

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 4 February 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair.

Cllrs H Abid, B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, AM Boden, R Bray, J Cowan, P Cunnington, K Dunn, R Franks, P McGleenan, J Paxton; C Rowatt, P Scott; J Sykes, M Sykes and C Walker.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from: Cllrs M Ackroyd, R Burton, L Holroyd, B McGuin and J Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr D Hardcastle apologised for his late arrival.

**189 Apologies**

Cllr D Million 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 Ackroyd had requested a long-term leave of absence, the reasons for which were provided.

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

Cllr Cunnington declared an interest in the bus consultation under the rules of predetermination.

**190 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Scott declared a Declarable Pecuniary Interest in the bus consultation as he is a bus driver.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr R Barraclough in Farnley Estates as he knows some of the personnel, and he declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees 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 B Armer declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees 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 P Scott declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees 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.

A member of the public from Green Alert In Lepton spoke in relation to the Local Plan and the concerns over development proposals in the Lepton and Fenay Bridge areas.

**191 Public Participation**

**Resolved:** To hold all the items in the public session with the exception of those item on hanging baskets and the Kirkheaton Churchyard grass cutting contract (within the Kirkheaton Committee minutes) as the discussions would include contractual matters.

**192 Admission of the Public**

Members received a presentation from a representative of Rural Action Yorkshire on the programme of work currently being undertaken in the Kirklees / Kirkburton area in conjunction with the Dementia Action Alliance.

**193 Dementia Action Alliance**

- The Chairman had not attended any events on behalf of the Parish Council. **194 Chairman's Appointments**
- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 7 January subject to an amendment to the declarations of interest removing Cllr Scott from a joint declaration of interest in the Yorkshire Mining Museum. **195 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To consider the question raised on the grass cutting contract in private, as the answer would divulge. The member's question was answered. **196 Kirkheaton Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To move back into the public session.
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 20 January 2016.
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 21 January 2016. **197 Environment Committee Minutes**
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 4, 11, 18 and 25 January 2016. **198 Plans**
- 2016/90078 *Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as domestic garden at 5 Coachgates, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposal as there is no statement regarding the public footpath within the application. It felt that the footpath should be reinstated.
- 2016/90096 *Change of use and alterations of dwelling to form hot food takeaway (Class A5) with self-contained first floor flat (within a Conservation Area) at 227 Abbey Road, Shepley.* The Council objected strongly to the proposed development on highways' grounds: it is located very near to the zebra crossing and there is inadequate parking provision. It would also detrimentally impact on local residents in terms of noise nuisance and litter.
- There was no comment on the following applications:  
 15/93807 Kirkburton; 15/93971 Lepton; 15/94032 Lepton; 15/94036 Lepton; 15/94074 Lepton (GM ward); 15/94082 Highburton; 15/94101 Shepley; 15/94104 Upper Hopton (GM ward); 15/94110 Highburton; 15/94118 Shelley; 15/94119 Shelley; 15/94126 Thurstonland; 16/90009 Upper Heaton (Kirkheaton ward); 16/90011 Shepley; 16/90043 Kirkburton; 16/90045 Kirkburton; 16/90062 Fenay Bridge; 16/90065 Shelley; 16/90093 Highburton; 16/90099 Highburton; 16/90163 Shelley; 16/90167 Kirkburton; 16/90172 Lepton (GM ward); 16/90174 Fenay Bridge; 16/90193 Waterloo (Lepton ward); 16/90210 Kirkburton; 16/90243 Stocksmoor; 16/91096 Shepley and 16/91113 Lepton.
- The following application was approved: 2016/90069 Farnley Tyas.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **199 Planning Appeals**
- Cllr M Sykes left the meeting. **200 Land off Stoney Ford Lane, Kirkheaton**
- Members were strongly advised by the Clerk not to discuss the proposed development as comments due to the rules of predetermination.
- Resolved:** To note Johnson Brook's request for a meeting to discuss a proposed residential development of land off Stoney Ford Lane, Kirkheaton and extend an invitation to them to attend a public participation session if and when a planning application was submitted.
- Cllr M Sykes re-entered the meeting. **201 Cheque Schedule**
- Resolved:** To approve the February cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£4,403.94 inc £325 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

Members noted the new arrangements for external audit and considered whether to remain automatically opted in or out of the new Sector Led Body (SLB) audit regime.

**202 External Audit**

**Resolved:** To remain opted-in to the new Sector Led Body audit regime.

**Resolved:** To accept the Council Tax Relief Grant of £19,040 and to levy a precept of £109,620 with a budgeted expenditure of £131,015.

**203 Budget / Precept for 2016/17**

Members noted problems with the planted trees in Lascelles Hall and Thurstonland and considered replacing them.

**204 Christmas Trees: Lascelles Hall & Thurstonland**

**Resolved:** To consult with residents in Lascelles Hall and Thurstonland before deciding how to proceed.

Members considered covering the cost of a tree for Kirkburton from December 2017.

**205 Christmas Trees: Kirkburton**

**Resolved:** Not to change the current arrangements.

Cllrs Cunnington and Scott left the meeting.

**206 Review of bus services**

Members discussed the review of bus services 80-84, 231, 232, 241, and 262 which has a deadline of 15 February for responses and considered whether to submit a comment.

**Resolved:** To note the review and to suggest that the bus companies increase the frequency of buses throughout the Parish and extend services later into the evening.

Cllrs Cunnington and Scott re-entered the meeting.

Members consider approving the draft copy (Volume 6, Issue 3).

**207 One Voice**

**Resolved:** To approve the draft copy subject to notified amendments.

**Resolved:** To hold the discussion of the following item in the private session, as the discussions will divulge confidential contractual information.

**208 Hanging Baskets**

Members considered the quotations for supply and maintenance of hanging baskets and whether to make an appointment. They also considered how many baskets to order and where they are to be hung.

**Resolved:** To approach the Kirklees Rural District Committee and the Huddersfield District Committee to request grant funding in order to continue to provide the 98 hanging baskets currently provided in the 10 villages.

**Resolved:** If applications to the District Committees are unsuccessful then to reduce the baskets in the villages of Farnley Tyas, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Shelley and Shepley by 2 each and the baskets in the villages of Flockton, Grange Moor, Lepton, Stocksmoor and Thurstonland by 4 each.

**Resolved:** To appoint Premier 1 to supply the baskets on the terms and conditions notified.

Members also considered including additional baskets in the order for Yetton Together, or using any other available means of securing the same unit price as the Council.

**Resolved:** To include Yetton Together's order within the Council's, or use any other available alternative to enable the group to obtain the same unit price as the Council.

Members noted the Farnley Estates Woodland Management Plan covering work to the woodland until 2025.

**209 Farnley Estates Woodland Management Plan**

Members noted that the telephone box at Highburton Cross is out of order and considered whether to request British Telecom to remove it.

**210 Telephone Box at Highburton Cross**

**Resolved:** To canvass local people in order to establish if there is a preference to keep the telephone box or have it removed.

Members consider moving the date of the April Parish Council Meeting to 21 April 2016.

**211 April Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** To hold the April Parish Council meeting on 21 April 2016.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting and members were asked particularly to note forthcoming annual leave.

**212 Correspondence and Information**

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.

The Chairman reported that she would be providing refreshments after the April Parish Council meeting and holding a raffle in support of her charity, instead of hosting a Civic Dinner.

The Clerk reported that Yetton Together had requested the Council's help in appealing Kirklees Council's decisions regarding two issues connected with hosting Kirkheaton Library in the community centre. The Clerk was asked to use her delegated authority to support Yetton Together's appeal on both issues.

- To consider sending HM The Queen a card in recognition of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**213 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting.