

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 4th August 2011 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Dunford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, R Beaumont, S Beresford, N Berry, R Burton, A Cooper, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, M Sykes, V White and B Wightman

Officers in attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, P Brook, P Cunnington, A Shaw, S Triggs and C Whittingham, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr Hardcastle apologised for his late arrival.

**84 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr R Barraclough in Thurstonland 1st School as he had assisted with the grant application; Cllr Sykes in the Rural Development Programme for England, as he is Chairman of the local LIG.

Cllrs Armer, Beaumont, Beresford, Berry, Burton, Cooper, Dunn, Hirst, Munro, Parsley, Paxton, Pitts, Sykes and White declared personal interests in Grange Moor allotments as they knew one of the contractors.

Cllrs Wightman and R Barraclough declared prejudicial interests in Grange Moor allotments.

There were no members of the public present.

85 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session with the exception of the Grange Moor Allotments item to be held in the private session.

**86 Admission of the
Public**

Resolved: To change the order of business and discuss Grange Moor Allotments as the next agenda item.

87 Order of Business

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.

The discussion of the following item was conducted in the private session as it concerned a contract currently being dealt with in accordance with the Council's tendering process.

**88 Grange Moor
Allotments**

Members noted the Council's lease for the allotments and the Clerk reported on the previous meeting of the Management & Finance Committee.

Resolved: To obtain professional advice and further information on the proposed works and to reconsider the issue at the October Parish Council meeting.

Cllrs R Barraclough and Wightman left the meeting.

Resolved: To defer the appointment of the contractor until the October Parish Council meeting.

Cllr R Barraclough and Cllr B Wightman returned to the meeting.

The Chairman reported she had attended the Summer Ball at Saddleworth PC.

**89 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th July 2011 as a true record.

90 Council Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Discipline & Grievance Committee meeting of 7th July 2011 as a true record.

**91 Discipline &
Grievance
Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting of 7th July 2011 as a true record.

92 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21st July 2011 as a true record.

93 Environment Committee Minutes

There was no comment on the following applications:

91801 Shelley, 91802 Lepton, 91810 Shepley, 91829 Flockton, 91846 Shepley, 91862 Kirkburton, 91865 Shelley, 91898 Fenay Bridge, 91899 Grange Moor, 91938 Shepley, 91948 Shepley and 91949 Kirkburton.

94 Plans

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

95 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£9,226.23).

96 Accounts

Cllr Robert Barraclough, in his role as Director of RDPE, gave a verbal report on the work and achievements of EPIP within the Parish area.

97 Rural Development Programme for England / EPIP

Cllr Robert Barraclough gave a verbal report on the Conference he had attended on 19th July in Sheffield.

98 NALC 1-day Conference

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the training event that she had attended with the Administrative Support Officer and three Councillors.

99 SLCC West Yorkshire Branch Training Day

Members considered the issue of planting a living tree at the junction of Lascelles Hall Road and Highfield Road, Lascelles Hall instead of purchasing one from Kirklees Council. It was noted that the tree would need to be planted in mid-November in order for it to have the best chance of survival.

100 Lascelles Hall Christmas Tree

Resolved: To order a Kirklees tree for the site this year and to consult the Lascelles Hall residents on the proposal of planting a living tree next year by producing a flyer and liaising with Kirkheaton Church, whose parish covers the area.

Members noted the invitation to a retirement event for Mr Strong of the YLCA.

101 Invitation to Retirement Event

Resolved: That the Council will be represented by the Chairman and that the entrance fee and travelling expenses will be covered by the Council, additional to the Chairman's Allowance.

Resolved: To raise Standing Order 11a, as it is less than six months since this issue was discussed and decided upon.

102 Alteration to September Meeting Dates

Members noted that the village hall was to be closed for work, week commencing 29th August, which affected the September meetings.

Resolved: To change the meeting dates to 8th and 22nd September.

Resolved: To reinstate Standing Order 11a

Members were updated on the work currently being carried out to the boundary wall in the lower area of the churchyard. The Clerk reported on the additional reinforcements required to the foundations and the additional costs involved, which had been approved by the Clerk under delegated authority after consulting with the Chairman.

103 Kirkheaton Churchyard Wall (Phase II – Walls and Path)

A report was given on urgent repair work which was required to the base of the Colne Valley Memorial, immediately adjacent to the current work to the path and small walls. The Clerk reported that she was in communication with both the Diocese and Kirklees Planning (Conservation & Design) and a meeting had been scheduled with the Conservation & Design Team Leader and the contractor at the Churchyard the following day.

Resolved: To accept this additional repair as part of the agreed work to the path and small walls in front of the memorial, and to carry it out at the same time, subject to receipt of all necessary permissions.

Cllr Sykes left the meeting.

Members considered an Environment Grant application for £1,594.60 to develop a nature study area with a pond on new land adjacent to the school, recommended for approval by the Environment Committee.

104 Thurstonland First School

Resolved: To award Thurstonland First School an Environment Grant of £1,594.60 to develop a nature study area with a pond on new land adjacent to the school.

Members considered nominating a Trustee and also considered nominating a delegate to attend the Annual General Meeting on 26th October.

105 Rural Action Yorkshire

Resolved: Not to send a delegate to the Meeting or to nominate any members to stand as Trustees.

Members noted reports from the 2 Committees covering the Parish Council area. It was noted that Town and Valley Committees will be called Area Committees in future.

106 Town and Valley Committees

Members noted the Clerk's report which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were asked to note the dates of staff annual leave. Members were also asked to note the deadlines for requesting agenda items.

107 Correspondence and Information

- CCTV on Parkside, Flockton
- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – to consider how the Parish Council might mark the occasion

108 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.