

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 8.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Franks in the Chair

Cllrs, B Armer, R Barraclough, A Boden, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, J Sykes, M Sykes and J Taylor.
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Before the meeting started, the Council received a presentation from Mr Duggs Carre on the Comoodle project.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Abid, M Ackroyd, S Beresford, L Holroyd, P McGleenan, B McGuin and C Rowatt, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **73 Apologies**

The following personal interests were declared: **74 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee and a substitute member of the Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield Planning Committees. He 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. He also declared an interest in Planning Application 92537, as he had offered advice on objections to the application. He left the meeting whilst the Council considered the application and agreed the comments.

Cllr Barraclough in Planning Applications 92844 and 92865 as he knows the applicants; Cllr Bray in Planning Application 92767 and 92858 as he knows the applicants; Cllr Burton in Planning Application 92708 as he knows the agent; Cllr Cowan in Planning Application 92808 as he knows the applicant; Cllr Hardcastle in Planning Applications 92865 and 92888 as he knows the applicants and in Planning Application 90828 as he knows the appellant; Cllr Roebuck in Planning Application 92808 as she knows the applicant.

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees. He 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. He also declared personal interests in Planning Applications 92808 and 92858 as he knows the applicants.

No members of the public wished to address the Council. **75 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session with the exception of the discussion of the item considering the Lascelles Hall Christmas tree, as it would divulge confidential information. **76 Admission of the Public**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Civic Service at Meltham Town Council. **77 Civic Appointments**

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 August 2017. **78 Council Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 3 August 2017. **79 Land & Property Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 10 August 2017. **80 M&F Committee Minutes**

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 31 July, 7, 14, 21 and 28 August 2017. **81 Plans**

The following application was recommended for approval: 17/92684 Flockton.

There was no comment on the following applications:

81 Plans (Cont'd)

17/92537 Highburton; 17/92558 Shepley; 17/92613 Highburton; 17/92624 Thurstonland; 17/92708 Shelley; 17/92717 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 17/92724 Shepley; 17/92726 Kirkheaton; 17/92741 Lepton; 17/92767 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 17/92808 Shepley; 17/92818 Shepley; 17/92831 Kirkburton; 17/92835 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 17/92844 Farnley Tyas; 17/92858 Shepley; 17/92865 Farnley Tyas; 17/92873 Flockton; 17/92883 Shepley; 17/92888 Kirkburton; 17/92909 Thurstonland; 17/92943 Lepton; 17/92946 Grange Moor; 17/92953 Kirkheaton; 17/92963 Shepley; 17/92981 Highburton; 17/92985 Lepton (Grange Moor ward); 17/92988 Shelley; 17/92994 Flockton; 17/92996 Kirkburton; 17/93001 Kirkburton and 17/93008 Flockton.

Members considered the planning appeal at 21 Northfield Lane, Highburton, Planning Reference; 2017/90828. The Clerk reported that the Council had made no comments when the original application was considered.

82 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To note the planning appeal at 21 Northfield Lane, Highburton.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£4,657.86 inc £165.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

83 Accounts

Resolved: To hold the discussion of the following item in the private session, as it would disclose confidential information.

Members noted the information circulated with the agenda as well as a supplementary report on the background and costings with regard to replacing the tree at Lascelles Hall. Members considered whether to plant a tree or to purchase a cut tree from Kirklees Council.

**84 Christmas Trees
a) Lascelles Hall**

Resolved: To plant a Norway Spruce (Picea Abies) up to a cost of £160, and to provide additional fertiliser / compost to try to ensure healthy growth.

Members noted the information circulated with the agenda and considered whether to put lights on the planted tree, or to allow it another year to grow and purchase a cut tree from Kirklees Council to be installed by Highburton Cross.

85 b) Highburton

Resolved: To purchase a cut tree from Kirklees Council and to review the situation again next year.

The Clerk formally notified the Council of the vacancy in the Lepton and Whitley Upper ward and reported that no election had been requested.

86 Vacancy

Members noted the training opportunities available and the current training budget.

**87 Training
Opportunities**

Resolved: To nominate the Clerk to take part in the webinar on Data Protection.

Members noted the request received from Shepley residents for two of the Council's bat boxes.

88 Bat Boxes

Resolved: To donate two bat boxes to the Shepley residents.

Members noted Cllr Taylor's offer to assist the Clerk in reviewing the small annual and clock grant applications.

**89 Small Annual &
Clock Grants**

Resolved: To permit Cllr Taylor to assist the Clerk in reviewing the small annual and clock grant applications.

The following members abstained from voting: Cllrs R Barraclough, R Burton, D Hardcastle and J Paxton.

Members noted the request for suggestions for the new street name for the development on land adjacent to Lilac Cottage, Cross Lane, Stocksmoor.

90 Street Naming in Stocksmoor

Resolved: Not to submit any suggestions.

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

91 Correspondence and Information

- To consider making the spare bat boxes available on Comoodle.

92 Agenda Items

The Chairman then closed the meeting.