



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 3 April 2025 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, R Burton (19:38h), I Carthy, M Carthy, A Cooper, J Cowan, D Knight, P McGleenan, A Munro, D Pearson, W Rowlands, B Smith, M Sykes, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Voyce, E Voyce, C Walters, M Wheelhouse.

Officers in attendance: Ms A Greenwood and Ms E Booth.

MIN 109: Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Walters.

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 in planning application 2025/62/90469.

Cllr Bray in planning application 2025/44A/90824 and 25/65/90554.

Cllr Cowan in planning application 25/65/90554.

Cllr J Taylor in planning application 25/65/90554 and 25/TND/90754.

Cllr P Taylor in planning application 25/TND/90754.

Cllr C Voyce in planning application 2025/62/90750.

Cllr Wheelwright in planning application 2025/62/90750.

Cllr Burton arrived at 19:38h.

MIN 110: Public Participation

Trustee and secretary of Yetton Together Lorna Idle and Kirkheaton "Home from Home" Dementia Champion Jean Broscombe addressed the Council to thank members for the continued funding support they have received through parish council grants. Lorna Idle reported that Yetton Together now has over eighty volunteers, and thirty groups use the Kirkheaton Community Centre. The charity group hopes to be able to submit applications for Village Improvement Grants and General Grants in the future.

Chairman Cllr Hardcastle thanked Lorna Idle and Jean Broscombe for attending the meeting.

MIN 111: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in the public session.

MIN 112: Introduction of New Clerk, Alexandra Greenwood (Alex)

New Parish Clerk Alex Greenwood introduced herself to the Council and gave a brief account of her background and experience in the parish council sector.

MIN 113: Civic Appointments

Chairman Cllr Hardcastle reported that he had attended the Saddleworth Ball and also travelled down to visit Fattorinis in Birmingham with Cllr Smith on a matter concerning improvements to the chairman's chains of office.

MIN 114: Minutes/Matters Arising

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 March 2025.

MIN 115: Plans

Council members considered the planning applications for the weeks commencing 3, 10, 17 March 2025.

- 2025/62/90469/E - 3 Park Mews, Farnley Tyas

Resolved: to object to the above application on the grounds of visual amenity.

There were no comments on the following applications:

- 2025/CLD/90494/E - 19 Shelley Lane, Kirkburton
- 2025/TWACA/90565/E - Rear of 193 to 197, Penistone Road, Kirkburton
- 2025/44/90610/W - Penistone Road, Rowley Lane, Fenay Bridge
- 2025/62/90531/E - 52 Station Road, Shepley
- 2025/62/90561/E - 7 Park Avenue, Shelley
- 2025/62/90563/W - 7 Thorgrow Close, Fenay Bridge
- 2025/TWACA/90650/E - 22B North Road, Kirkburton
- 2025/44/90701/E - 6 Garner Lane, Kirkburton
- 2025/70/90619/W - Land adj, New House Farm, Round Hill Lane, Upper Heaton
- 2025/62/90686/E - 27 Mead Way, Highburton
- 2025/TND/90754/E - 22 North Road, Kirkburton

Cllr J Taylor left the room.

There was no comment on the following application.

- 2025/65/90554/E- 14 Station Road, Shepley.

Cllr J Taylor returned to the room.

There were no comments on the following applications:

- 2025/62/90590/W - adj, 115 Lascelles Hall Road, Lascelles Hall
- 2025/62/90736/W - 5 Station Court, Fenay Bridge
- 2025/62/90750/E - Crow Nest Farm, Crawshaw Lane, Flockton
- 2025/TWA/90804/E - 26 Manor Grange, Shepley
- 2025/44A/90824/E - Yew Tree Farm, 63 The Village, Farnley Tyas

Council also heard an update on the Storthes Hall Student Village redevelopment.

MIN 116: Plans - Storthes Hall

Resolved: to resubmit the Parish Council's comment on planning application 2023/60/93667 to the Kirklees Planning department as soon as possible.

MIN 117: Accounts

Cllr Cowan reported that the stated employment cost included the net salaries of employees, employer's NI and related pensions costs, and that the figure could change when the payments are reckoned. He also explained that Business Stream, the Scottish Water company that provides the allotment water for Shepley allotments, had mistakenly credited a substantial amount of money to the Parish Council's account, and that this matter had been rectified.

Resolved: to approve the March/April 2025 payment schedules.

MIN 118: Correspondence and Information

Cllr Cowan updated the Council on the following meeting dates, all to be held at Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0QT at 19:30h.

- Extraordinary Council Meeting: 10 April 2025.
- Land & Property Committee Meeting: 10 April 2025 (following Extraordinary Council Meeting on the same date)
- Management & Property Committee Meeting: 17 April 2025.
- Staffing Committee Meeting: 24 April 2025.

The deadline for meeting agenda items is eight clear days before the meeting date.

The Council heard that former parish councillor for the Lepton ward, Peter Cunningham, had recently lost his wife Betty.

Resolved: to send a card of condolence to Peter Cunningham.

Cllr P Taylor also reported to the Council that the Friends of Storthes Hall Woods group has been inactive for some years and wishes to return the remainder of its start-up grant, approximately £95, back to the parish council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cowan for his work and support as the temporary clerk since April 2024.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:10h.