

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Armer in the Chair

Cllrs M Ackroyd, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Bray, P Brook, J Cowan, P Cunnington, K Dunn, R Franks, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, B McGuin, J Paxton, J Roebuck, C Rowatt, J Spivey, M Sykes and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Abid, A Boden, L Holroyd, A Munro and J Sykes, the reasons for absence, where provided, were accepted by the Council. Cllr R Burton was absent. **133 Apologies**

The following personal interests were declared: **134 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the planning applications, as he is a substitute member of 3 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.

Cllr Cowan in planning applications 18/93589 and 93836 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr McGuin declared an interest in all the planning applications, as he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Committee and 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 meeting when in receipt of full information. He declared a particular interest in planning application 18/93547 as he was involved in negotiations of the original application.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in planning application 18/93640 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in planning applications 18/93589 and 93836 as he knows the applicants.

There were no representations made by the public. **135 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session. **136 Admission of the Public**

The Chairman reported that he had attended Kirkburton History Group / BEG's Joint Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War at Kirkburton War Memorial, and a Christmas carol concert around Grange Moor's Christmas tree. **137 Chairman's Appointments**

He stated that instead of following the usual practice of sending Christmas cards on behalf of Kirkburton Parish Council, he had made a donation to the Salvation Army.

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 November 2018. **138 Council Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held 1 November 2018. **139 Staffing Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held 22 November 2018. **140 Grants & CP Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held 28 November 2018. **141 M&F Committee Minutes**

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 29 October, 5, 12, 19 and 26 November 2018. **142 Plans**

18/93547 *Erection of storage unit with associated hardstanding on Tandem Way, Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward).* The Council objected on the grounds of loss of amenity and highways' issues, since the proposed development would stand 8m tall in front of neighbouring dwellings.

18/93640 *Erection of extension and alterations to existing dwelling to create two dwellings at 17-19 Providential Street, Flockton.* The Council had concerns regarding vehicle access and felt that this proposed development would add further problems to existing issues around dustbin collections. If the development is approved, the Council raised the issue of whether a pavement would be necessary, given the increased numbers of properties being served by the one road.

18/93650 *Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey outbuilding at Brookfield House, 2 Doctor Lane, Flockton.* The Council had concerns with regard to highways safety, as the access onto Barnsley Road is already problematical and has been raised several times with Kirklees Highways Service. The Council queried whether the proposed development would encroach onto Green Belt land.

18/93691 *Prior notification for erection of agricultural building on land at Paul Lane, Flockton Moor (Flockton ward).* The Council queried whether this was a genuine application, given that the agricultural building previously present on this site had been converted into a dwelling.

18/93787 *Outline application for the erection of 4 dwellings at the rear of 83 Far Bank, Shelley.* The Council objected on the grounds of a) highways and pedestrian safety – there is already an issue of very poor sightlines due to the high number of vehicles parking along Far Bank, and the problem is worse at school times, when there are school buses as well as parents' cars in the vicinity; b) overdevelopment of the area – the school is already oversubscribed.

There was no comment on the following applications:

18/93236 Shelley; 18/933757 Lepton (GM ward); 18/93511 Kirkheaton;
18/93531 Thurstonland; 18/93549 Flockton (GM ward); 18/93569 Farnley Tyas;
18/93577 Kirkburton; 18/93580 Thurstonland; 18/93583 Lepton (GM ward);
18/93586 Thurstonland; 18/93589 Shepley; 18/93592 Lepton; 18/93619 Kirkheaton;
18/93635 Thurstonland; 18/93653 Kirkheaton; 18/93656 Flockton; 18/93665 Lepton (GM ward); 18/93764 Stocksmoor; 18/93766 Kirkburton; 18/93800 Thunderbridge;
18/93817 Stocksmoor; 18/93836 Shepley; 18/93837 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward);
18/93850 Shepley; 18/93863 Kirkheaton; 18/93879 Kirkburton; 18/93898 Kirkburton;
18/93909 Kirkburton and 18/93925 Shelley.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

143 Planning Appeals

Members noted the consultation on the Highway Design Guide Supplementary Planning Design (SPD), and debated the relevant points.

144 Kirklees Draft Highway Design Guide SPD

Resolved: To submit the following comments:

- Members noted with disappointment that the consultation period had been reduced to 6 weeks rather than the recommended 12 weeks.
- Changes to highways such as the introduction of shared spaces should be avoided as they detrimentally affect blind, partially sighted and disabled people most.
- The amount of street furniture should be kept at the minimum necessary, as they cause problems for wheelchair users.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£9,288.55 inc £2,250.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

145 Accounts

Members noted the Cheque Register and Receipts and Payments Statement, both of which covered the period 1 April to 30 September 2018.

146 Cheque Register / Receipts & Payments Statement

Resolved: To note the Cheque Register and adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement, covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2018.

Members considered the information dated 14 November 2018 received from the Public Sector Deposit Fund in respect of the Council's account.

147 Public Sector Deposit Fund

Resolved: To note the above information.

Members noted the Clerk's written report circulated before the meeting, which provided updated information and recommended that an additional £500 is included in the Kirkheaton Churchyard budget to deal with the 3 Japanese Knotweed plants identified in the lower area of the churchyard. She answered members' questions on the means of treating the plants, which involved employing a contractor to spray periodically over the next 3 years, and to monitor the area for additional plants.

148 Kirkheaton Churchyard

Resolved: To undertake the work using an appropriately qualified contractor, using the existing Kirkheaton Churchyard budget with any additional costs being taken from the General Reserve.

Members noted the additional advice provided by the Clerk on the written report circulated before the meeting. Amendments to the budget proposals brought forward by the Management & Finance Committee were made, as follows:

149 Budget / Precept for 2019/20

- Not to proceed with the Community Asset Transfer at Kirkburton Library.
- To undertake the repair to the wall at Kirkheaton Churchyard up to a maximum cost of £14,000 to be covered from the Council's capital funding.
- To allocate £25,000 for village centre developments, with members each requested to bring forward a proposal of up to £1,000 to be spent in their village and agreed at the Council, subject to the system being in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.
- To provide £3,000 for community speed indicator devices.
- To consider reducing the number of Parish Councillors, with the debate taking place after the next Parish Council elections.
- To revise the Allocated Reserves: *Chains of office +£80; *Parish Council elections +£10,000; *Library Improvements +£5,000; Maintenance -£275; Systems Review & Renewal -£3,000. *The items marked with an * are included in the current year's revenue budget.*
- To levy a precept of £128,660.

The Clerk stated that she was not able to provide any advice or information on the amended budget, as she had received no prior notice of any of the proposals.

A proposal was made to defer a decision on the budget proposals to allow members time to fully consider the implications of all the above proposals. A recorded vote was taken with the following result:

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Paxton and C Rowatt.

Against: M Ackroyd, B Armer, J Cowan, R Franks, P McGleenan, B McGuin, J Roebuck, J Spivey, M Sykes and J Taylor.

Abstentions: R Bray.

The motion was therefore lost. A vote was taken on the amended budget proposals.

149 Budget / Precept for 2019/20

Resolved: To accept the budget proposals circulated with the meeting papers and incorporating the above amendments (copy attached).

Resolved: To take a provisional decision to levy a precept of £128,660 and a budgeted expenditure of £143,454, conditional on confirmation that the Parish Council would not receive a Council Tax Replacement grant.

Members noted the written report circulated with the meeting papers and received a verbal report on the event which had been held in November.

150 Picture of Kirklees

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were asked to note particularly the changes to the Clerk's working arrangements due to annual leave, time being taken to make up for unpaid overtime hours worked and the closure of the village hall for repairs and redecoration.

151 Correspondence and Information

- To invite a representative from Kirklees Rural to speak to the Council about Community Plus.

152 Agenda Item

The Chairman then wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting.