

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair

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

In attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bradbury, S Dunford, P Pankhurst and M Pitts, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **114 Apologies**

Cllr H Barraclough was absent.

The following matter was discussed at the end of the meeting, but is recorded at this point for simplicity.

Resolved: To hold the discussion on the following item in the private session as it included personal information.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Pitts had requested a 6-month leave of absence, the reasons for which were provided.

Resolved: To grant Cllr Pitts a 6-month leave of absence for the reasons provided.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Armer in Planning Appl 93457 as he knows the applicant and in Planning Appl 92358 as the applicant had been in touch with him about it; Cllr Beresford in Planning Appl 92430 as he knows the applicant and Planning Appl 92443 as he knows the agent; Cllr R Barraclough in Planning Appl 92457 as he knows the applicant. **115 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Armer declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a substitute 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.

Cllr R Barraclough 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.

The local PCSO gave the Council an update on issues in the area. **116 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session except for the private matter recorded at Min 114 above. **117 Admission of the Public**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Ms Clair Hedges, West Yorkshire Police Research Manager, to the meeting. **118 West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

Mr Burns-Williamson gave a detailed overview of the current situation with regard to crime and policing issues, making comparisons between Kirklees' statistics and West Yorkshire / national statistics. He also answered all of the questions which had been sent to him in advance of the meeting.

Mr Burns-Williamson and Ms Hedges were thanked for attending the meeting before they left.

The Chairman reported that she had attended the unveiling and dedication service for the new war memorial at Farnley Tyas. **119 Chairman's Appointments**

- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 August 2014 as an accurate record, subject to the amendment in Cllr Armer's declaration of interest to indicate that he is the substitute member of the Heavy Woollen Planning Committee. **120 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 31 July 2014 as an accurate record. **121 Staffing Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 5 August 2014, noting that the decision recorded at Min MF16 had been taken by the Committee under its delegated authority. Cllr Cooper agreed to provide additional information to be included within the letter (Min MF16 refers). **122 M&F Committee Minutes**
- 2014/92358 *Erection of 9m wooden pole (within a Conservation Area) adj 76 The Village, Thurstonland.* There were serious concerns expressed about this proposed development on the grounds that it is a retrospective application and as it is very close to the entrance of the adjoining property and will cause problems with the entrance. **123 Plans**
- 2014/92523 *Erection of 4 dwellings with integral garages on the former site of Pickles & Swallow Ltd, Pinfold Lane, Flockton.* The Council strongly objected to this proposed development on highways grounds, as the site is within 50 yards of a 'blind' bend on a narrow road, where the service bus already has difficulty passing along.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 2014/92295 Farnley Tyas; 2014/92308 Kirkburton; 2014/92323 Fenay Bridge; 2014/92368 Lepton; 2014/92430 Lascelles Hall; 2014/92434 Shepley; 2014/92443 Lepton; 2014/92457 Farnley Tyas; 2014/92459 Shepley; 2014/92482 Thurstonland; 2014/92487 Fenay Bridge; 2014/92489 Shelley; 2014/92554 Kirkburton; 2014/92574 Thurstonland; 2014/92590 Shepley; 2014/92593 Shepley; 2014/92632 Shepley and 2014/92667 Lepton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **124 Planning Appeals**
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£6,854.34 including £36 approved under LGA 1972 s137). **125 Accounts**
- Members noted the health & safety seminar being provided by Zurich Municipal at South Kirkby on 30th September 2014. **126 Health & Safety Seminar**
- Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Wightman to attend subject to his availability.
- Members noted the draft copy of the autumn edition of the newsletter. **127 Newsletter**
- Resolved:** To approve Volume 5, Issue 2 of One Voice.
- Members noted the process and the deadline dates regarding the budget and precept for the next financial year. **128 Annual Budget Process**
- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Boden on to the Fruit Trees Working Party. **129 Fruit Trees WP**
- Members noted that the scheduled April Parish Council meeting would fall within the Easter holidays. **130 April Parish Council Meeting**
- Resolved:** To hold the meeting on 16th April 2015, subject to room availability.

Members noted the request received from Patchway TC for Kirkburton PC to support its proposal to ask the Government for parish councils to be given the right to sell electricity generated from any local schemes, under the Sustainable Communities Act. After a debate on the subject a recorded vote was taken to support the above proposal, with the following result:

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, Beresford, Boden, Brook, Burton, Cooper, Cunningham, Dunn, Hardcastle, Hirst, Holroyd, Lumb, Paxton, Triggs, Whittingham and Wightman.

Against: Cllrs Armer and Berry.

Abstentions: Cllrs Munro and Parsley.

Resolved: To support the Patchway TC's proposal to ask the Government for parish councils to be given the right to sell electricity generated from any local schemes.

Members noted the advice received from the Kirklees Parks & Gardens Officer that a cut tree is erected irrespective of whether permission to plant a tree on Moor Lane is obtained, as it will be unlikely to have gained sufficient height by Christmas.

Resolved: To purchase a cut Christmas tree for Highburton.

Members noted the changes in legislation which allowed Council meetings to be recorded without any prior permission from the Council, which is contrary to Standing Order 1(m).

Resolved: To permanently suspend Standing Order 1(m) and to refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee to make recommendations on alternative wording, reflecting the new legal position.

Members noted the written report which had been circulated at the meeting.

It was reported that an Outreach Post Office service would be operating from the Working Men's Club in Flockton from 6 October on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

Cllr Hirst, the Line Manager, distributed the staff appraisal forms and asked that all members who had been in office the previous year, play their role in the staff appraisal system and return the completed forms to him by 2 October (the next Parish Council meeting).

None were requested.

The meeting then closed.

131 Sustainable Communities Act

132 Highburton Christmas Tree

133 Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014:

134 Clerk's Report

135 Flockton Post Office

136 Staff Appraisal

137 Agenda Items