Meeting of Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.00pm, the Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

**Present:** Jeremy Patterson (Chair), Phil Slater (Trustee, Treasurer and representing Cliffe Woods, 10 Villages and Friends of the Dearne), David Wilde (Denby Dale Parish Council Countryside Officer), Craig Westwood (via Zoom, Design Services and Trustee), Maxine and Peter Senior (new trustees)

**Apologies:** Andy Wickham (Kirklees Council), Barry Brook (Secretary and Trustee), Richard Brook (DDPC Exec Committee)

**Minutes of the last meeting (held March 21st, 2023)**

Non tabled

**Financial report**

See attached statement.

Current balance £7409.72 (after payment of £450 to East Hill Woods)

**Grant applications**

The request for £1000 from St Augustine’s (Community Garden) was approved.

 **JP** to notify the group and request report, inc. photos.

**Completed project reports**

None received.

To be requested from East Hill and photos from Upper Dearne Woods.

**Website (CW)**

Facebook issue being resolved.

It was suggested that the online application form should be updated ref issues experienced by St Augustines, i.e. a project description/title field. It was also considered good to have the facility to attach diagrams etc to the online application form. The question was also asked that if someone gave up half way through an online application would it be flagged up. No, but the site says to contact info/grants@ddpet if problems experienced.

Craig can get access to IONOS from Jeremy if needs be.

Peter and Maxine Senior need to be added to trustees list on the website (and Charities Commission)

Steve Child, Graham Turner and John Cook need removing.

Please also add the following parish councillors who were nominated at the first meeting of the new parish council:

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| **Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust** |
| Richard Brook (Exec Committee) |
| Polly Flinders (Ordinary Member) |

(Don’t think they’re trustees though?)

**Correspondence**

None.

**Countryside Project report**

The next newsletter entry will be published in July.

In the meantime Dave reported on the imminent employment of an apprentice and 1200 volunteer hours in the period of the last council (April 2022 – April 2023)

**Dates/times/venues for future meetings**

On a Tuesday, every other month (ideally not clashing with council meetings) at 7pm, Skelmanthorpe Council Offices:

* July 18th
* September 19th
* November 21st (inc. AGM)