

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via the 'GoToMeeting' app on Thursday, 3 December 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, R Bray, P Brook, 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: Mrs A Royle and Mr R Morton of KCS Development Ltd (part-time)

Min 118 Chairman's Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Hardcastle. He 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 119 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Booth, R Burton, K Middleton and J Roebuck. Cllr R Battye was absent. Cllr S Beresford apologised for his late arrival.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the planning applications and in the item on the Local Plan Housing Allocation HS3 in Lepton, as he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Committee and a substitute member of the Heavy Woollen and Strategic 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 Bray declared an interest in planning applications 20/93415 and 20/93680 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest in planning application 20/93618 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Munro declared a personal interest in all the planning 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. She declared interests in planning applications 20/93852 and 20/93937 as she knows the applicant and in the item to discuss the Local Plan Housing Allocation HS3 in Lepton. She declared a further interest in Lascelles Hall Cricket Club, as she knows the Secretary.

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

Cllr Beresford entered the meeting and took over the Chair.

Min 120 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council in advance of the meeting.

Min 121 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 122 Local Plan Housing Allocation HS3, Rowley Lane, Lepton

Mr Morton provided an update on the current situation with regard to the site. He informed members of the means of public consultation being carried out, which had been adapted to cope with the current Covid restrictions. He provided the link below to the Consultation Website, and asked members to share the information with the public:

<http://www.johnsonmowat.co.uk/consultations/hs3-lepton-huddersfield/>

The Chairman thanked Mr Morton for his attendance, and he then left the meeting.

Min 123 Civic Appointments

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

Min 124 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2020.

Min 125 Land & Property Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 5 November 2020.

Min 126 Grants & Community Projects Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 12 November 2020, subject to the removal of the reference to Kirkheaton Churchyard at Min CG26 and a correction to Cllr Cowan's declaration of interest, where it should read that he is Vice Chair of Shepley Bowling Club (Min CG24).

Min 127 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

The Chairman reported on issues regarding the total funding available for general grants, which had only become apparent after the meeting. He also drew members' attention to the consultation taking place on whether or not to continue with the provision of dog wastebags. He asked members to consult within their wards and report back to the Clerk before the January Management & Finance Committee meeting.

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 19 November 2020.

Min 128 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 26 October, 2, 9, 16 and 23 November 2020. Members noted that some of the applications included on the 26 October list had already been considered at the November Council meeting.

Planning Appl 20/92937: *Work to TPO 17/95 at 23 Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward)*. It was agreed to ask for further information as the application was not on the Kirklees' website at the time of the meeting and no details of the work required was provided.

Min 128 Plans (Cont'd)

There was no comment on the following applications:

20/92688 Kirkheaton; 20/92979 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/93110 Highburton;
 20/93395 Thurstonland; 20/93514 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/93537 Grange Moor;
 20/93547 Kirkburton; 20/93558 Kirkheaton; 20/93600 Stocksmoor; 20/93603 Kirkburton;
 20/93605 Farnley Tyas; 20/93618 Shepley; 20/93621 Shepley; 20/93626 Farnley Tyas;
 20/93627 Farnley Tyas; 20/93640 Lepton; 20/93663 Thurstonland;
 20/93671 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/93680 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward);
 20/93687 Shelley; 20/93740 Kirkheaton; 20/93774 Lepton; 20/93778 Kirkheaton;
 20/93792 Lepton; 20/93816 Grange Moor; 20/93832 Stocksmoor; 20/93852 Fenay Bridge
 (Lepton ward); 20/93861 Kirkheaton; 20/93869 Kirkheaton; 20/93915 Shepley;
 20/93937 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/94013 Farnley Tyas and
 20/94049 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward).

Min 129 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£15,147.00 including £5,820.00 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Min 130 Council Project 2020-02 : Parish Walks Refresh

Members considered the full proposal for an update of the Parish Walks as detailed in the form, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. A debate took place on the merits of the project and in particular, whether or not interpretation boards should be included. It was noted that Cllr J Taylor had some of the roundels in his possession, so it may not be necessary to purchase any new ones.

Resolved: To grant full approval of the scheme as detailed on the form except for the interpretation boards, and to omit the purchase of new roundels to take account of those in Cllr Taylor's possession.

Min 131 Lascelles Hall General Grant Application

Members noted the rules covering the scheme and the latest finance statement, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Members considered the application for £5,000 towards the cost of building a new clubhouse, noting that only £45,000 of the £150,000 needed had been raised so far. Members discussed the application and the implications on the Council's general grant budget.

Resolved: Whilst members were minded to support the application, the decision was deferred until the Club can show evidence that the remaining funds required have been secured.

Cllrs T Moores and J Paxton left the meeting.

Min 132 Funding for the Lepton Christmas Lights

A verbal report was provided on the project to install lights over the shops in Lepton Square. Members considered submitting an application to the Kirklees Almondbury members Local Project Fund to cover the installation costs.

Resolved: To make an application to the Fund to cover the installation costs.

Min 133 Denby Dale and Kirkburton Archive Website

Members noted the written report about the website including information on the opportunity to upgrade the site and the costs involved. A proposal was made to continue with the website, agree the increase in the annual cost and contribute 10% of the one-off cost. A recorded vote on the proposal was taken with the following result:

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, A Cooper, D Hardcastle, D Knight, A Munro, P Taylor and C Walters.

Against: Cllrs B Armer, R Bray, J Cowan, B Smith, J Spivey and J Taylor.

Abstentions: Cllrs P Cunnington, S Duffy and M Wheelhouse.

Resolved: To continue with the website, agree the increase in the annual cost and contribute 10% of the one-off cost.

Min 134 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. They were asked to note the dates for her annual leave.

Min 135 Agenda Items

No agenda items were requested.

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