

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via the 'GoToMeeting' app on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 8.00 pm

Present: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

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

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min 203 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr R Burton. Cllr R Battye was absent.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a substitute member of the 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 Hardcastle declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/91453 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Munro declared an 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 Paxton declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/91233 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and a substitute member of the other 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.

Min 204 Public Participation

There were no representations from members of the public.

Min 205 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 206 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended no civic appointments since the last meeting.

Min 207 Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2021.

Min 208 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2021.

Min 209 Staffing Sub-Committee Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the meetings of the meeting held on 15 April 2021.

The Chairman reported that Ms Booth had now commenced her employment with the Council.

Min 210 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 29 March, 5, 12 and 19 April 2021.

21/91146 Erection of single and two-storey side extensions and extension of existing raised patio area at The Willows, Haigh Lane, Flockton.

The Council objected on the grounds of over-development of the plot.

21/91233 Outline application for demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings and erection of residential development (up to 10 dwellings) at 195 Barnsley Road, Flockton.

The Council objected on the grounds of Highways and Highways' Safety, as the access is directly after a 'blind' bend when travelling from Wakefield. This location would therefore provide very poor sightlines for traffic exiting the site. There is already a notified highways problem at this point.

There was no comment on the following applications:

21/91108 Shelley; 21/91126 Shepley; 21/91163 Shelley; 21/91188 Lepton;
21/91212 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 21/91274 Shelley; 21/91276 Shepley;
21/91310 Kirkburton; 21/91364 Grange Moor; 21/91368 Kirkburton; 21/91379 Shelley;
21/91387 Kirkheaton; 21/91405 Lepton; 21/91419 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward);
21/91434 Kirkheaton; 21/91438 Shepley; 21/91439 Thurstonland; 21/91453 Kirkburton;
21/91460 Flockton; 21/91467 Kirkburton; 21/91472 Kirkheaton; 21/91477 Kirkheaton;
21/91492 Kirkheaton; 21/91506 Kirkheaton; 21/91510 Flockton; 21/91521 Kirkburton;
21/91546 Kirkburton; 21/91547 Flockton; 21/91561 Shepley; 21/91564 Shelley;
21/91565 Shepley; 21/91605 Farnley Tyas; 21/91618 Lepton (GM ward) and
21/91667 Kirkburton.

Min 211 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£3,835.17).

Min 212 NALC On-Line Events

Members noted the information on the two events, which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Myles to attend the event, "How to get young people involved in local councils."

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Beresford to attend the event, "Planning Power".

Min 213 Venue for Meetings

Members noted the information circulated with the agenda, which outlined the options available to the Council with regard to physical meetings. The Chairman reported that the High Court had ruled that it was for Parliament to consider extending the definition of "Place" in the 1972 legislation to include virtual platforms. Therefore all meetings held after 6 May would need to be in person.

Resolved: To hold the Annual Meeting on 27 May at St John's Parish Church in Kirkheaton, and to consider holding further meetings there at the Annual Meeting, subject to permission from the Vicar.

Min 214 Risk Assessment for Meetings held in Burton Village Hall

The Clerk reported that this assessment was no longer valid in the light of the decision the Council has taken. She advised that another risk assessment needed to be drafted in conjunction with the Church.

Resolved: That the Clerk would draft a revised risk assessment in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Min 215 Consultation on Virtual Meetings

Members noted the circulated information from YLCA in which member Councils were urged to respond, giving opinions on the advantages and disadvantages of holding on-line meetings.

Resolved: That the Clerk would complete the questions following receipt of responses from members, and that the draft response would be reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

Min 216 Draft Order authorising Network Rail to construct a new railway between Huddersfield and Westtown (Dewsbury)

Members noted the information and welcomed the improvement. However, they were mindful of the serious disruption it would cause to local residents during the period of construction.

Resolved: To respond to Network Rail supporting the development, but request that the road closures are kept to a minimum and that, if possible, they are not implemented at the times of 'rush hour'.

Min 217 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. The Clerk welcomed Ms Booth to the Council in her absence and reported that she had made an excellent start. The Clerk also notified members of her own annual leave arrangements.

Min 218 Agenda Items

- Proposal to request double yellow lines to be installed on Barnsley Road.
- To consider the site of the Flockton Christmas tree.

Min 219 Vote of Thanks

As this was the last Council meeting of the year, Cllr Beresford thanked everyone for all their efforts over the last year.

A vote of thanks was proposed for Cllr Beresford, who had been Chairman for two consecutive years. It was acknowledged that the last year had been very difficult due to the pandemic, but he had kept the Council working smoothly. Members showed their appreciation to Cllr Beresford for all his efforts.

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