**Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust**

**Date:** Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.00pm

**Location:** Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

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

Peter Senior (Trustee) (PS)

Maxine Senior (Secretary andTrustee ) (MS)

Polly Ann Flinders (Parish Council) (PF)

Graham Coultish (Trustee) (GC)

Richard Stocks (visitor)

**Apologies:** Andy Wickham (Kirklees Council)

Richard Brook (Parish Counciller) (RB)

Phil Slater (Treasurer and Trustee) (PSl)

Craig Westwood (Design Services and Trustee) (CW)

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

**Minutes of Last Meeting (Held 21.05.2024)**

Minutes of last meeting were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

Emley Millenium Green Project – monies from grant approved for habitat boxes has been received but not yet spent. DW has been in contact with the group and given contact from Men’s Shed and reminded group re the sustainability appraisal form.

Discussion regarding encouraging use of local sustainable and green companies and organisations i.e Men’s Shed and if this should be put onto the website.

**Financial Report**

Current balance: £ 5815.90

After:

Payments to: Craig Westwood work on website £412

Ten Villages Grant £500

Emley Millenium Grant £1000

St Augustines Church Grant £1000

Friends of Dearne Grant £560

IONAS website £192

Payments from: Ten Villages £3332.42

Ten Villages Group have now repaid the £3332.42 to DDPET re the Parkgate Project (see minutes on 19.09.2023)

JP advised that the double charging for the website has now been resolved. There is to be no charge for three months and from November 2024 the charge will be £22.80 per month

**Grant Applications**

**Upper Dearne Wood: £998**

For Two Interpretation Boards to provide information on archaeological site in woods

R Stocks from the group advised re the history of the project and work undertaken with Sheffield University. They are using local companies re design and construction on boards

Discussion undertaken re possibility of Parish Council logo being on display - DW to provide information to group regarding this.

Proposed – JP

Seconded – PS

Approved

**Denby Dale Bowling Club: £390**

Treatment of Japanese Knotweed

DW advised that funding is not forthcoming from other sources at present.

Proposed – JP

Seconded –GC

Approved

**Update Reports**

None received

**Correspondence**

Entrust – advised we wish to retain registration

**Countryside Management Project Report**

Continue to work with many different projects – including Cliffe, East Hill and Wither Woods. May be a future new wood project Hagg Wood but this is yet to be confirmed.

Worked with volunteers from Cummins and Froglife at Parkgate and Pond mill.

Continued to work with local schools re the Green Flag awards and have included Riverfly sampling at Pingle Nook .

Record volunteer hours : 223 hours

**Any Other Business**

Discussed recording of grant application - form is to be completed September to September. To update after next meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates**

17th September 2024 at 7pm at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices

12th November 2024 at 7pm at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices to include AGM.