



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting :

Held on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 19:30h

At Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0QT

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair.

Cllrs: B Armer, R Barraclough, D Black, R Bray, C Bright, P Brook, A Cooper, J Cowan, D Knight, P McGleenan, J Paxton, W Rowlands, M Sykes, J Taylor, P Taylor, A Munro and E Voyce.

Officers in attendance: Mrs L Howatson, Governance Support Officer, Kirklees Governor Clerking Service.

MIN 21: Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs M Carthy, I Carthy, C Voyce, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all planning applications as he is a member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee, and a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide 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 Cooper declared an interest in all planning applications as he is a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee and Kirklees Strategic 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 Munro declared an interest in all planning applications as she is a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee and member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee. 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 J Taylor declared an interest in all planning applications as he is a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee and Kirklees Strategic 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 Barraclough declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/62/91242E as the applicants are known to him.

Cllr Knight declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/62/91242E as the applicants are known to him.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Application numbers 2024/62/90378E and 2024/62/91528 as the applicants are known to him.

MIN 22: Public Participation

Members of the public addressed the Council before the meeting and requested to speak in relation to Planning Application number 2024/62/91242/E – Land north east of Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield HD4 6XW.

Five members of the Stocksmoor Residents Association presented their objections to the planning application and addressed their key concerns in relation to the developer, traffic issues and highway safety, access, sustainable development, environmental and wildlife issues and ecological issues.

Cllr Armer congratulated all five speakers for raising their objections. He commended them on their commitment to their community and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Cllr Taylor advised that he is Ward Councillor and advised that, if the application does escalate, he would take it to committee determination to insist that a site visit be conducted.

The Chairman thanked all speakers and members of the public for attending the meeting.

MIN 23: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in public session.

Resolved: to bring forward the discussion of planning application 2024/62/91242/E – Land north east of Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield HD4 6XW.

Cllr Barraclough put forward his proposal to object to planning application number 2024/62/91242/E – Land north east of Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield HD4 6XW. Cllr Barraclough's proposal to object to the planning application was based on the following key areas: highways, environmental impact, sewer capacity, inappropriate development, residential amenity.

Resolved: to accept Cllr Barraclough's observations and submit his comments to Kirklees Council Planning Department.

Cllr Armer wished it to be noted that he abstained from the vote.

MIN 24: Civic Appointments

The Chair advised members that he had attended two civic appointments.

Highburton Sing

Funding had been provided to allow Highburton Sing to present their first sing in over 55 years. The Chair expressed his thanks to Cllrs Taylor and Eastwood for all of their support.

Kirkburton Open Gardens

The Chair attended the Kirkburton Open Gardens event. Singers and bands performed at the event, making it a very enjoyable event. Monies were raised for various charities and events.

MIN 25: Minutes/Matters Arising

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 May 2024, subject to the below amendments.

- (a) Declarations of Interest (Minute 4 refers)
Cllr Armer is a member of Kirklees' Strategic Planning Committee. Cllr Armer is a reserve member of the Kirklees' District-Wide Planning Committee
- (b) Declarations of Interest (Minute 4 refers)
Cllr Taylor is a reserve member of the Kirklees' Strategic Planning Committee, and a reserve member of the Kirklees' District-Wide Planning Committee.
- (c) Staffing Committee (Minute 7 refers)
Cllr Armer was elected as councillor on the Staffing Committee.

MIN 26: Plans

Members considered the Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 27 May, 3, 10, 17 and 24 Jun, 1 July 2024 as well as Application 2024/62/91242/E Land north east of, Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield HD4 6XW.

2023/62/93401/E Kirkburton, 2024/4490378/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/62/91488/W, Kirkheaton, 2024/62/91268/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/65/91505/E Thurstonland, 2024/62/91528/E Shelley, 2024/TND/91582/E Kirkburton, 2024/44/91600/E Highburton, 2024/62/91202/E Shepley, 2024/62/91241/E Newett Homes, 2024/CLD/91535/W Fenay Bridge, 2024/62/01605/E Far Bank, Shelley, 2024/62/91444/W Riley Lane, Kirkburton, 2024/62/91585/E Paul Lane, Flockton, 2024/44/91698/E Barnsley Road, Flockton, 2024/44/91744/E Abbey Road, Shepley, 2024/62/91680/W Heaton Moor Road, Kirkheaton, 2024/62/91683/W Wellhouse Lane, Kirkheaton, 2024/62/91728/E, Mead Way, Highburton, 2024/TNA/91790/E Hall Lane, Highburton, 2024/44/91798/E Crawshaw Lane, Flockton, 2024/TNH/91819/W Station Court, Fenay Bridge, 2024/TWACA/91767/E Northwood Park, Kirkburton, 2024/62/91788/W Highroyd, Lepton, 2024/62/91826/W The Courtyard, Fenay Bridge, 2024/62/91676/E Town Gate, Highburton, 2024/62/91731/E, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton.

It was noted that 2023/62/93401/E had been added to the list in error. It was noted that Planning Application number 2024/44/91499/E did not appear on the list.

2024/62/91202/E

Cllr Taylor raised his concerns over the proposed building of 4/5 bed homes. The proposed size of the properties was inappropriate and he would object on the grounds of over-densification of the site.

2024/CLD/91535/W

Concerns were raised of a certificate of lawfulness. It was planned to use the property for the provision of care to children with special educational needs. Staff parking for a number of staff would interfere with the line of sight to the highway.

Resolved: to accept councillor's observations and submit their comments to Kirklees Council Planning Department.

MIN 27: Accounts

Resolved: to approve the accounts for June 2024.

MIN 28: Online Banking

Cllr Taylor spoke about the challenges in trying to set up telephone banking and the requirement for signatories. Online banking was considered to be much easier to do, but online banking could not be set up until telephone banking was arranged. Cllr Taylor proposed just one signatory be required for payments. Discussions took place regarding the advantages and disadvantages of having one and two signatories for payments.

Resolved: to have two signatories for payments to be made in excess of £1,000.

MIN 29: Correspondence and Information

Cllr Cowan advised that the Neighbourhood Plans committee would take place after the September council meeting.

The Chair advised that a letter had been received from Kirkburton Sing who thanked the council for helping them to fund their event.

Cllr P Taylor raised the issue of notices on the office window that state that the office is open Monday and Thursday. Cllr J Taylor suggested taking the notice down, and replace it with a notice which provided members of the public with a telephone contact number, should no-one be available to speak to.

Cllr Smith wished to express his thanks to Cllr Cowan for all the work and effort he puts in to the job of Temporary Clerk to the Kirkburton Parish Council.

The Chair advised that Cllr Paxton had formally submitted his resignation as Parish Councillor with effect as and from 11 July 2024. The Chair thanked Cllr Paxton for his commitment to the council over the years. On behalf of all council members, Cllr J Taylor presented Cllr Paxton with some gifts to convey their appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the service of the council.

MIN 30: Agenda Items

No items were requested.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:00h.