

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via 'Zoom' on Thursday, 4 February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs R Barraclough, A Booth, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, J Cowan, P Cunnington, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, B Smith, J Spivey, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.

In Attendance: Jackie Beever, Teresa Moxon and Carol Ann Smith all from the Kirklees Children's Services, Gemma Jenkinson from Kirklees Community Plus and Mrs A Royle, Clerk to the Council.

Min 150 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them of the procedures regarding voting in virtual meetings. He stated that the meeting would be recorded and the recording would be discarded when the Clerk had written the minutes.

Min 151 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Armer. Cllr R Batty was absent. Cllr Paxton gave apologies for his late arrival.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Munro declared a personal interest in all the applications, as she is a substitute member of the Kirklees Planning Committees. She 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 Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Committee. 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 a personal interest in Planning Application 21/90176 as he knows the applicant.

Min 152 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council before the meeting.

Min 153 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Cllr Paxton entered the meeting during the following item.

Min 154 Family Hubs

Ms Beever gave a presentation to the Council on the consultation currently being undertaken on the proposed future design of an integrated Early Support offer to families with children up to 19 years of age or 25 years of age, if they have special needs. She encouraged people to complete the online survey at <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160977860375> and asked members to share the information with their local residents. Members asked questions and expressed views on the proposals, which would be fed into the consultation process.

Ms Beever, Ms Moxon and Ms Smith were thanked for attending the meeting and providing the information to the Council. They all then left the meeting.

Min 155 Covid-19 Update

Ms Wilkinson provided information on the work of the Kirklees Community Plus unit across the district and particularly in the Parish Council area. She explained how the unit was addressing issue of Covid, and how it was co-ordinating various bodies and community groups to help the local residents, who were affected by Covid-19 both by illness and the need to shield.

Ms Wilkinson was thanked for attending before she left the meeting.

Min 156 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had not attended any civic appointments since the last meeting.

Min 157 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2021.

Min 158 Staffing Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 14 January 2021.

Min 159 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 28 January 2021.

Min 160 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 4, 11, 18 and 25 January 2021.

There was no comment on the following applications:

20/94288 Kirkburton; 20/94413 Kirkburton; 21/90008 Highburton; 21/90014 Lepton;
21/90047 Kirkheaton; 21/90058 Shepley; 21/90065 Kirkheaton; 21/90070 Farnley Tyas;
21/90084 Shelley; 21/90116 Kirkburton; 21/90133 Kirkheaton; 21/90150 Stocksmoor;
21/90176 Whitley (Grange Moor ward); 21/90177 Whitley (Grange Moor ward);
21/90195 Fenay Bridge and 21/90224 Kirkheaton; 21/90226 Flockton; 21/90266 Shelley;
21/90277 Kirkburton; 21.90278 Whitley (Grange Moor ward) and 21/90318 Shepley.

Min 161 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£12,627.36 including £6,464.97 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Min 162 Receipts & Payments Statement / Cheque Register

Members noted the documents covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2020, which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Resolved: To note the information and to adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2020.

Min 163 Insurance Cover

Members noted the information provided by Zurich Municipal insurers and the premium options for 1, 3 and 5 years cover.

Resolved: To accept the 5-year option from Zurich Municipal.

Min 164 Budget / Precept for 2021-22

Members considered the budget proposals put forward by the Management & Finance Committee, which had been circulated with the meeting papers. Amendments to several budget lines were proposed. The Clerk advised that with one exception, she was unable to provide any advice or information on the amendments as they had not been tabled in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: To accept the Council Tax Relief Grant of £1,688 and to levy a precept of £140,562 with a budgeted expenditure of £166,166.

Min 165 Hanging Baskets

Members noted the information with regard to the proposed locations and funding arrangements for the hanging baskets, which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Resolved: To order 98 hanging baskets from Premier 1 to be placed in the same locations as last year to be funded as detailed in the documentation.

The Clerk was asked to request the contractor to use a peat-free compost.

Members were requested to check the lamp posts and notify the Clerk if there were problems with any of the brackets.

Min 166 Provision of Dog Wastebags / Dispensers

Members noted the report on the consultation of whether to continue with the provision and the Management & Finance Committee's recommendation that the matter is decided on a ward-by-ward basis. It was noted that the input from Shepley Village Association, which had expressed the view against continuing with the provision, had been omitted from the report.

Resolved: That the dispensers would be removed from Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Shelley and Shepley. They would be retained in Grange Moor, Lepton inc Lascelles Hall, Stockmoor and Thurstonland.

Min 167 Casual Vacancy in the Flockton Ward

Members noted the vacancy and were informed that should the public wish to hold an election, a minimum of 10 electors needed to inform Kirklees Electoral Services by 12 February. If an election were called, it could not be held until 6 May due to the current Covid-19 legislation.

Min 168 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting.

Min 169 Agenda Items

- To consider supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill 2019-21.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.