

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Dunford in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, R Beaumont, N Berry, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, J Paxton, M Pitts, V White and B Wightman.

Officers in attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, L Parsley, A Shaw, M Sykes, S Triggs and C Whittingham the reasons for which were accepted.

P10 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Berry in Planning Application Nos 92595 and 92558 as he knows the applicants and also in 92641 as he is the Council's representative within this organization.

Cllr Whiteman entered the meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

P11 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

P12 Public Admission

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 22nd September 2011 as a true record.

P13 Minutes / Matters Arising

92633 *Change of use of agricultural land to form a new cemetery and associated works on land off Hey Lane, Stirley Hill, Berry Brow.* The Clerk reported on the objections previously submitted by the Council to this development on the grounds of: the geography/climate of the site, geology, narrowness of all access roads, close proximity to Castle Hill, lack of public transport.

P14 Plans

Resolved: To object to the planning application on the same grounds as the Council objected previously.

No comment was made on the following applications:

92262 Kirkburton; 92483 Shepley; 92525 Shepley; 92558 Kirkburton; 92586 Kirkburton; 92595 Shepley; 92623 Fenay Bridge; 92641 Kirkburton;

The Clerk informed members that correspondence had been received from the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the Public Path Diversion for the Public Footpath No. 24 Whitley Willows, Lepton.

P15 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To accept this item as a Planning Appeal.

Members discussed the above Public Path Diversion, which had been referred to the Secretary of State.

Resolved: That the Council exercises its right to be heard by the Planning Inspector if this is legally possible, and if so Cllr Cunnington and Cllr Dunn will represent the Council. If this proves not to be possible, to adopt the written representations procedure.

Resolved: That if the Hearing is to be held outside of the Parish Council boundary Cllr Cunnington and Cllr Dunn may claim traveling expenses.

Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Cooper entered the meeting.

Members noted and discussed the recent serious road traffic accident involving a transit van in Flockton which had been caused by the narrowness of the pavement. It was also noted that one Kirklees Councillor has already asked that HGV's be banned from using Barnsley Road in both directions. At the moment the ban is just in one direction.

Resolved: To contact the MP asking him to give support to this proposal.

Resolved: To contact the local Road Traffic Sergeant asking for statistics of misuse of weight restrictions prosecutions in the last 12 months

Resolved: To support the call to ban all HGV traffic through Flockton.

Members noted the repairs that are required at the recreation ground and considered requesting Kirklees to put the work in hand. It was noted that new wood chips had been put down but a gate was needed around the area in order to keep dogs out. Members had been informed by Kirklees that this recreation ground did not meet the criteria for a gate. However, it was noted that Lepton Recreation Ground had been highlighted by the Dog Warden as a problem area.

Resolved: To write to Kirklees requesting a gate around the area and inform local residents that the Council supports the installation of a gate. Also to respond to the member of the public informing her of the actions the Council is taking.

Members noted Clerk's report as distributed at the meeting. Poppy wreaths were given out to Councillors for laying in their villages.

No items were requested.

The meeting then closed.

**P16 Road Safety Issues
in Flockton**

**P17 Lepton Recreation
Ground**

**P18 Correspondence &
Information**

**P19 Items for Future
Agendas**