

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 6th October 2011 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Dunford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, M Atkinson, R Barraclough, R Beaumont, S Beresford, N Berry, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, S Triggs, V White, C Whittingham and B Wightman

Officers in attendance: Mr D Carre, Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, P Brook, J Hirst, A Shaw and M Sykes, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. 133 **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Cllr D Hardcastle apologised for lateness.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr B Wightman in Grange Moor allotments, as he has been involved in the discussions; Cllr J Paxton in planning application number 92512 as he knows the applicant; Cllr C Whittingham in Grange Moor allotments, as she has been involved in the discussions; Cllr R Beaumont and Cllr A Munro in the Dog Fouling Project, as this is their proposal; Cllr R Barraclough in Grange Moor allotments, as he knows the contractor, in Stocksmoor Village Association, as he has assisted with the application and Farnley Estates, as they are his employer.

There were no members of the public present. 134 **Public Participation**

Mr Duggs Carre, Area and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator for the area addressed the Council on the work of the Area Committee. 135 **Mirfield, Denby Dale & Kirkburton Area Committee**

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting during the above item.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session. 136 **Admission of the Public**

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Charity Ball at Saddleworth Parish Council and the Civic Sunday service for Holme Valley Parish Council. The Chairman was thanked for her Civic Sunday, and the Chairman reciprocated by thanking members for their support at the event. 137 **Chairman's Appointments**

The Chairman also reported that the Vice Chairman will attend Ripponden Parish Council Civic Service.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th September 2011 as a true record. 138 **Council Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting of 8th September 2011 as a true record. 139 **Staffing Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 22nd September 2011 as a true record. 140 **Environment Committee Minutes**

2011/62/92272 Erection of detached 5 bedroom dwelling on land to rear of 65 Barnsley Road, Flockton. The Council objected on highways grounds. 141 **Plans**

2011/62/92391 Erection of 4 dwellings, formation of access and parking area and demolition of conservatory and outbuilding to pub at The New Inn, Bristfield Road, Grange Moor. The Council objected on the grounds that the plot was not big enough for the development.

There was no comment on the following applications:
92313 Grange Moor, 92341 Kirkheaton, 92398 Lepton, 92404 Shelley, 92471 Fenay Bridge,
92512 Flockton and 92527 Shelley.

141 Plans (Cont'd)

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

142 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£7,712.23 including £74.40 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

143 Accounts

Members reviewed the Council's Aims and Objectives and considered a strategy for the Council over the next four years. Various amendments to the Aims & Objectives were put forward.

144 Aims & Objectives / Strategy

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Management and Finance Committee to consider and put forward recommendations to Council.

Resolved: To accept the notes of the bus tour on 11th September 2011 as an accurate record subject to Kirkheaton residents being concerned about the environment rather than property values in connection with the landfill site.

145 Parish Council Bus Tour

Members noted the information received and considered whether to proceed with the approved drainage project (Project No 2011-01). A recorded vote was taken on the proposal to proceed with the contract with the following result:

146 Grange Moor Allotments

For: Cllrs Atkinson, R Barraclough, Beresford, Berry, Burton, Cooper,
Cunnington, Dunford, Dunn, Hardcastle, Munro, Parsley, Paxton, Pitts,
Triggs, Whittingham and Wightman.
Against: Cllrs Armer and White.
Abstention: Cllr Beaumont.

Resolved: To proceed with the drainage contract as detailed in Project No 2011-01.

Resolved: To appoint Philip Davies to undertake the work on the terms and conditions notified.

Members noted the consultation and considered submitting a comment.

147 Consultation on Proposed Changes to Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

Resolved: To make the following comment: "Kirkburton Parish Council does not like the proposal but accepts that this is the only way of splitting the wards in terms of Government parameters and as such accepts the proposal".

Members considered granting full approval to Project No 2011-03 to be financed from the Environment Budget.

148 Dog Fouling Project

Resolved: To approve the project as detailed in the Project form and supporting papers.

Members considered setting up a Working Party, elected members to serve on it and discussed the Terms of Reference.

Resolved: To elect Cllrs Beaumont, Berry, Beresford, Brook, Pitts, White and the Administrative Support Officer to serve on the Working Party.

Resolved: To agree the Terms of Reference as circulated.

Resolved: To purchase 10,000 bags for distribution to public places across the Parish as recommended by the Environment Committee.

149 Dog Waste Bags

Members considered the purchase of bat boxes.

150 Bat Boxes

Resolved: To purchase up to 30 bat boxes to be installed with the landowners' permission on sites advised by Kirklees' Environment Officer as recommended by the Environment Committee.

- Members considered the environment grant application for £254.69 for the purchase of planters as recommended by the Environment Committee.
- 151 Stocksmoor Village Association**
- Resolved:** To award an environment grant of £254.69 to Stocksmoor Village Association for the purchase of planters.
- Members considered an increase from £0.40 per mile to £0.45 per mile in line with Approved Mileage Allowance Payments rates for an employee/councillor using their own car on approved Council business.
- 152 Mileage Rate**
- Resolved:** To increase the mileage rate from 0.40 pence per mile to 0.45 pence per mile in line with Approved Mileage Allowance Payments rates for an employee/councillor using their own car on approved Council business.
- Members considered the invitation from Farnley Estates to visit the land adjacent to Penistone Road and elsewhere in the Parish.
- 153 Farnley Estates**
- Resolved:** To accept the invitation subject to the date being changed so more Councillors could attend. The following Councillors expressed interest in attending:
- Cllrs Atkinson, R Barraclough, Beaumont, Beresford, Berry, Burton, Cooper, Cunnington, Dunford, Dunn, Hardcastle, Munro, Pitts, White, Whiteman and Whittingham.
- Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting. Copies of the Thurstonland Community Plan are available for Councillors to view. Members were also asked to note the deadlines for requesting agenda items.
- 154 Correspondence and Information**
- The Chairman read out a letter from Eaton Smith Solicitors, who were acting for Shelley Community Association on the sale of the village hall, which confirmed the Association wished to purchase the hall on the terms agreed on 2nd June 2011, subject to the post office provision being included within the definition of "community use". The Chairman stated that the matter would now be progressed to contract by the Council's Solicitor.
- 155 Shelley Village Hall**
- Staff Appraisal forms to assess the Clerk's performance were given out to Councillors who had been a member last year. They were requested to return the forms to Cllr R Barraclough, Line Manager, by 3rd November 2011.
- 156 Staff Appraisal**
- Cllr Atkinson requested that articles be sent to her for inclusion in One Voice
- 157 One Voice**
- Safety on the roads in Flockton following a serious road traffic accident involving a goods vehicle
- 158 Agenda Items**

The meeting then closed.