

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE
HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 11th April 2013 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair.

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, N Berry, D Bradbury, P Brook, S Dunford, R Edmunds, K Dunn, R Edmunds, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, R Thomas, S Triggs, C Whittingham and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, A Cooper, P Cunnington, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, M Pitts and Mrs A Royle

**259 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr S Beresford in planning application 90940 as he knows the applicant; Cllr N Berry in planning application 90957 as he knows the applicant; Cllr R Edmunds in any crime related issues and also in the Shelley Conservation Group item as he is a member of Shepley Conservation Group which is linked to Shelley Conservation Group; Cllr D Hardcastle in the mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust item as he is a member of the Joint Health Servicing Committee; Cllr J Paxton in the Grange Moor allotments item as he has been involved in the project; Cllr R Thomas in the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association item as he is the Parish Council representative on this group.

Cllr R Barraclough declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the KMC Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and stated that any views expressed would be of a preliminary nature with the final decision being taken at the Committee meeting when in receipt of full information.

Cllr J Hirst addressed the Council with his memories of when he met the late Baroness Thatcher who died this week.

A Shepley resident addressed the Council on the proposed wind turbine planning application for the land off Marsh Lane in Shepley.

260 Public Participation

Cllr L Parsley entered the meeting.

Resolved: To hold the meeting in public unless discussion was needed on contracts which would be held in a private session.

**261 Admission of the
Public**

The Chairman reported that he had attended Kirklees Council Civic Sunday and also attended Civic Dinners at Holme Valley and Ripponden Parish Councils.

**262 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2013 as an accurate record.

**263 Parish Council
Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 7th March 2013.

**264 Kirkheaton
Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 14th March 2013.

**265 Management &
Finance Committee
Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 21st March 2013.

**266 Environment
Committee**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Shows & Events Working Party meeting held on 21st March 2013.

**267 Shows & Events
Working Party**

Resolved: To prepare the stand with information on the Council's work and activities, organise suitable leaflets, reports and newsletters for collection by visitors.

Resolved: To hold a variety of competitions for both adults and children of varying ages, and to award a £10 garden centre voucher for the adult winner, and small prizes for the children winners.

267 Shows & Events Working Party Cont'd

Resolved: To confirm the arrangements for manning the stall, as listed in the meeting notes.

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to sort out all the detail for the Show in consultation with the Parish Council Chairman.

2013/44/90709/W Lepton Filling Station, Wakefield Road, Lepton

Discharge conditions 1-19 on previous permission 2012/92314 for demolition of existing vacant petrol station shop and erection of new shop and replacement canopy.

To write to the Planning Department requesting that the condition relating to opening hours must remain the same and the hours not be extended.

268 Plans

2013/62/90632/E land off Marsh Lane, Shepley, HD8 8AS

Installation of 1 medium scale 50Kw Endurance wind turbine on a 25m monopole mast. Council strongly objected to the application on the grounds of detrimental impact on the visual and residential amenity of the area.

2013/90884/E 95-99 Lane Head Road, Shepley

Erection of 3 no dwellings (amended house types) (within a Conservation area)

To object on Highways grounds as this proposed development is near a school on a very busy road and will also over develop the area.

2013/90885/E 95-99 Lane Head Road, Shepley

Conservation Area Consent for erection of 3 no dwellings (amended house types) (within a Conservation area)

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There was no comment on the following applications:

2013/62/90702/E Kirkburton; 2013/44/90709/W Lepton; 2013/62/90732/E Shelley; 2013/44/90750/W Fenay Bridge; 2013/62/90797/W Fenay Bridge; 2013/62/90847/E Shepley; 2013/62/90867/W Kirkheaton; 2013/62/90753/W Lascelles Hall; 2013/90849/W Lepton; 2013/90892/E Highburton; 2013/90924/E Shepley; 2013/90899/W Kirkheaton; 2013/90928/E Shelley; 2013/44/90957/E Kirkburton; 2013/62/91004/E Stocksmoor; 2013/64/91022/E Shepley; 2013/NMA/91036/E Highburton; 2013/62/90940/W Fenay Bridge; 2013/TWA/90988/W Fenay Bridge

Cllr S Triggs entered the meeting.

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting.

Members noted the pre-application consultation and had a discussion.

269 Proposed Base Station on Wakefield Road, Grange Moor

Resolved: To request further information on the dimensions of the base station and further details as to the proposal.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

270 Planning Appeals

Members noted the latest financial statement and made the following awards on the recommendation of the Environment Committee (Mins E75, E76, E77, E79 and E79 refer.)

271 Environment Grant Applications / Funding Proposals

Resolved: To award £175 to Thurstonland Village Association to purchase flowering bulbs for planting in the Recreation Ground.

a) Thurstonland Village Association

Resolved: To award £550 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to contribute to the costs of installing low energy light bulbs in Burton Village Hall.

272 b) Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

The Council considered awarding £800 to cover the costs of additional hanging basket brackets and hanging baskets on Huddersfield Road in Shelley conditional on everything being in place in time to order the baskets.

273 c) Shelley Conservation Group

Resolved: To award £516 to cover the costs of 12 additional hanging baskets on Huddersfield Road in Shelley on a one-off basis.

It was noted that the Council was unable to award a grant for the hanging basket brackets, as they had already been ordered before the decision was taken. This made it a retrospective application, which is not allowed under the rules.

Resolved: To vire £1,000 from the 2012/13 environment budget to the Fruit Tree budget for the winter planting.

274 d) Fruit Tree Project

Resolved: To approve the Drainage Project Phase 3 (Project 2013-02) as detailed.

275 e) Grange Moor Allotments

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£19,075.97 including £4,181.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.)

276 Accounts

Cllr Berry left the meeting.

277 Kirkburton Christmas Tree

Members noted the problems experienced at Christmas 2012 and had a discussion. After many complaints by the public the tree, which was in very poor condition, was removed by Kirklees.

Resolved: To write to Kirklees requesting they replace the tree that they removed and replace it with a living Christmas tree.

Resolved: To write to the Kirkburton Business Association requesting a contribution towards the cost of a Christmas tree if Kirklees are unable to provide a tree.

Members considered creating a Service Review Committee with delegated authority to appoint and brief a Consultant within 2 months.

278 Service Review

Resolved: To set up a Service Review Committee with delegated authority to appoint and brief a Consultant within 2 months.

Resolved: To elect the following members to the Committee: Chairman, Vice Chairman and all past Chairmen (names to be confirmed after the Annual Meeting)

Resolved: To agree the Chairman's draft Aims, Scoping and Timing as detailed below:

Aims:

- To complete a review of how the Parish Council operates and what it needs to do to meet the requirements and priorities of both residents and stakeholders.
- To ascertain what the precept-payers and stakeholders want from their Parish Council.
- To look at how the precept is spent - where this spend can be better enhanced to the benefit of precept-payers and stakeholders.
- To look at practices and procedures and decide if they can be improved and streamlined using best practice.
- To identify development changes, service changes and priorities that other public sector bodies have implemented and that could be adopted.

Scoping:

- All current services and practices.
- All meetings, committees, working parties and staffing.
- High level of engagement with staff, members and public; plus other stakeholders.
- At all times there will be no pre-conceived ideas about outcome.

**278 Service Review
Cont'd**

Timescale:

- Create a committee, members to be Chairman, Vice Chairman and all ex-chairmen.
- Appoint and brief consultant within 2 months, giving the Service Review Committee delegated powers to do this.
- Consultant to research and report by end October, with an interim report in 3 months on progress to both Committee and so to full Council. The Chairman and Line Manger with Clerk to act as liaison.

Cllr D Hardcastle left the meeting.
Cllr N Berry entered the meeting.

**279 Scrutiny of Changes
to Mid Yorkshire
Hospitals NHS
Trust Services**

Members noted the review currently taking place on the configuration and delivery of hospital and community services in north Kirklees and Wakefield and considered whether to submit a comment to the Joint HOSC.

Resolved: To note the review currently taking place.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting and were asked to note the Clerk's annual leave arrangements.

**280 Correspondence
and Information**

No items were raised.

281 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.