



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 3 October 2024 at 19:30h

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

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair.

Cllrs: B Armer, D Black, R Bray, C Bright, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, J Cowan, D Knight, P McGleenan, B Smith, M Sykes, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Voyce, E Voyce, C Walters, M Wheelhouse.

Officers in attendance: J Battye, Minute Clerk, Kirklees Governor Clerking Service.

MIN 55: Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Barraclough, I Carthy, M Carthy, A Munro and W Rowlands.

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 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 J Taylor declared an interest in Planning Application numbers 2024/TWACA/92410/E and 2024/TWA/92401/E as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr C Bright declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/TWA/92401/E as the applicants were known to her.

Cllr P Taylor declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/TWACA/92410/E as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr R Bray declared an interest in Planning Application numbers 2024/62/92662/E and 2024/TWACA/92745/E as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr M Sykes declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/TWACA/92410/E as the applicants were known to her.

Cllr J Cowan declared an interest in Planning Application numbers 2024/TWA/92401/E and 2024/TNA/92639/E as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr M Wheelhouse declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/44/92554/E as the applicants were known to her.

Cllr C Voyce declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/44/92554/E as the applicants were known to her.

Cllr E Voyce declared an interest in Planning Application number 2024/44/92554/E as the applicants were known to him.

MIN 56: Public Participation

Mrs Pauline Coomber addressed the Council in relation to Biodiversity. Mrs Coomber referred to discussions that had taken place previously and felt that twelve months on, the same concerns still existed. Councillors were asked to read the guidance published by the Government to remind themselves of their duties and then consider in full consciousness what action needed to be taken to address the concerns in relation to biodiversity.

Councillors did not have any questions in relation to this matter, and the Chair thanked Mrs Coomber for coming to the meeting and raising her concerns.

MIN 57: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in public session.

MIN 58: Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended three civic appointments.

The Chairman, Vice-Chair and the Clerk had visited the nature area at Shelley which the Conservation and Environment Group had been working on. The area had been created in commemoration of the King's Coronation and to shine a spotlight on the nature within the community. This was a good example of what the benefits of biodiversity could bring to an area and Councillors were encouraged to visit.

The Chairman had officially opened the new Morrisons Local, which had recently opened in the village, and it was pleasing to see that there was a lot of interest in the new store.

The Chairman had also attended the Mirfield Civic Reception. The Mayor of Kirklees and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Dr Manoj Joshi MBE were also in attendance. Dr Joshi was awarded the MBE for his public services during the Covid pandemic.

Cllr Cowan had represented the Chair at the Meltham Town Civic Service and reported that this had been a fantastic event.

MIN 59: Minutes / Matters Arising

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 September 2024.

MIN 60: Committee Minutes

Resolved: to agree and adopt the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plans Committee held on 5 September 2024.

Resolved: to agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants and Community Projects Committee held on 19 September 2024.

MIN 61: Plans

Council members considered the Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 2 September 2024, 9 September 2024, 16 September 2024 and 23 September 2024.

- 2024/TWACA/92344/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/TWACA/92409/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWACA/92410/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWACA/92412/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/65/92421/E Thurstonland, 2024/70/92497/W Fenay Bridge, 2024/44/92500/E Kirkburton, 2024/44/92536/W Fenay Bridge
- 2024/TWA/92400/E Shepley, 2024/TWA/92401/E Shepley, 2024/TNA/92406/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWA/92420/E Shelley, 2024/TWACA/92424/E Kirkburton, 2024/62/92491/E Flockton, 2024/64/92538/E Kirkburton, 2024/70/92549/E Shepley, 2024/44/92554/E Grange Moor, 2024/62/92558/E Shelley, 2024/HHPD/92572/E Shelley, 2024/CLAA/92573/E Shelley
- 2024/62/92503/E Kirkburton, 2024/TNA/92518/E Shepley, 2024/62/92605/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/TNA/92639/E Shepley, 2024/62/92662/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWA/92604/W Lascelles Hall
- 2024/44/92686/E Shelley, 2024/62/92699/E Kirkburton, 2024/62/92709/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWACA/92714/E Kirkburton, 2024/TWACA/92745/E Farnley Tyas, 2024/TWACA/92788/E Farnley Tyas

In relation to 2024/44/92500/E Kirkburton, concern was raised that, as this was development on land which was near to what will be a local nature reserve, if a caravan was to be put on this land it would be desirable for it to be screened off.

In relation to 2024/TNA/92406/E Kirkburton, a query was raised in relation to this application being shown as granted but that the same application appeared again as 2024/TWACA/92714/E Kirkburton which was rejected. It was clarified that the applications were related to work on trees and that separate applications had been made as there was more than one tree.

In relation to 2024/64/92538/E Kirkburton, Cllr Taylor objected to the planning application on the grounds of the erection of an illuminated sign on the redevelopment of a listed building was inappropriate.

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

Cllr Armer requested that it was noted in the minutes that he had abstained from both the discussion and the decision on this application.

MIN 62: Accounts

A query was raised in relation to there being two payments for exactly the same amount in relation to the maintenance of Kirkheaton churchyard. It was confirmed that this was not a duplication and that two separate maintenance jobs had taken place in different months.

Resolved: to approve the accounts for September 2024.

One abstention was declared.

MIN 63: Representative on Voluntary Bodies 2024-2025

It was noted that there were two vacancies for representatives on the Thornhill Charity body and that Mr J Paxton would remain as one of the representatives. Cllr E Voyce was nominated as the Council representative for Thornhill Charity and Walker and Greenwood Educational Trust.

Resolved: that Mr Paxton and Cllr Voyce would be the representatives for Thornhill Charity and Cllr Voyce would also be the representative for Walker and Greenwood Educational Trust.

MIN 64: Flockton Ward Vacancy

Councillors noted that the date for the Election for a Parish Councillor for the Flockton Ward was 17 October 2024. The Chair asked Council members to consider that, rather than holding an election for future vacancies which would cost approximately £6500, a co-opted process would be a better solution with the vacancy being filled by the relevant political party. This would mean that the money saved could be divided up as part of the Councillors' annual village improvement project allocation so that more good could be done in communities.

MIN 65: Biodiversity

Members noted the public request which had been heard earlier in the meeting. Guidance from the Government had been issued in May 2023 and all public bodies had a duty to consider biodiversity.

Resolved: that Biodiversity should be added to the agenda for the next Land and Property Sub-Committee and Councillors should submit a list of the work being done in their village so that a review can take place of whether statutory duty had been met.

MIN 66: Correspondence and Information

Council members noted that the next Financial Management Committee would take place on 29 October 2024 at 7.30 pm. The meeting would take place at Shepley Library as the Village Hall was not available on this date.

Council members noted that the next full Parish Council meeting would take place on 7 November 2024 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall.

MIN 67: Agenda Items

No additional items were requested. Members were reminded that the deadline for agenda items was 24 October 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.45h.