

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, M Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, S G Beresford, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, I Lumb, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, C Whittingham and B Wightman.  
In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry, Brook, Hirst, Thomas and Triggs, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr H Barraclough apologised for lateness.

#### 28 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr L Parsley in Shelley Village Hall as she is a member of the Shelley Community Association and Cllr J Paxton in planning application 91484 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in the planning applications and stated that all views expressed by himself at the Parish Council were preliminary as he is a member of Kirklees' Heavy Woollen KMC Planning Committee, and the final decisions on all applications will be made when he has received all information at that meeting. He also declared a personal interest in Farnley Estates as he works for them.

The local Police gave members an update on incidents in the Parish area.

#### 29 Public Participation

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

#### 30 Admission of the Public

**Resolved:** To bring the following item to the start of the meeting.

#### 31 Order of Business

**Resolved:** To raise Standing Orders to receive information from Mr Wood.

Cllr H Barraclough entered the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stuart Wood to the meeting.

#### 32 Broadband Working Party

Mr Wood gave members a detailed résumé of how the Rural Community Broadband Fund works. He explained that the Parish Council will need to demonstrate the demand, the potential and what proportion of the local population would take the offer up and all this will need to be presented in the Expression of Interest.

Members considered the draft Terms of Reference and had a lengthy discussion.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr Wood for his informative talk.

**Resolved:** To reinstate Standing Orders.

**Resolved:** To adopt the following Terms of Reference:

- To work with local partners, businesses and residents to create an evidence-base for demand, to be used to encourage investment by internet providers and to access any available grant-funding.
- To invite co-optees onto the Working Party, including representatives of Denby Dale Parish Council, interested members of the public and representatives from any other relevant organisation, which could help the WP to achieve its aims.

**Resolved:** To hold a Working Party meeting to discuss whether to submit an Expression of Interest to the Rural Community Broadband Fund. Also to delegate the Clerk to act in line with Working Party recommendations in respect of the Expression of Interest in order to meet the deadline.

- The Chairman reported that he had attended the Kirklees Annual Meeting and Dinner and also attended the installation of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee seat in Lepton.  
The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended the Big Picnic in Kirkheaton.
- 33 Chairman's Appointments**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as an accurate record.
- 34 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Council (Planning/GP) meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as an accurate record.
- 35 Council (Planning/GP) Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as an accurate record.
- 36 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Working Party meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as an accurate record.
- 37 K9 Clean Up Team**
- Resolved:** To organise the printing/laminating of 100 copies of the winning competition entries and to place these on the lampposts with the dispensers.
- Resolved:** To appoint Anderson & Heeley to install the dispensers on the lampposts.
- 91371 Adj 497 Penistone Road, Kirkburton Outline application for erection of detached dwelling with car parking*
- The Council requested the sightlines be checked on this application to ensure they are adequate from the entrance and exit points.
- 38 Plans**
- 91385 Land adjacent 284 Barnsley Road, Flockton Outline application for erection of residential development (3 dwellings)*
- The Council objected to this application on Highways grounds – the sightlines are inadequate and the access for 4 properties would be across Manor Drive.
- 91409 Land at Abbey Road, Shepley Discharge of Condition 25 on previous permission 2005/94621 for erection of 12 flats, 38 residential units and 1 office unit*
- The Council objected to this application on Highways grounds.
- 91442 9 Pond Lane, Lepton Extension over existing games room to form a granny flat*
- The Council objected to this application on the grounds that it is not inkeeping with the area.
- 91228 30 Slant Gate, Kirkburton Discharge of Condition 6 on previous permission 2011/92102 for erection of extensions and alterations. Resolved:* To delegate the Clerk to submit the comment when the members had obtained full information regarding Condition 6.
- 91521 The Barn, Cockermouth Farm, Flockton Erection of stables*
- The Council objected to this application on Highways grounds.
- There was no comment on the following applications:  
91024 Lepton; 91273 Flockton; 91345 Lascelles Hall; 91398 Fenay Bridge; 91408 Shepley; 91438 Shelley; 91444 Thurstonland; 91484 Flockton; 91487 Shepley; 91503 Kirkburton; 91520 Lepton; 91524 Farnley Tyas; 91530 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council.
- 39 Planning Appeals**
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£4,164.66).
- 40 Accounts**
- Resolved:** To adopt Parts 1 and 2 of the Annual Return and to note the Internal Auditor's report.
- 41 Annual Accounts 2011-12**

Members noted the proposed appointment of Littlejohn LLP and considered if there were any conflicts of interest.

**Resolved:** To note the proposed appointment of Littlejohn LLP.

**42 Appointment of External Auditor for 2012/13 onwards**

Members noted the correspondence received regarding this issue and had a discussion.

**Resolved:** To forward the correspondence received to the Highways department at Kirklees and also to ensure that Kirklees Councillors are aware of the situation.

**43 Highways Issues at the Junction of Shelley Lane and Cross Lane, Kirkburton**

Members noted the consultation and had a lengthy discussion and considered whether to submit a comment.

**Resolved:** To accept the option to stay with the status quo, ie that people may have their dogs microchipped if they wish.

**44 Consultation - Irresponsible Dog Ownership**

Members received a verbal report from other members who undertook the walk on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Members also considered information received regarding the maintenance required in the area by the noticeboard and problems of vehicle trespass over farmland in Farnley Tyas.

**45 Walk on Farnley Estates**

**Resolved:** The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the organisers of the walk and also to apologise for poor attendance.

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the training she had recently undertaken and explained to members the benefits of the Power of General Competence.

**46 Power of General Competence**

A training course to develop an understanding of the General Power of Competence will be held in South Kirkby on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June and another course will be held in Pickering on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**Resolved:** That the Council would cover the cost of the Clerk completing and submitting the additional CiLCA module on the Power of General Competence and would acquire the Power.

**Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk to book places for any member who wished to attend either of the above courses.

Members considered allowing advertisements for charity shops noting that at present there is currently a policy not to accept notices of a commercial nature on the website, noticeboards and in the newsletter.

**Resolved:** To restrict the promotion of charities to the Chairman's Charity/Charities.

**47 Charity Shop Advertisements on Council Website and Noticeboards**

Members considered nominating delegate/s to attend the conference on the theme Local Towns, Local Food: Strengthening Local Economies on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 10am to 4pm in Leeds.

**48 CPRE/Sustain Natural Conference**

The event was noted.

Members considered appointing a contractor to carry out the periodic electrical check on the building on the advice of the solicitor.

**49 Shelley Village Hall**

**Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to appoint a contractor in accordance with the Financial Regulations, and to order any works required which fall within the Council's responsibilities under the existing lease.

Members considered granting delegated authority to the Management and Finance Committee to consider the latest set of amendments to the sale contract and to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the final document.

**Resolved:** Management and Finance Committee to undertake the exploratory work but the final decisions to be taken by the full Council.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were asked to note that there are a number of Chairman's events coming up over the next few months and were asked to make special note of these events and to support them, if possible.

**50 Correspondence and Information**

- Shelley noticeboard – to replace the lock and to consider erecting an additional one.
- Chairmanship of Kirkburton Parish Council

**51 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting.