

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30 pm

These minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the Council meeting on 2nd February 2012.

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, N Berry, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, S Triggs, C Whittingham and B Wightman

Officers in attendance: Mr R Dalby (KMC), Mrs R Perry, Mrs A Royle and Mrs Wilkins (KMC).

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Dunford, K Dunn, M Pitts and M Sykes, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**208 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Absent: Cllrs M Atkinson and H Barraclough.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr R Barraclough in Farnley Tyas Estates, as it is his employer; Cllr D Hardcastle in planning application number 93336 as he knows the applicant.

A member of the public addressed the Council on the proposed wind turbines to be erected in Shelley.

209 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

**210 Admission of the
Public**

Members received a detailed verbal report from Mr Rob Dalby, Kirklees Environmental Protection Manager on the proposed introduction of Dog Control Orders in the Parish. These will cover dog fouling, dogs to be kept on leads at all times, dogs on leads on request in the 5 principal Kirklees Council parks and dog exclusion areas (play areas, school grounds and associated areas)

211 Dog Control Orders

Resolved: To strongly support the proposal.

It was reported that the Chairman had attended a Carol Service at Whitworth Town Council.

**212 Chairman's
Appointment**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1st December 2011 as a true record.

213 Council Minutes

Resolved: To agree the notes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011 as an accurate record.

214 K9 Clean Up Team

Resolved: To call the working party the K9 Clean Up Team.

Resolved: To contact Environmental Services, the Dog Warden and Keep Britain Tidy to obtain further information and take advice on all issues concerned with the project.

Resolved: That Councillors will consult with their local electorate to identify the locations which would best benefit from a waste bag dispenser and will let the Administrative Support Officer know.

Resolved: To produce an information leaflet, write an article to be printed in as many village magazines as possible and to obtain details of the magazines and editor's contacts.

Resolved: To defer action on the sponsorship issue.

Resolved: To run a school competition to produce a poster with the rules as detailed in the meeting notes.

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Resolved: 2011/93121 *Old Health Centre, Long Lane, Shepley* To delegate the Clerk to put a comment to Planning Services after consultation with all Shepley Councillors. **215 Plans**

Resolved: 2011/93093 *land at Abbey Road, Shepley* To delegate the Clerk to put a comment to Planning Services after consultation with all Shepley Councillors.

Resolved: 2011/93391 *North Park Ltd, Plots 3 & 4, Blakeman Hill Farm, Lepton* To defer this planning application to the February Council meeting to allow Councillors time to view the site.

Resolved: 2011/93382 *Wood View Barn, Manor Road, Farnley Tyas* To approve the installation of double glazing which is sympathetic to the age of the building and its location in order to conserve energy and in line with policies on climate change.

2011/93166 *Aerotek Ltd, 263 Barnsley Road, Flockton Lepton* The Council strongly approved this application. To request that the final decision is taken as soon as possible to enable the applicant to take advantage of the higher feed-in tariff rate.

2011/93194 *Manor Mill, 25 Linfit Lane, Kirkburton* The Council approved the application providing there is a condition in the permission requiring the developer to bring the existing access road up to the standard required for adoption by the Highways Authority.

There was no comment on the following applications:

93065 Fenay Bridge; 93124 Fenay Bridge; 93159 Stocksmoor; 93165 Kirkheaton; 93174 Shelley; 93187 Highburton; 93192 Fenay Bridge; 93193 Fenay Bridge; 93203 Lepton; 93215 Lepton; 93217 Lepton; 93221 Shelley; 93230 Lepton; 93242 Kirkburton; 93279 Lepton; 93298 Thurstonland; 93300 Kirkburton; 93336 Kirkburton; 93377 Shelley; 93381 Farnley Tyas

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

216 Planning Appeals

Members received a verbal report from the meeting held on 29th November 2011 and discussed the possibility of forming a committee to consider neighbourhood plans.

217 Kirklees Planning Liaison Meeting

Resolved: To put this item on a future Council meeting agenda for further discussion.

Members noted the consultation on review of priorities for Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) applications as presented.

218 Consultation on DMMO applications

Members considered correspondence received from Assent Planning Consultancy offering a free seminar on the changes to the planning system and how it will affect the Parish Council.

219 Seminar on Planning

Resolved: To invite Mr Andy Rushby of Assent Planning Consultancy to deliver a free seminar to the Council on changes to the planning system.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£3,530.46).

220 Accounts

Members noted the proposed cuts to the fire cover in the Parish Council area and had a lengthy discussion.

221 West Yorkshire Fire Brigade

Resolved: To request the consultation period be extended so a comment may be submitted.

Resolved: The Clerk to submit a comment to the Chief Fire Officer saying the Parish Council is unhappy with the lack of consultation regarding the cuts to this essential service.

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Members noted the threats to some of the libraries within the Parish Council area and considered making representations to Kirklees Council in support of the local library services. It was noted that discussions are currently on-going within several villages in the Parish Council area and it was not feasible to make a comment at this particular time until these discussions have taken place.

222 Local Libraries

Resolved: To put on the February Council meeting agenda when local discussions have taken place.

Members also noted the inquiry being carried out by the Culture, Media & Sport Committee requesting the Parish Council's views on the provision of library services and the impact of library closures.

Resolved: To submit a response to the Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee strongly objecting to Government cuts in funding, which is leading to library closures.

Members considered a request from a member of the public to plant an oak tree in memory of a family member. The family will pay for the cost of the tree.

223 Kirkheaton Churchyard

Resolved: To grant the request to plant the tree providing it is planted in an appropriate place given how large it will eventually grow.

Members considered electing members onto the following Committees:

224 Committee Membership & Council Representation on Voluntary Bodies

Discipline & Grievance Committee (2 members)

Grants & Community Projects Committee (2 members: 1 Kirkburton & 1 Shepley)

Staffing Committee (1 member)

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association (2 Kirkburton members)

RDPE/Local Initiative Group (1 member)

LIG Kirkburton walkers Are Welcome Sub-Committee (1 member)

Dog Fouling & Litter Prevention Working Party (2 members)

Resolved: To defer this matter to the March Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk updated members on the situation. There have been requests for by-elections in Kirkburton and Shepley which will take place on Thursday 16th February 2012. The Clerk reported that the Elections Officer was supplying an information sheet to prospective candidates which outlines the roles and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor. Additional information can also be found on both the Kirklees and Parish Council websites.

225 Casual Vacancies

Members considered making adjustments to the meetings due to be held on 16th February. This is the date when the bye-election will be held.

226 February Meeting Dates

Resolved: To cancel the meetings due to be held on 16th February 2012.

The Clerk gave a verbal report to members on the SLCC Annual Conference that she had attended. She attended seminars covering a range of topics including the New Code on Data Transparency; publication schemes; planning regulations and neighbourhood plans and tourism. The Clerk also reported that she is to take up the role of the NEC representative for West Yorkshire, a role that lasts for 4 years.

227 SLCC Annual Conference

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Members received an update on Twitter and noted that the Parish Council now has 30 followers. Members were encouraged to use Twitter if they did not already do so and guide people to the new website. It was noted that the Clerk will tweet Council minutes.

228 Twitter / New Website

Resolved: To put on the agenda for the February Council meeting to review progress.

Members also received an update from the Clerk on the new website and it was noted that good progress is being made. Members also noted that the Kirklees website is out of date and Councillors details are incorrect.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Carl Whistlecraft at Kirklees to try to get the Kirklees website updated.

Resolved: To put the Parish Council website on the February Council agenda for a progress review.

Members considered the various means of engaging more effectively with the young people of the Parish.

229 Engagement with Young People

Resolved: To form a committee for Children and Young People in the Parish at the March Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that it is not possible to hold this meeting on a Sunday. After some discussion, members agreed to meet on any Saturday in April.

230 Meeting with Farnley Estates

Cllr Paxton reported to members that he had recently heard of the death of Cllr Thelma Karran, who was a former Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Karran had passed away some time ago but he had only just been informed of her death as she had moved away from the area. Cllr Paxton paid tributes to Cllr Karran in respect of her work and achievements both as a Kirklees Councillor and a Parish Councillor in Shepley.

231 Tribute to Cllr Thelma Karran

It was agreed that the Clerk would use delegated authority to request a new road, preferably in Shepley, be named after her. Also to put a short article about her in One Voice.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting.

232 Correspondence and Information

Members were asked to take newsletters for their villages along with the large versions for the noticeboards.

The Clerk asked members to note a road closure which had just been brought to her attention:

233 Road Closure

The junction of Rowley Lane and Wakefield Road at Lepton will be closed from 9th January for approximately 2 weeks for road works.

Cllr Paxton asked members to note that there will be a Flockton By-Pass meeting at Flockton School on Wednesday 25th January.

234 Flockton By-Pass Meeting

- Yellow planning boards which go on lamp posts and noticeboards.

235 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.