

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair.

Cllrs B Armer, A M Boden, R Barraclough, N Berry, R Burton, S Beresford, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, I Lumb, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton and S Triggs.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Brook and S Dunford, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllrs N Berry and S Triggs apologised for their late arrivals.

263 Apologies

Cllrs D Bradbury, K Dunn, P Pankhurst and B Wightman were absent.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr A M Boden in Appl 90398, as the applicants are known to her.

264 Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Beresford in the item on the Local Government Pension Scheme as the LGPS is his pension provider and in Appl 90293 as he had been lobbied on the matter.

Cllr D Hardcastle in Appl 90293 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr J Hirst in the item on the Huddersfield Civic Society Grant as he knows the applicant.

Cllr L Parsley in the item on Shepley Allotments as she is a current tenant of the allotments.

Each member of the Council present declared a personal interest in Appl 90292 as the applicant is Kirkburton Parish Council.

Cllr B Armer also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications, as he is a substitute member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and a substitute member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee, and stated that any views expressed would be of a preliminary nature, with the final decision being taken at the Committee meetings when in receipt of full information.

Cllr R Barraclough also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the KMC 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

Council received a report from West Yorkshire Police.

265 Public Participation

Cllrs N Berry and S Triggs entered the meeting.

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

266 Admission of the Public

Cllr Whittingham reported that there had been no civic appointments since the last meeting.

267 Civic Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 February 2015 as a true record.

268 Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Grants & Projects Committee meeting held on 5 February 2015 as a true record.

269 Grants & Projects Committee Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 5 February 2015 as a true record.

270 Land & Property Committee Minutes

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- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 19 February 2015 as a true record. **271 Management & Finance Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Library Committee meeting held on 19 February 2015 as a true record. **272 Library Committee Minutes**
- 2014/94027 *Erection of 46 dwellings and associated works including access, public open space, landscaping, parking and ancillary works on Flockton Hall Farm, Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected on the grounds of highways due to the access being directly onto the narrow chicane and the narrowness of the pavement; the school being at full capacity and the sewerage facilities are already at full capacity. **273 Plans**
- 2015/90200 *Reserved matters application for erection of 17 dwellings pursuant to outline permission 2014/90460 on Cross Lane, Stocksmoor.* The Council objected to this application on traffic grounds, including the problems of speeding traffic on a long straight road.
- 2015/90226 *Outline application for erection of detached dwelling at 108 Lascelles Hall Road, Lascelles Hall.* The Council had concerns the development would have on the impact of the neighbouring listed building.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 2015/90237 Thurstonland; 2015/90276 Kirkburton; 2015/90178 Lascelles Hall; 2015/90285 Fenay Bridge; 2015/90296 Fenay Bridge; 2015/90088 Kirkburton; 2015/90148 Shepley; 2015/90254 Kirkheaton; 2015/90273 Whitley; 2015/90280 Lepton (GM Ward); 2015/90282 Lepton (GM Ward); 2015/90288 Shepley; 2015/90292 Kirkheaton; 2015/90293 Lascelles Hall; 2015/90343 Lascelles Hall; 2015/90361 Stocksmoor; 2015/90383 Shepley; 2015/90398 Kirkburton; 2015/90422 Kirkburton; 2015/90446 Highburton; 2015/90453 Kirkburton; 2015/90486 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **274 Planning Appeals**
- Members considered the process by which planning applications were lodged by Kirklees Council, particularly where they impacted on the Parish Council area. **275 Planning Applications lodged by Kirklees Council**
- Resolved:** To write to Kirklees Council to request that all applications lodged by Kirklees Council which impact upon the Parish Council area are brought to the attention of Council for comment prior to a formal application being lodged.
- Resolved:** To approve the March cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£12,093.85 inc £7,013 agreed under LGA 1972 s137). **276 Accounts**
- Resolved:** To note the casual vacancy and not to make a co-option due to the imminent main Parish Council elections. **277 Casual Vacancy in the Flockton Ward**
- Members considered the Equal Opportunities Policy noting that the draft policy being considered was based on a model document. **278 Equal Opportunities Policy**
- Resolved:** To adopt the Equal Opportunities Policy as presented.
- Members considered the Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer’s Discretion Statement noting that a discretion statement was a legal requirement and the statement being considered was based on a model policy. **279 Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer’s Discretion Statement**
- Resolved:** To adopt the Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer’s Discretion Statement as presented.

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Members received a verbal report on the public meeting held on 26 February 2015 at the Hub consulting on the transfer of the Kirkburton library building to the Parish Council. Members also received a tabled report on the heating and hot and cold water services in the building.

280 Libraries

Members considered the proposal and particularly the Business Plan and Community Asset Transfer application form for the Kirkburton library building.

Resolved: To adopt the Business Plan and submit the Community Asset Transfer application form to Kirklees Council. Also to submit the petition request to Kirklees Council.

Resolved: To take legal advice on any subsequent agreements issued by Kirklees Council to finalise the transfer of ownership.

Members considered a verbal report on alleged anti-social behaviour problems at the recreation ground on Westerley Way. Members welcomed the new gates that the Council had recently installed.

281 Shelley Recreation Ground

Resolved: To contact Kirklees Youth Services and the local PCSOs to ask them to focus their attention on the area and to encourage them to initiate some intergenerational activities in order to counteract problems.

Members considered the implications of siting the youth shelter on the recreation ground in view of the problems.

Resolved: To continue with the existing project to site a youth shelter on the recreation ground.

Cllr N Berry left the meeting.

Members noted the breaches occurring in the Cold Calling Zones within the Parish Council area.

282 Cold Calling Zones

Resolved: To write to the Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire Trading Standards and the West Yorkshire Police to notify them of the increasing number of breaches.

Members noted the accidental damage to the wall bordering St Paul's Churchyard adjacent to Plot 1, following the tree maintenance works undertaken by the Church and considered the standard of the repairs made to date. The Clerk detailed the problems the tenant had been subjected to at the time the tree felling took place.

283 Shepley Allotment Wall

Resolved: To write to St Paul's Church, Shepley to register the Council's dissatisfaction with the current state of the wall and request that the damage is appropriately rectified.

Members noted that the noticeboard in Flockton was damaged.

284 Flockton Noticeboard

Resolved: To replace the noticeboard.

Members noted the underspend on the award to restore Edward Hughes' gravestone and considered the request to use the remaining £50 on producing a leaflet on Mr Hughes' work and publicising his achievements.

285 Huddersfield Civic Society Environment Grant

Resolved: To approve the request to use the remaining £50 on producing a leaflet on Mr Hughes' work and publicising his achievements.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were specifically asked to note that the date of the next Council meeting was delayed due to Easter and informed that they would be notified of the deadline for agenda items.

286 Correspondence and Information

- To receive an update on the current status of the Fenay Greenway originally proposed in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. **287 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting.