

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, S G Beresford, D Bradbury, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, R Edmunds, J Hirst, I Lumb, A Munro, P Pankhurst, J Paxton, R Thomas, S Triggs, C Whittingham and B Wightman

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry, Dunn, Hardcastle, Parsley and Pitts the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

139 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr H Barraclough in the Shelley Village Hall item as she is a resident of Shelley and also in planning applications 92896, 93242 and 93086 as the applicants are known to her; Cllr I Lumb in the Shelley College and Shelley Pyramid items as he is married to the Vice Principal of Shelley College; Cllr P Pankhurst in the Shelley Pyramid item as he is a school governor at Kirkburton Middle School, his wife is also a school governor at Kirkburton Middle School and his son attends this school; also that he is the Vice Chair of the PTA at Kirkburton Middle School; Cllr S Triggs in the Shelley Village Hall item as she is a resident of Shelley and in the Shelley Pyramid item as her children attend Kirkburton Middle and Shelley 1st schools; Cllr D Bradbury in the Shelley Pyramid item as his children attend Kirkburton Middle School and Shelley College; Cllr R Edmunds as he has a child attending Shelley College.

Cllr R Barraclough declared an interest in planning application 93224 as he knows the applicant; also in the Farnley Estates Community Group item as his wife is on the committee; also in the Farnley Estates item as they are known to him. He also stated that all views expressed by himself at the Parish Council were preliminary as he is a member of Kirklees' Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and the final decisions on all applications will be made when he has received all information at that meeting.

Three members of the public addressed the Council on the Shelley Pyramid proposal to commence admitting Year 7 & Year 8 children from September 2014.

140 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session except for the item on Shelley Village Hall, as it concerned a contract subject to negotiation.

141 Admission of the Public

The Chairman reported that he had attended Ripponden Parish Council's Civic Sunday. The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended the Homecoming Parade for Corunna Company.

142 Chairman's Appointments

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

143 Change of Business

Members noted Shelley College's proposal to admit Year 7 pupils from September 2014 and had a lengthy discussion. It was noted that there were to be public consultations by Kirklees Council and Shelley College. The Council reserved the right to comment on those when they were published, but wished to take the following preliminary actions:

144 Proposed Changes to Education in the Shelley Pyramid

Resolved: To submit the following comment: Kirkburton Parish Council opposes proposals in principle prior to formal release of consultation from Shelley Academy to increase its admissions by introducing a selective intake of Year 7 and 8 pupils and supports the Keep Shelley Pyramid campaign.

The Council regards these proposals as an assault on the middle school system which has provided a high standard of education for thousands of local people for many years.

The Council is concerned at the knock-on effect of Year 6 being forced on to the First School with additional costs for classrooms and facilities should the middle school system become unviable.

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The Council opposes the restructure of the policy which may not guarantee entry places to children from the Kirkburton and Denby Dale wards, including Almondbury, Lepton and Grange Moor. The Council is very concerned at the potential impact on local roads and infrastructure if hundreds of additional pupils are admitted to the Shelley College site.

144 Proposed Changes to Education in the Shelley Pyramid (Cont'd)

Resolved: To respond to the Kirklees consultation on the Shelley Pyramid expressing its views on the Academy's proposals; Write to the Principal and Governors of Shelley Academy detailing its initial objections to the proposals and object to the manner in which they have been tabled; Request that Shelley Academy immediately withdraws the proposals; Write to Simon Reeve as the local MP for the area calling on him to publicly back the Keep Shelley Pyramid Campaign.

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th October 2012 as an accurate record subject to noting that Cllr P Cunnington was absent from the meeting and that Cllr L Parsley is a member of the Shelley Community Association as she is a Shelley resident.

145 Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 18th October 2012 as an accurate record.

145 Extraordinary Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 18th October 2012 as an accurate record.

146 Staffing Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 4th October 2012.

147 Kirkheaton Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18th October 2012.

148 Environment Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the K9 Clean Up Working Party meeting held on 4th October 2012 as an accurate record.

149 K9 Clean Up Working Party

Members were asked to notify the Administrative Support Officer of locations that might be suitable for additional dispensers including the lamp post number. Locations must ideally be close to a waste bin.

2012/91327 National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield Road, Overton
Siting of a container (within a Conservation Area)
To object on the grounds that this area is within a Conservation Area.

150 Plans

2012/93178 Land at Bark House Farm, Huddersfield, Shelley
Discharge condition 4 on previous permission 2011/92278 for erection of wind turbine
To delegate the Clerk to submit the comment in consultation with the Shelley members, when they had obtained full information.

There was no comment on the following applications:

92839 Kirkheaton; 92896 Lascelles Hall; 93014 Shelley; 93031 Flockton;
93035 Stocksmoor; 93036 Kirkburton; 93039 Shelley; 93050 Highburton; 93055 Shepley;
93056 Kirkburton; 93070 Highburton; 93075 Kirkburton; 93086 Thurstonland;
93094 Fenay Bridge; 93103 Fenay Bridge; 93111 Kirkburton; 93224 Farnley Tyas;
93242 Kirkburton; 93282 Fenay Bridge.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

151 Planning Appeals

Members noted the Environment Budget Statement and considered awarding £349 for the purchase and installation of a seat on the Recreation Ground as recommended by the Environment Committee (Min E42 refers)

152 Farnley Tyas Community Group

Resolved: To award an environment grant of £349 to Farnley Tyas Community Group for the purchase and installation of a seat on the Recreation Ground.

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Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£4,863.10, including £474.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.)

153 Accounts

Resolved: To hold the discussion of this item in the private session as it concerned a contract which was the subject of negotiation between Shelley Community Association and the Parish Council.

154 Sale of Shelley Village Hall

Members noted the latest professional advice received and considered giving authorisation to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the circulated Contract, Pre-Emption Agreement and Side Agreement on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: To approve the Contract, Pre-Emption Agreement and Side Agreement (including the aerial view of the property dated 29th October 2012) and to authorise the Chairman and the Vice Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to arrange contract to progress to Exchange of Contracts and Completion as soon as possible.

Members considered appointing Lucas Lee & Partners to carry out the structural survey, as agreed and detailed in the Side Agreement.

Resolved: To appoint Lucas Lee & Partners to carry out the structural survey on the terms and conditions notified and to approve the specification as detailed in the email from Bramleys dated 26th October 2012.

Members reviewed the system introduced at the Annual Meeting of holding only one Council meeting per month and not commenting on planning applications, whose deadline falls between Council meetings, unless a Councillor specifically requests an additional Council meeting to submit a comment due to its potential impact on the area, or there is substantial public interest in the application.

155 Scheduling of Council Meetings & Protocol for Comments on Planning Applications

Resolved: To continue the system introduced at the Annual Meeting, subject to customary confirmation at the Annual Meeting.

Members considered the request from one resident in Shepley for additional signage to be provided in the village of Shepley, which had been referred to the Parish Council by the Community Safety Team. Members discussed the request and its implications. It was noted that signage cannot be put on lampposts without permission.

156 No Cold Calling Signage in Shepley

Resolved: To respond to the Community Safety Team, requesting that the matter is referred to the Shepley Village Association to establish if the proposal has wider support in the village. Also to inform the Team that if the proposal was supported, either the Team or the Association could submit a grant request for funding, which would be considered by the Grants & Community Projects Committee.

Members considered allowing sixth-form students from Shelley College to assist with Parish Council projects as part of their 'enrichment'. It was noted that Risk Assessments will need to be undertaken by both Shelley College and the Parish Council if this initiative goes ahead.

157 Shelley College

Resolved: To allow sixth-form students from Shelley College to assist with Parish Council projects as part of their 'enrichment'. Also to delegate the Clerk to work with Cllr Lumb in ensuring that all the necessary risk assessments and other checks are carried out in advance of each task.

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Members considered entering into an Agreement with Kirklees regarding the provision and future management of an allotment site by Burton Dean Park, Kirkburton. It was noted that £8,000 would need to be allocated towards the project by the Parish Council and that the Area Committee had been requested to supply the remaining £10,000. Members noted that the full details of the arrangement were still subject to agreement, but it was hoped that Kirklees would take over the day-to-day management of the site and that people on Kirklees' and the Parish Council's waiting lists could be accommodated.

158 New Allotments

Resolved: To continue negotiations with Kirklees on the agreement for the allotment site by Burton Dean Park, Kirkburton.

Members considered nominating Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Edmunds to sit on the Environment Committee.

159 Committee Membership

Resolved: To elect Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Edmunds to sit on the Environment Committee.

Members considered nominating a Shepley member to sit on the Grants & Community Projects Committee.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Lumb to sit on the Grants & Community Projects committee.

Resolved: To defer this item to the next meeting on 6th December 2012.

160 Freedom of Information Request

Members considered nominating delegate/s to attend the following course/s:

- a) What Councillors Need to Know
- b) Developing an understanding of the General Power of Competence
- c) The new Code of Conduct
- d) Your Council as an Employer – Are you doing it right?

161 YLCA Training Courses

Resolved: To make the following nominations: Cllrs Whittingham and Armer to attend the General Power of Competence course. Cllr H Barraclough to attend the Code of Conduct course.

Resolved: To consider hosting a future course.

Members considered the invitation to take part in a local walk with Farnley Estates on Saturday 1st December from 10am – 12 noon.

162 Walk with Farnley Estates

Resolved: Members to contact the Clerk or Farnley Estates directly if they wish to go on the walk.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting. Mrs Perry distributed papers for the next Grants & Community Projects meeting to Committee members.

163 Correspondence and Information

- To consider the possibility of creating an Allotment Committee

164 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.