**Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust**

**Date:** Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.00pm

**Location:** Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

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

Phil Slater (Treasurer and Trustee) (PSl)

Graham Coultish (Trustee) (GC)

Peter Senior (Trustee) (PS)

Maxine Senior (Secretary and Trustee ) (MS)

Craig Westwood (Design Services and Trustee) (CW) via Zoom

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

**Apologies:** David Wilde (Denby Dale Parish Council Countryside Officer) (DW)

Richard Brook (Parish Councillor) (RB)

**Minutes of Last Meeting (Held 11.03.25)**

Minutes of last meeting were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

Cumberworth Community Association – JP has been in contact with them and they are awaiting contractors but the work on the trees is due to go ahead

JP has not had a meeting with Carole Wadsworth (Clerk Denby Dale Parish Council) this is to be arranged.

Draft of e-mail requesting final/up-date reports from grant recipients was presented by MS. Clarified that the initial funding application requests that recipients complete a report CW confirmed this. E-mail draft was approved and agreed that this would be sent out to groups who have received a grant in the last twelve months and not completed a report.

Future requests to ask for invoices for expenditure over £250 and this to be added to the application form on the website and master copy. CW did not have access to master copy. JP to access master copy and liaise with CW.

Discussed possibilities of have a central point for master copies of documents possibly cloud access.

**Financial Report**

Current balance: £ 6493.50

After:

Payments to: Ten Villages grant £359.60

IONOS £30.60

**Grant Applications**

**Friends of East Hill Woods - £450**

To set in recycled plastic bench at end of footpath to improve enjoyment of wood for local people

Proposed – JP

Seconded – PSl

Approved

**Completed Project Reports**

Scissett Community Garden have sent an update report and plans April 25.

Comprehensive update of work completed since April 2024 on the garden and orchard and future plans for the garden, orchard and allotment. Photographs included.

PSl asked for a copy of the report to be able to put onto the DDPET Facebook page. CW informed the group that the website can only copy posts if put on Facebook site – PSl admin for the Facebook site

MS to contact the group for consent to use the information for this.

**Correspondence**

Entrust – Historically they had given money to the group more than 10 years ago, no further money has been received and nil returns have been requested and submitted since this time .JP has now filled out a form to deregister from this group.

**Countryside Management Project Report**

AJ reported continuing to work on EcoSchools -hosting an event at Skelmanthorpe First school with 6 schools, 4 from the area and 2 outside. They were showing work on conservation.

Working with many local groups including Emley Millenium and a new allotment group at Clayton West. Newt monitoring has taken place.

**Any Other Business**

**Future Meeting Dates**

Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices (CW sent his apologies in advance)