**Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust**

**Date:** Tuesday 11h March 2025 at 7.00pm

**Location:** Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

**Present:** Jeremy Patterson (Chair) (JP)

David Wilde (Denby Dale Parish Council Countryside Officer) (DW)

Phil Slater (Treasurer and Trustee) (PSl)

Graham Coultish (Trustee) (GC)

Peter Senior (Trustee) (PS)

Maxine Senior (Secretary and Trustee ) (MS)

Richard Brook (Parish Councillor) (RB)

Ian Johnson ( Treasurer 10 Villages)

**Apologies:**

Craig Westwood (Design Services and Trustee) (CW)

Adam Johnson (Apprentice with Denby Parish Council Countryside Officer) (AJ)

Andy Wickham (Kirklees)

Brian Woodhead

**Minutes of Last Meeting (Held 28.01.2025)**

Minutes of last meeting were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

Jeremy Patterson to arrange meeting with Carole Wadsworth (Clerk Denby Dale Parish Council)

**Financial Report**

Current balance: £ 6493.50

After:

Payments to: IONOS cloud £30.60

Craig Westwood (IT work) £315.00

There are no outstanding grants.

**Grant Applications**

**10 Villages: £359.60**

Newt monitoring. The group monitor newts on the network of ponds running from Scissett to Skelmanthorpe. In order to complete this work volunteers require a licence, currently only Dave Wilde and Andy Wickham from Kirklees hold a licence. The money would allow two volunteers to be attend a training course run by Froglife as part of the process to attain the licence to search for Great Crested Newts.

Proposed – JP

Seconded – GC

Approved

**Completed Project Reports**

No written reports received

It was noted that the Community Allotment project was ongoing.

JP to e-mail the secretary of the Cumberworth project for an update on work.

It was discussed that a reminder e-mail to be sent to groups that have received grants to complete project reports including a summary of the report and photographs. This would be helpful for DDPET to feedback to the Parish Council.

Action: MS to format email to be agreed at the next meeting

**Correspondence**

None

**Countryside Management Project Report**

AJ continuing work on sites. There has been increased involvement with Upper Dearne Woods and Emely Millenium group.

Working with the River Stewardship Council

DW has been appointed as a Kirklees Climate Commissioner and has just started in the role

**Any Other Business**

Secretary sent a generic email requesting those who wanted to be on the mailing list to contact them. The mailing list has subsequently been updated.

Discussions around use of DDPET Facebook site, how it can be linked with other local conservation groups and posting about projects supported. To discuss with AJ next meeting

**Future Meeting Dates**

Tuesday 20th May at 7pm at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices