

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOCKTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB, FLOCKTON ON THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

B Armer, R Barraclough, D Bradbury, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, R Edmunds, J Hirst, I Lumb, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, R Thomas, S Triggs and C Whittingham.

In attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, N Berry, R Burton, and S Dunford, the reasons for which were accepted.

Absent: Cllrs D Hardcastle, P Pankhurst and B Wightman.

**165 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr I Lumb declared a Declarable Pecuniary Interest in Shelley College, as his wife is the Deputy Principal and a personal interest as his children go to school in Shelley.

Personal interests were declared by Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Edmunds as their children attend schools in the area.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the representatives from Kirkburton & Scissett Middle Schools, Shelley College and "Keep the Shelley Pyramid" Group for accepting the Council's invitation to attend the meeting.

166 Welcome

The Clerk explained the format the meeting would take for the benefit of the public.

The Council received representations from members of the public, expressing opinions on Shelley College's proposals to extend its admissions policy to include pupils from Year 7.

167 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold the meeting in public.

**168 Admission of the
Public**

Resolved: To raise standing orders to enable representatives from Kirkburton & Scissett Middle Schools, "Keep the Shelley Pyramid" group and Shelley College to make short presentations to the Council on their views on Shelley College's proposals.

**169 Future Organisation
of Schools within
the Shelley Pyramid**

Members listened to each representative in turn and asked questions, as appropriate.

Resolved: To reinstate standing orders.

Members discussed the possibility of holding a Parish Poll to consult the electorate on the proposals. The Clerk informed members that this would need to be done via a Parish Meeting and the full cost would be covered by the Parish Council, which could result in an increase in the precept.

It was noted that half of Shelley College's catchment area was within Denby Dale Parish Council's boundaries, so there would need to be some co-ordination between the two Parish Councils.

Resolved: To arrange a Parish Meeting to consider holding a Parish Poll on Shelley College's proposals to start admitting Year 7 pupils from September 2014.

Resolved: To write to Mr McNally to thank him for agreeing to recommend to the Governors that the College would abide by the outcome of the Parish Poll, if it is decided to go ahead with one.

Members considered the non-statutory consultation being carried out by Kirklees.

Resolved: To note the consultation and submit the attached responses (available on request).

Resolved: To defer comment on Shelley College's consultation on the proposals.

The Chairman then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.