

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 7.30pm

The following minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the next meeting.

PRESENT: Cllr S Dunford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, M Atkinson, R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, R Burton A Cooper, P Cunningham, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, A Munro, L Parsley, P Pankhurst, J Paxton, R Thomas, S Triggs, C Whittingham and B Wightman.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, N Berry and M Pitts, the reasons for which were accepted. Cllr Hardcastle apologised for his late arrival.

Absent: Cllr M Sykes

**P43 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Atkinson in Planning Appl 90841 as she knows the applicant; Cllr Dunn, as his partner wrote the letter from Kirklees in respect of the Whitley Willows footpath diversion; Cllr Lumb in Planning Appl 90841 as he knows the applicant; Cllr Thomas in Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association as he is one of the Parish Council's representatives.

All members present declared a personal interest in Mrs Vanda White, as they know her personally.

The local Police attended and gave an update.

**P44 Public Participation**

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.

**Resolved:** To hold all items in the public session.

**P45 Public Admission**

**Resolved:** To move the following item forward on the agenda.

**P46 Order of Business**

Mr Stuart Wood was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a comprehensive report about the current situation with regard to the provision of broadband both in the Parish and nationally. He also made suggestions as to how improvements could be made and stressed the importance to businesses in this area of obtaining a superfast internet connection.

**P47 Broadband Coverage across the Parish**

**Resolved:** To contact Denby Dale Parish Council to request a progress report on their work in this regard, and to approach EPIP to find out if there is any funding available for this purpose.

**Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk to work in connection with members to set up a survey for the website to establish the likely take-up of superfast broadband in the Parish area.

**Resolved:** To set up a working party to work on this issue as a project, and to co-opt Mr Wood and members of Denby Dale Parish Council, if they so wish.

Mr Wood was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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Members reconsidered the environment grant application from Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association for £1,185 for hanging baskets in the light of the representations made at the previous meeting and at the request of Council. The Clerk wished it recording that she had treated KHCA in exactly the same way as every other grant applicant and had at no point issued any guarantees that the application would be successful.

**P48 Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association**

After discussion a recorded vote was taken on the proposal to award £750 to KHCA for the purchase of additional hanging baskets in Kirkburton and Highburton on the understanding that it is a one-off award.

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, Beresford, Cooper, Cunnington, Hardcastle, Hirst, Lumb, Munro, Parsley, Thomas and Triggs.

Against: Cllrs Armer, Atkinson, Brook, Dunn, Pankhurst, Paxton, Whittingham and Wightman.

Abstentions: Cllrs Burton and Dunford.

**Resolved:** To award £750 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association for the purchase of additional hanging baskets in Kirkburton and Highburton, on the understanding that it is a one-off award.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 as a true record.

**P49 Minutes**

The Clerk reported that following representations, Metro had made changes to the 262 service between Huddersfield and Kirkheaton, giving greater value for money and extending the service until 11pm. The service is being run on a “use it or lose it” basis until July 2013.

**P50 South Kirklees Bus Review (Min P38)**

*91029 and 91030 Land at Abbey Road North, Shepley. Non material amendment to previous permissions 2005/94621 and 2009/91599 for erection of 12 flats, 38 residential units and one office unit.* The Clerk was delegated to submit comments on both applications when further information had been obtained, and in consultation with the Shepley members.

**P51 Plans**

No comment was made on the following applications:

90841 Shepley; 90966 Kirkburton and 90873 Kirkburton;

**Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Cunnington to attend the Public Hearing and speak on the Parish Council’s behalf.

**P37 a) Public Footpath Diversion Order – Footpath 24, Whitley Willows in Lepton**

Members noted Kirklees Council’s statement of case and considered various points in connection with the proposed diversion.

**Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk to work with Cllr Cunnington and Cllr Dunn to produce the Parish Council’s statement of case and to submit it prior to the deadline date.

There were no further planning appeals.

**P38 b) Planning Appeals**

Verbal reports were received from various members who had attended training courses on the Council’s behalf on the subjects of neighbourhood planning and green technology.

**P39 Reports from Training Sessions**

The Clerk reported that Planning Services had contacted the Council to establish whether or not it intended to produce a neighbourhood plan and to offer Kirklees’ assistance. The Clerk reported that she had responded enthusiastically in line with previous Council decisions.

**Resolved:** To hold the sponsored walk on 23<sup>rd</sup> June to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and to follow the Lepton route of the Parish Walks series.

**P40 Sponsored Walk in June**

It was agreed that Cllr Dunford and Cllr Burton would work with the Clerk to produce sponsorship forms and any other necessary documentation.

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Members considered launching the new website. The Clerk confirmed that she was now putting up links to various documents on Twitter as they became available.

**P41 Launch of New Website**

**Resolved:** To send out a press release announcing the new website, and send a link to as many community organisations as the Council had contacts for, when it had been checked over.

Members noted the new magazine “Journal of Local Planning”.

**P42 Journal of Local Planning**

**Resolved:** Not to take out an annual subscription for the magazine, as other channels of information were available to the Council.

Members noted the following training opportunities: SLCC Branch Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> May in Sheffield; Zurich Municipal Health & Safety Seminar on 21<sup>st</sup> June in South Kirkby; SLCC Regional Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> June in York; NALC People in Action Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> September in Sheffield and SLCC National Conference from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October in Bristol.

**P43 Training Opportunities**

**Resolved:** To nominate the Clerk to attend the SLCC National Conference from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October in Bristol, and to delegate the Clerk to book places for members on any of the other courses, as required.

Members noted the Clerk’s report circulated at the meeting.

**P44 Correspondence & Information**

The Clerk reported that the first fruit & vegetable growing workshop had taken place at Grange Moor allotments, and that it had been a great success. She thanked Cllrs Barraclough, Paxton and Wightman, for their help with the practicalities.

**P45 Fruit & Vegetable Growing Workshop**

Members noted the response from Streetscene & Housing regarding the problems with the disused petrol station site in Kirkburton. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the response to the resident, who had raised the issues and to include the matter on the next Environment Committee agenda.

**P46 Disused Petrol Station in Kirkburton**

Cllr Atkinson requested further information on the Fields In Trust item.

**P47 Fields in Trust**

Members noted the information from EPIP regarding engraving the guidestoops on the Parish Walks and asked that it be referred to the Environment Committee for further consideration.

**P48 Engraving of Guidestoops**

None were requested.

**P48 Item for Future Agendas**

The meeting then closed.