

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Burton Village Hall, Highburton on Thursday, 2 September 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Bray, A Cooper, J Cowan, P Cunnington, S Duffy, D Knight, A Munro, J Paxton, B Smith, J Spivey, P Taylor and M Wheelhouse.
Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min 61 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Booth, P Brook, T Moores, C Myles, J Roebuck and J Taylor. Cllr R Burton and C Walters were absent.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a 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 Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93180 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest in MW Planning, as he knows one of the staff members.

Cllr Cunnington declared an interest in MW Planning, as he knows one of the staff members.

Cllr Hardcastle declared interests in Planning Appls 21/93260 and 21/93366, as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Knight declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93135 as he knows the applicant, and the property is next door to his own.

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. She also declared an interest in MW Planning, as she knows one of the staff members.

Min 62 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council.

Min 63 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 64 Civic Appointments

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

Min 65 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2021, subject to the removal of the word 'substitute' from Cllr Armer's declaration of interest, and the reference to approved planning applications (Mins 42 and 48 refer).

Min 66 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 2, 9, 16 and 23 August.

There was no comment on the following applications:

21/92953 Lascelles Hall; 21/92972 Kirkheaton; 21/93032 Highburton;
21/93043 Stocksmoor; 21/93062 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 21/93064 Shepley;
21/93135 Kirkburton; 21/93144 Shepley; 21/93166 Kirkheaton; 21/93180 Fenay Bridge (Thurstonland/FT ward); 21/93188 Colne Bridge (Kirkheaton ward); 21/93207 Kirkheaton;
21/93244 Shepley; 21/93253 Shelley; 21/93260 Kirkburton; 21/93276 Shepley;
21/93277 Shepley; 21/93300 Thurstonland; 21/93339 Little Lepton (GM ward); 21/93366 Kirkburton (Thurstonland/FT ward); 21/93367 Kirkburton (Thurstonland/FT ward);
21/93375 Shelley and 21/93414 Overton (GM ward).

Min 67 Planning Application 2021/92527 on land off Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.

Members considered the application for the erection of 38 dwellings, formation of access, public space, attenuation and associated infrastructure.

Resolved: To object to the proposed development on the grounds of a) too close proximity to Syngenta and against the Health & Safety Executive's advice; b) the removal of trees, which is contrary to Kirklees Council's Emergency Climate Change policy; c) removal of the marshland at the bottom of the site would disturb the great crested newts and bats. To request that a wildlife assessment is carried out before any decision on the application is taken.

Min 68 Planning Applications 21/92969, 21/93006 and 21/93007 at Yew Tree Farm, adjacent to 63 The Village Farnley Tyas

Members considered the above three applications for a) Demolition of agricultural buildings within a Conservation Area; Conversion of existing barn to form 8 dwellings, erection of 10 dwellings, demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and associated works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area) and Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing barn to form 8 dwellings, erection of 10 dwellings, demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and associated works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area).

Resolved: To object to all three applications on the following grounds: removal of mature trees, encroachment on the Green Belt, over development, it is detrimental to visual and residential amenity. Also to object to the two north-easterly entrances being used as a construction site access during the development and to request that the Public Right of Way Kir 59/10 is not obstructed or used for site access or parking. Should the application be approved, the Council asked for operating hours to be included within the conditions, and for them to be enforced.

Min 69 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£4,460.83 including £165.00 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Min 70 Police Presence in Local Villages

Members discussed the issue of the Police the reduction of patrols in the local villages, and also the lack of PCSO's.

Resolved: To invite Chief Inspector Alan Travis to a future Council meeting to discuss the subject, and to ask how often the villages are patrolled.

Min 71 Chicane on Barnsley Road in Flockton

Verbal reports were received on the increase in traffic volume passing through the chicane and the number of motorists who were failing to give way at that point, leading to road rage incidents.

Resolved: To request Kirklees Highways to review traffic management through Flockton.

Min 72 YLCA Training Sessions

Members noted the training sessions available.

Resolved: To grant the Clerk delegated authority to book places for members, who notified her of their requests.

Min 73 Casual Vacancy in Kirkheaton

The Clerk updated members of the situation and informed them that the deadline for requesting an election was 9 September 2021.

Min 74 NALC Event: Making Rural Housing More Sustainable

Members noted the information.

Min 75 Consultation on a National Resilience Strategy

Members noted the information.

Min 76 Small Groups Emergency Grants (Covid)

Members considered granting the Management & Finance Committee delegated authority to decide whether or not to extend the grant stream for a further period, so that if the decision is taken to accept further applications, the forms and information could be made available to eligible groups without delay.

Resolved: To grant delegated authority to the Management & Finance Committee to decide whether or not to extend the grant stream for a further period.

Min 77 Laneside Quarry in Kirkheaton

Members noted that the new owners of the quarry did not appear to be adhering to the conditions included in the planning permission.

Resolved: To request that Kirklees Planning Services take enforcement action against the owners of the quarry with regard to the non-compliance of the planning conditions.

Min 77 Laneside Quarry in Kirkheaton (Cont'd)

It was reported that the planning permission granted 20 years ago, authorised the removal of a large number of mature trees, which is contrary to Kirklees Council's current climate

emergency policies, and the trees are now home to protected species. Members noted the YLCA advice circulated with the meeting papers on the subject of lodging a request to have planning permission reviewed.

Resolved: To refer the above matter to the Environment & Climate Change Committee for further consideration.

Min 78 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. She informed members of her annual leave arrangements.

Min 79 Agenda Items

The following agenda item was requested:

- To consider parking issues in Farnley Tyas. The member agreed to supply full details.

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