 Open Session

No members of the public were present

22/023 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Turner, Shaw, Patterson, Baskeyfield, Simpson and Slater. Cllr Cook was absent.

RESOLVED that the reasons submitted be approved.

22/024 Admission of the Public

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

22/025 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved:

Full Council Minutes (ACM) – 3 May

Plans Scrutiny Committee – 31 May

22/026 Ward Councillor's Report

No report was given due to Cllr Simpson's absence.

22/027 Report from Dave Wilde, Countryside Officer

The Countryside Officer spoke to his tabled report, highlighting schools taking part in Upper Dearne Woods which counted towards the Eco School award. He also explained on the work done on the management of the wildflower areas.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

22/028 Clerk's Report

No report was given

22/029 Finance Matters

- Orders for Payment: **RESOLVED** that the orders for payment no 808 be approved for payment, totalling £3622.35
- To Authorise Payment of Salaries: **RESOLVED** that the payment of Clerk's and Countryside Officer's salaries, WYPF and HMRC be authorised for May and June 2022
- Small Grant: **RESOLVED** to award Emley AFC a grant of £895 towards disabled toilets.
- Schools Grant: **RESOLVED** to award Kayes First School a grant of £658.64 towards Jubilee activities

Grants were awarded using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011.

22/030 Skelmanthorpe Council Building

RESOLVED that both entrance doors to the building be replaced as per the quotations provided by Bolton Gate, the current contractor, total cost of £13006.45 exc VAT. Clerk to request answers to questions around the quotation wording. (spend made using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011)
The Clerk also confirmed the revaluation of the building as £1,200,000.

22/031 Climate Emergency Working Group

- It was agreed that the email from Holme Valley PC regarding the use of pesticides/herbicides by Kirklees Council be re-submitted at the July Full Council meeting for discussion with Cllr Simpson.
- Cllr McKerchar referred to the minutes of the last working group stating that the questionnaire to local businesses had been finalised, and volunteers were sought to distribute this. The Countryside Officer stated that a new venue was being sought for the Climate event so it could coincide with COP 27. The issue of the lack of secure cycle parking had also been raised by local business and was to be investigated.

2/032 Matters Raised by Councillors

No matters were raised

22/033 Heritage Working Party

Cllr Brook stated that work was on-going captioning photos for the Archives Website. He also referred to a local publication, 'Uncle Toms Tittle Tattle of Emley' by Tom Swallow born in 1894.

22/034 Working Party on Public Transport Report

Cllr Carr reminded councillors of the all-out strike by Arriva which had an impact in Emley. Councillors discussed the Denby Dale Centre which provided travel assistance which should be highlighted to the local population.

22/035 July Council Meeting Items

- Email from Holme Valley PC
- Kirklees Council Services to public – Cllr Waites
- Over-spill of builders rubbish on public path, Pilling Lane – Cllr Merry
- Damaged road Clough Rd/Pinfold Lane – Cllr Pearson

22/036 Dates of next meetings:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – 14 June
- Plans Scrutiny Committee meeting – 28 June
- Full Council Meeting – 5 July

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CHAIRMAN