



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 7 August 2025 at 19:30h

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

Present: Cllr Cowan in the Chair.

Cllrs: B Armer, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, A Munro, W Rowlands, B Smith, M Sykes, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Voyce, C Walters, M Wheelhouse.

Officers in attendance: Ms A Greenwood

MIN 42: Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Barraclough, C Bright, I Carthy, M Carthy, D Knight, D Pearson and E Voyce.

MIN 43: Declarations of Interest

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.

Councillors Cowan, J Taylor and Munro declared an interest in item 10 as the agent was known to them.

All councillors declared an interest in planning application 91784 as the applicants were fellow parish councillors.

Councillor Bray declared an interest in application 91902 as the applicant was known to him.

Councillor Hardcastle declared an interest in application 91993 as he was a regular at the establishment.

Councillor Munro an interest in applications 90049 as it was a local primary school and 91837.

Councillor J Taylor declared an interest in application 91797 as the applicant was known to him.

Councillor P Taylor declared an interest in application 91908 and 91972 as the applicants were known to him.

MIN 44: Public participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

MIN 45: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in the public session.

Councillors C Voyce and Wheelhouse arrived at 19:39h.

MIN 46: Civic appointments

The Chairman reported that he had been invited to the Kirklees Mayor's Civic Service, but neither he nor Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hardcastle, were able to attend. The Chairman was also unable to attend the funeral of Councillor Black; Councillor Munro attended the funeral as a colleague and as a member of the Parish Council.

The Chairman stated that he had also been invited to the Meltham Civic Service on 14 September 2025 and the Big Community Celebration on 8 November 2025.

MIN 47: Minutes

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 July 2025.

MIN 48: Committee minutes

Resolved: to agree and adopt the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting on 10 July 2025.

Resolved: to agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants and Community Projects Committee meeting on 29 July 2025

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MIN 49: Accounts

Councillor J Taylor informed the Council that the NJC pay deal had come through for the Council's employees and the rise was 3.2%, less than the 5% Council had budgeted for 2025/26.

Resolved: to note the accounts for July 2025.

Resolved: to authorise the accounts for August 2025.

Resolved: to authorise the Q1 2025/26 bank reconciliation.

MIN 50: Kirklees Council Community Governance Review – Cllr J Taylor

Cllr J Taylor gave a verbal report about the upcoming Community Governance Review at Kirklees Council and suggested that the Council put in a request for Kirklees Council officers to come and speak to the Council about the Review in November 2025.

Councillors J Cowan, A Munro and J Taylor left the room at 19:50h in advance of item 10.

MIN 51: Laneside Community Trust Committee – Cllr B Armer

Resolved: for Councillor Hardcastle to take the Chair.

Resolved: to suspend Standing Order 7 so that a previous decision can be re-examined within six months of resolution.

Resolved: that Council, having taken account of the current circumstances, confirms the nomination of Cllr Walters to the Laneside Trust Committee. She was elected to this council by the voters of Kirkheaton to represent them, and they knew her political viewpoint at the time, and was then nominated by this Council to represent both the council and the village of Kirkheaton on this committee. Should any consequent action by the site operator cause that committee to cease to exist or function effectively, the Clerk is authorised to lodge complaint with Kirklees Planning officers regarding a potential breach of Part 6 of the relevant Section 106 Agreement.

Councillors J Cowan, A Munro and J Taylor returned to the room at 20:07h.

MIN 52: Kirklees proposal for weight limits in Flockton – Cllr A Cooper

Resolved: that the Council supports the introduction of Automatic Numberplate Recognition Cameras to enforce weight limits in Flockton as part of the new Moving Traffic Offences enforcement in Kirklees.

MIN 53: Plans

Councillors considered the plans of 30 June to 3 August 2025.

Councillors J Taylor and P Taylor left the room in advance of application 91784.

Resolved: to request for application 91784 that the shipping container be coloured or painted to blend in with the countryside.

Councillors J Taylor and P Taylor returned to the room.

Resolved: to object to application 92125 on the grounds that the development should be built in the materials stated in the original planning application.

Resolved: to request for historic application 91698 that the applicants preserve the hedge around the perimeter.

MIN 54: Correspondence and information

Resolved: that the Clerk should thank The Banks Group for their correspondence.

MIN 55: Clerk's report

Resolved: to accept the report from the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:43h.