

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Burton Village Hall, Highburton on Thursday, 7 October 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair

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

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Before the meeting started the Council stood in silence for one minute and received tributes to the past Chairman, Mel Munday, who had died recently.

Min 80 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, C Myles and J Spivey. Cllr Burton apologised for his late arrival.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all of the applications, as he is a member of the Kirklees 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. He also declared an interest in Grange Moor Community Association, as he knows the members.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93784, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Munro declared an interest in all of 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 21/93644, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr P Taylor declared interests in Planning Appls 21/93722 and 21/93734, as he is a Governor of the School.

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in all of 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. He also declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93637, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Wheelhouse declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93644, as she knows the owner of the farm.

Min 81 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council.

Min 82 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 83 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Service of Welcome for the new Interim Priest in Charge and Licensing of the Associate Priest at Kirkburton Parish Church, Meltham Town Council Civic Sunday and the Kirklees Council Civic Dinner.

Min 84 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2021.

Min 85 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 2 September 2021.

Cllr Burton entered the meeting.

Min 86 Land & Property Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 9 September 2021 subject to the inclusion of the words 'Grange Moor' before 'Plot 14' at Min LP8.

Min 87 Staffing Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 30 September 2021.

Min 88 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 30 August, 6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2021.

21/93644 Erection and operation of grid-connected solar photovoltaic farm, with ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements at Low Farm, Wakefield Road, Flockton.

There were concerns that this site included the area, which had been discussed as a possible route for the Flockton Bypass. If members are minded to approve the application, the Council requested that it is subject to the erection of a fence to prevent balls causing damage to the installations.

There was no comment on the following applications:

21/93273 Lepton; 21/93385 Fenay Bridge (Thurstonland / FT ward); 21/93407 Kirkburton; 21/93452 Shelley; 21/93522 Lepton; 21/93606 Highburton; 21/93637 Farnley Tyas; 21/93647 Shelley; 21/93652 Highburton; 21/93682 Thurstonland; 21/93683 Thurstonland; 21/93697 Shelley; 21/93722 Kirkburton; 21/93723 Farnley Tyas; 21/93734 Kirkburton; 21/93774 Flockton; 21/93778 Kirkburton; 21/93784 Farnley Tyas and 21/93821 Kirkburton.

Min 89 Pre-Application Consultation on Proposed Upgrade to Existing Radio Base Station in Grange Moor

Members noted the information on the proposed upgrade at the Little Chef, Grange Moor as circulated with the agenda.

Min 90 Emergency Grant Application – Grange Moor Community Association

Members noted the rules covering the scheme and the budget statement dated 30 September 2021.

Members considered the application for £50.34 to cover the costs of replacement consumables to the defibrillator in Grange Moor.

Resolved: To award Grange Moor Community Association £50.34 to purchase the replacement consumables for the defibrillator.

Min 91 Accounts

Resolved: To note the accounts as presented (£9,011.98 including £2,433.34 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Min 92 Eco Schools Project

Members noted the information circulated with the agenda papers concerning the Eco-Schools Programme and discussed whether the Council could support it.

Resolved: To introduce a budget of £5,000 in the next financial year to fund grants of up to £500 per school (including Shelley College and King James School) to contribute towards the cost of Eco-Schools related projects.

Resolved: Schools will need to submit an application form to apply, and will not be required to provide any other documents.

Min 93 Consultation on Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Members noted the NALC Consultation (PC6-21)

Resolved: To submit the agreed response as attached.

Min 94 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Members considered whether to introduce an extra grant stream in the next financial year for community groups holding events to celebrate the occasion.

Resolved: To introduce an extra grant stream for community groups holding events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Also to request the Management & Finance Committee to consider the rules and the maximum grant to be available.

Min 95 YLCA Electronic Training Seminars

Members noted the training seminars available.

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to book places for members and staff, who wished to attend any of the seminars.

Min 96 Grants for Defibrillator Consumables

Members noted that although community groups could apply for funding, in practice it would not be possible, as the purchases had to be made immediately for the equipment to continue to operate and retrospective grants were not permitted.

Resolved: To request the Management & Finance Committee look into community-funded defibrillators and their maintenance.

Min 97 Budget Process

Members noted the process for setting the budget and precept for the next financial year, as described in the paper issued with the agenda.

Min 98 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk. She informed members of her annual leave arrangements. Members particularly noted the External Auditor's report.

Min 99 Agenda Items

The following agenda items were requested:

- To request a representative from KCS Developments to attend a meeting to present the Master Plan for the two Lepton developments.
- To receive feedback from EPIKs on the electric bike project.

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