

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 3rd October 2013 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, N Berry, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, J Hirst, I Lumb, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, S Triggs and B Wightman

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Edmunds, D Hardcastle, P Pankhurst, R Thomas and C Whittingham the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**118 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr D Bradbury was absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr N Berry in planning application 92852 as he knows the applicant; Cllr K Dunn in planning application 92528 as he knows the agent; Cllrs S Beresford, P Cunnington, S Dunford and J Hirst in the item on Green Balk Lane, Lepton as they have been involved in the discussions, and Cllr Dunford has submitted a person comment on the application, so she left the room whilst the item was discussed under the pre-determination rules; Cllr S Dunford in the Coronation Gates item as she knows staff at H Downs, who recommended one of the potential contractors to the Council; Cllr A Munro in planning application 92983 as she knows the applicant. All councillors present declared an interest in planning applications 93047 and 93033 as they all know the applicants.

Cllr R Barraclough declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 93047 as he is the applicant and a personal interest in planning application 92799 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr R Barraclough and Cllr A Cooper both declared personal interests in all the planning applications as they are members of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and stated that any views expressed would be of a preliminary nature with the final decision being taken at the Committee meeting when in receipt of full information.

Mr Duggs Carre addressed the Council regarding the Kirklees "It's Time To Talk" initiative.

119 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session with the exception of the items on Kirkheaton Churchyard, Superfast Broadband for Rural Areas and Coronation Gates, which are to be held in the private session as they concern contractual matters and the discussion will disclose confidential information.

**120 Admission of the
Public**

There were no appointments to report. The Chairman thanked members for their support at his recent Civic Sunday service.

**121 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2013 as an accurate record.

**122 Parish Council
Minutes**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Service Review Committee meeting held on 19th September 2013 as an accurate record.

**123 Service Review
Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grange Moor Allotment Committee meeting held on 19th September 2013 as an accurate record noting that at minute GM4 the decisions were taken under delegated authority.

**124 Grange Moor
Allotment
Committee Minutes**

Cllr S Triggs entered the meeting.

2013/62/92528 Four Firs, Low Moor, Lepton

125 Plans

The Council expressed concerns that the applicant will wish to erect an additional garage in the future, and requested that permitted development rights be withdrawn, if possible.

2013/62/92962 ADJ 1, Jubilee Avenue, Shelley
 Erection of detached dwelling

125 Plans (Cont'd)

The Council objected to this application on the grounds of highways safety.

There was no comment on the following applications:

92528 Lepton; 92646 Kirkheaton; 92738 Fenay Bridge; 92766 Shepley;
 92795 Grange Moor; 92799 Farnley Tyas; 92809 Shepley; 92818 Flockton; 92822 Shelley;
 92838 Kirkheaton; 92852 Kirkburton; 92855 Kirkheaton; 92864 Lascelles Hall;
 92878 Shepley; 92978 Shepley; 92983 Kirkburton; 92997 Lepton; 93013 Shelley;
 93021 Fenay Bridge; 93029 Kirkburton; 93033 Kirkheaton; 93047 Farnley Tyas

Cllr R Barraclough left the meeting for planning application 93047 and returned after the item had been discussed.

Cllr H Barraclough raised a query about a planning application at Beech Farm. The Clerk agreed to obtain information on the current situation of the application, on receipt of full details on the application referred to and clarification on the information sought from Cllr H Barraclough.

Cllr S Dunford left the meeting.

126 2013/91544 Erection of a 50Kw wind turbine on a 24.8m mast at Windy Gap Farm

Members considered the amended plan and had a lengthy discussion. The height of the turbine has been reduced by 10m from the original plan, which would increase the noise level, which was already a concern in the original application.

Resolved: All the original objections to this proposal to be resubmitted to Kirklees and to request that the decision on the application is taken by the Kirklees Planning Committee.

Cllr S Dunford returned to the meeting.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

127 Planning Appeals

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting.

128 Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Members considered the emergency grant application for £750 to contribute towards the cost of a new cooker for Burton Village Hall. A proposal was made to award an emergency grant application for £750, as well as an amendment to award an emergency grant of £500. The vote on the amendment was lost, so a vote followed on the proposal.

Resolved: To approve the emergency grant application for £750 to contribute towards the cost of a new cooker for Burton Village Hall.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£9,839.79 including £988.05 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.)

129 Accounts

Members noted from information received that in the future there may be a possibility of the space currently occupied by the headquarters building being needed as an access, should the adjoining piece of land be used for housing. It was reported that the local residents would be opposed to such an exit on the grounds of highways safety. The Clerk advised that it was not possible to object in advance of the receipt of a planning application.

130 Kirkheaton Scouts and Guides Headquarters

Resolved: To notify Kirklees Physical Resources & Procurement Services that the residents were against the creation of an access point in the place of the headquarters building.

Members noted that Sitlington Parish Council had agreed to meet with representatives of Kirkburton Parish Council to discuss traffic issues, which affect both Parish Councils.

131 Traffic from the M1 / Meeting with Sitlington PC

Resolved: The following members were elected to represent Kirkburton Parish Council at that meeting: Cllrs J Paxton, M Pitts, C Whittingham and B Wightman, and to suggest that the issue is discussed at a Sitlington PC meeting in the first instance with any follow-up meeting being held at Kirkburton Parish Council.

The members were requested to report the outcome of the meeting to the following Kirkburton PC meeting.

Members noted the procedure and were notified by the Clerk of the dates the information will be issued and deadlines for members to submit comments / amendments to the budget proposals for 2014/15. It was noted that the date for confirming the precept is provisional at this stage, as it cannot be confirmed until the Council have been informed of the grant level from Kirklees Council.

132 Annual Budget Process

Resolved: To note the procedure as presented.

Members considered providing flowering tubs to each village instead of hanging baskets.

133 Hanging Baskets / Flowering Tubs

Resolved: To keep the current arrangement of hanging baskets in each village.

Resolved: To bring the following item to this point in the meeting and to hold the discussion of the following three items in the private session, as they involved contracts to be awarded and would divulge confidential information.

134 Change of Business

Members received a verbal update on the current situation from Duggs Carre, Kirklees Area & Neighbourhood Co-ordinator. It was noted that DEFRA has granted permission to move onto Phase 2 of the project.

135 Superfast Broadband for Rural Areas

Resolved: To support Kirklees in making the application and taking the decision on the contractor for the project for the whole area, and to pay Kirklees a maximum of £4,000 to cover a proportion of the costs of the project.

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk on the urgent work required to the unsafe gravestone. It was noted that extensive efforts have been made to try to trace the family who own the grave. The Faculty has been completed and returned to the Diocese. The Clerk also reported on a minor repair which had become necessary in the small wall by Dead Man's Gate.

136 Kirkheaton Churchyard

Resolved: To grant delegated authority to the Clerk to organise both pieces of work and to appoint Robert Berry & Son Ltd to undertake the work on both the gravestone and the wall on the terms and conditions notified.

Members considered the project of restoring the gates and installing them in their original position at Shelley Recreation Ground as described in Project Form 2013-03. Members considered the quotes received.

137 Coronation Gates

Resolved: To proceed with the Coronation Gates project (No 2013-03) and to appoint Haigh and Ellis to undertake the work on the gates on the terms and conditions notified.

Members noted the written report which had been circulated at the meeting and were asked to specifically note the Chairman's Sponsored Walk on Saturday 19th October, the staff appraisals, the opening of the Skate Park and the Clerk's Annual Leave arrangements.

138 Clerk's Report

- The future management of Kirkheaton Churchyard – to discuss options to reduce liabilities, costs and health and safety issues. It was noted that the item would be included when the requested information had been received from Kirklees.

139 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.