

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 3 March 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair.

Cllrs H Abid, B Armer, R Barraclough, AM Boden, R Bray, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington, K Dunn, R Franks, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, B McGuin, D Million, J Paxton, C Rowatt, J Sykes, M Sykes, and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner

Apologies were received from: Cllrs M Ackroyd, S Beresford, L Holroyd and P Scott, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. 214    **Apologies**

Cllr C Walker was absent.

Cllr B Armer declared an interest in the planning appeal as he was a member of the Kirklees planning committee and left the room during that item due to the rules of predetermination. 215    **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Barraclough declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in appl. 90074 as it was his own application and all members present declared personal interest in appl. 90074 as the applicant is known to them.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr AM Boden in appl 90375 as the applicant is known to her; Cllr R Bray in appl 90604 as he is a member of the golf club; Cllr P Brook in Yetton Together as she attends meetings of the group; Cllr J Cowen in Shepley Library as he is a Director of the Shepley Community Interest Company and in appl 90264 as the applicant is known to him; Cllr K Dunn in appls 90264 and 90279 as the applicants are previous employers; Cllr R Franks in appl 90525 as he has lobbied against wind turbines at public meetings; Cllr B McGuin in Lepton Library as he is Secretary of the Friends of Lepton Library; Cllr D Million in Kirkburton Library as he knows a member of library staff; Cllr M Sykes and Cllr J Sykes in Kirkburton Library as they attend meetings.

Cllr R Barraclough in the consultation on accident & emergency provision in Huddersfield as he sits on the joint health scrutiny panel, 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 in appl 90264 as he had been lobbied on the application, 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 J Taylor in appls 90264 and 90391 as the applicants are known to him and in Shepley Library as he is a Director of the Shepley Community Interest Company. He also 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.

No members of the public wished to speak. 216    **Public Participation**

**Resolved:** To hold all the items in the public session with the exception of the item on the Kirkheaton Churchyard grass cutting contract as the discussions would include contractual matters. 217    **Admission of the Public**

The Chairman had attended the Saddleworth PC Civic Dinner and the opening of the exhibition "In our own words" at the National Coal Mining Museum. 218    **Chairman's Appointments**

- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 4 February 2016. **219 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Library Committee meeting held on 4 February 2016. **220 Library Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Project Committee meeting held on 18 February 2016. **221 Grants & CP Committee Minutes**
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 1, 8, 15 and 22 February 2016. **222 Plans**
- Cllr Barraclough left the meeting during discussion of application 62/90074 Farnley Tyas.
- 2016/90525 Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on previous planning permission 2014/93813 for erection of 1no. 50kw wind turbine with hub height of 24.8m and maximum tip height of 34.5m at Heights Farm, Wakefield Road, Grange Moor.* The Council objected to the proposed development due to the closeness of the turbines to properties and the visual impact of the turbine within the Green Belt.
- Cllr Burton entered the meeting.
- 2015/93955 Outline application for erection of two dwellings at rear of 81 New Road, Kirkheaton.* The Council requested more information on the implications for the land should it be designated as public space under Section 106 legislation.
- There was no comment on the following applications:  
 16/90074 (Farnley Tyas); 16/90108 (Highburton); 16/90239 (Shepley); 16/90256 (Shepley); 16/90264 (Kirkburton); 16/90279 (Thurstonland & Farnley Tyas); 16/90281 (Flockton); 16/90283 (Lepton); 16/90289 (Kirkburton); 16/90290 (Kirkburton); 16/90293 (Lepton); 16/90300 (Highburton); 16/90301 (Shepley); 16/90306 (Thurstonland & Farnley Tyas); 16/90310 (Kirkburton); 16/90318 (Kirkheaton); 16/90340 (Shepley); 16/90299 (Stocksmoor); 16/90356 (Farnley Tyas); 16/90375 (Kirkburton); 16/90412 (Kirkheaton); 16/90419 (Highburton); 16/90237 (Shelley); 16/90319 (Stocksmoor); 16/90332 (Shelley); 16/90342 (Stocksmoor); 16/90359 (Kirkburton); 16/90391 (Shepley); 16/90454 (Kirkburton); 16/90476 (Highburton); 16/90520 (Lepton); 16/90508 (Shelley); 16/90562 (Lepton); 16/90566 (Flockton); 16/90573 (Farnley Tyas); 16/90581 (Lepton); 16/90596 (Lepton); 16/90599 (Shelley); 16/90601 (Kirkheaton); 16/90604 (Thurstonland & Farnley Tyas); 16/90606 (Shelley).
- Cllr B Armer left the meeting.
- 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.* **223 Planning Appeals**
- Resolved:** To support Kirklees Council's original decision and to lodge an objection on the grounds that the access is directly onto the chicane on Barnsley Road, the school is already at full capacity, the sewerage and water facilities cannot cope with additional inputs and highways safety, as the proposed development would involve access through the estate by agricultural vehicles.
- Cllr B Armer returned to the meeting.
- Resolved:** To approve the March cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£22,589.85 inc £7,449.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137). **224 Cheque Schedule**
- Members noted that the public consultation was to be held between 15 March 2016 and 21 June 2016. **225 Consultation on A&E Provision in Huddersfield**
- Resolved:** To defer this discussion and hold an extraordinary meeting in order to fully debate this issue during the public consultation period.

Members considered whether to grant Kirklees Library Service total access to the building or to limit it to specific time periods.

**226 Kirkburton Library Building**

**Resolved:** To refer this item to the Library Committee for consideration.

**Resolved:** To hold the discussion of the grass cutting contract in the private session as it concerned future contracts.

**227 Kirkheaton Churchyard: Grass Cutting Contract**

Members received a report from the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting where the members had considered the quotes received for the contract to provide maintenance at Kirkheaton Churchyard which was to run each year from April to October starting in April 2016 until October 2018 inclusive. It was noted that members had considered which quotes offered the best value for the Council within the budget available.

**Resolved:** That the Council appoints Four Seasons Limited to carry out 14 cuts per year from 2016 – 2018 inclusive, subject to receipt of satisfactory references on the terms and conditions notified. Should any problems arise in appointing Four Seasons Limited, then Countrywide Grounds be appointed to carry out 7 cuts per year from 2016 – 2018 inclusive, subject to satisfactory references on the terms and conditions notified.

**Resolved:** To hold the remaining discussion in the public session.

**228 Kirkheaton Churchyard: Working with volunteers**

Members received a report from the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting where the members had noted that the Church's insurers had advised that any volunteers offering their time to maintain the Churchyard would need to have the Council's permission in advance over which tasks they could and could not undertake.

The following tasks had been considered that volunteers would like to carry out within the churchyard adjacent to the church building:

- Removal of grass and earth growing over the path edges
- Spraying of paths with algae killer to stop them being slippery
- Weeding flower beds
- Keeping gravestones and the boundary walls free from ivy
- Cutting of sucker shoots from the case of trees
- Picking up rubbish

Members had also considered tasks which McDonalds had proposed to undertake in the lower churchyard separated by the public footpath in order to make that churchyard accessible:

- Removing ivy and moss from gravestones
- Chopping back overgrown brambles and self-seeded trees
- Removing debris either by moving it to the Parish Centre to burn or hiring a chipper.

**Recommendation from the Kirkheaton Committee:** That the Council grants permission for volunteers to carry out all of the tasks listed, subject to completion of appropriate risk assessments and legal permissions required. The Clerk to be given delegated authority to carry out the necessary risk assessments and obtain any legal permissions to enable the volunteers to carry out the work.

**Resolved:** To reject the recommendation and refer the matter back to the Kirkheaton Committee for reconsideration.

Members considered how hanging baskets will be financed in future years.

**229 Hanging Baskets**

**Resolved:** To approach the Kirklees Rural Direct Committee and the Kirklees Huddersfield District Committee at the appropriate time in the year to ensure a decision on funding from those sources is received prior to the start of the Council's budget setting process.

Members considered sending Her Majesty a card to congratulate her on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**230 The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Resolved:** To send a card to Her Majesty to congratulate her on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Members considered granting the Management & Finance Committee delegated authority to decide on whether any amendments are needed to the level of cover and the appointment of the insurance provider.

**231 Insurance Cover**

**Resolved:** To grant the Management & Finance Committee delegated authority to decide on whether any amendments are needed to the level of cover and the appointment of the insurance provider.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting and members were asked particularly to note the date of the next Council meeting which would be held on Thursday 21 April.

**232 Correspondence and Information**

The Chairman extended an invitation to all staff and members to stay for refreshments after the April Parish Council meeting and stated she would be holding a raffle in support of her charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

Members noted that the deadline for agenda items was Monday 11 April.

**233 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting.