

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 6TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, S Dunford, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, J Paxton, M Pitts, R Thomas, C Whittingham and B Wightman

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, N Berry, D Bradbury, K Dunn, P Pankhurst and L Parsley the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

202 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Burton apologised for lateness.

Cllrs R Edmunds, I Lumb and S Triggs were absent.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr B Armer in the item on the proposed residential development on Cross Lane, Stocksmoor as he knows people involved in this proposal; Cllr S Dunford declared an interest in Denby Dale and District Rotary Club as she is a member and also in planning application 90028 as she knows the applicant; Cllr J Hirst in planning application 90028 as he knows the applicant and also in planning application 94084 as he was formally involved in the opening of Bar 315; Cllr R Barraclough declared an interest in planning application 94068 as he knows the applicant. He also declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the Kirklees 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.

All councillors declared an interest in planning application 90113 as they all know the applicant.

Cllr R Burton entered the meeting.

203 Public Participation

The Chairman of Denby Dale and District Rotary Club addressed the Council on proposed plans to install an Automated External Defibrillator within Kirkburton Parish Council area.

Mr Duggs Carr addressed the Council on the Superfast Broadband project.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

204 Admission of the Public

Members received a presentation from Joanne Catlow, Kirklees Community Heritage and Education Manager and considered if any changes needed to be made to the Parish Council's plans to commemorate the event. It was noted that there is a lot of information on the Kirklees Council website under the section "Lest We Forget".

205 Commemoration of the Start of World War 1

Resolved: To defer the discussion on whether any amendments are needed to the Council's plans. Also to enquire whether it is possible to include the schools outside of the Shelley Pyramid in the Area Committee project and to discuss both issues further when the requested information has been received.

To bring the following item to this point in the meeting.

206 Change of Business

Members noted the pre-application consultation and considered submitting a comment. The Clerk advised members that it was inappropriate to submit definite views on the proposal at this stage, as it would prevent a response being made to the formal planning application. It was reported that the residents had been consulted and put forward their views on the proposed development.

207 Proposed Residential Development on Cross Lane, Stocksmoor

Resolved: To notify the developer of the residents' views on the development, which were as follows: There would be a loss of open aspect. It would detrimentally impact on the character of the village. It may obscure the fine views from the village to the wider area. There was a concern that the existing sewerage and drainage systems will not support additional houses. In Thunderbridge, there are already regular incidents of sewerage overflowing. There were also concerns regarding highways safety and an impact on natural biodiversity.

The Chairman reported that he had attended Saddleworth Civic Dinner.

208 Chairman's Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd January 2014 as an accurate record.

209 Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Lane & Property Committee meeting held on 2nd January 2014 as an accurate record.

210 Land & Property Committee Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 16th January 2014 as an accurate record.

211 Environment Committee Minutes

*2013/62/94084/E 315 Bar & Restaurant, 315 Wakefield Road, Lepton
Erection of single storey extension comprising 8 guest bedrooms, gym, spa, hair and beauty salon and associated facilities*

The Parish Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds that the site would be over developed, on highways grounds as the access is at the point where the speed limit changes from 50mph to 30mph, there would be over diversification of the site, the proposed development exceeds the existing footprint and there will also be the loss of some mature trees.

212 Plans

*2014/60/90093/E 51, 53 & 55 Far Bank, Shelley Outline application for erection of 5 dwellings. **Resolved:** To defer comment on this application to the next meeting, when the Shelley members would be present.*

There was no comment on the following applications:

90006 Kirkheaton; 90012 Lepton; 90025 Lepton; 90028 Lepton; 90060 Grange Moor; 90088 Shepley; 90096 Lepton; 90112 Shelley; 90113 Lepton; 90123 Kirkheaton; 90136 Shepley; 90143 Kirkburton; 90164 Kirkburton; 90209 Lepton; 90210 Shepley; 90214 Shepley; 90228 Kirkburton; 93794 Shepley; 93855 Lepton; 93910 Kirkburton; 93913 Kirkburton; 93979 Shepley; 93990 Thunderbridge; 93996 Shepley; 94004 Kirkburton; 94015 Shepley; 94033 Shelley; 94058 Thurstonland; 94068 Farnley Tyas; 94080 Kirkburton; 94106 Shelley.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

213 Planning Appeals

Members noted the Modification Orders to the footpaths in Kirkheaton and considered submitting a comment.

214 Kirkburton Public Footpath 254 and Kirkburton Public Footpath 255

Resolved: To support the Modification Orders but not to make a comment at this time.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£13,877.26 including £1,829.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.)

215 Accounts

Members noted the level of the Council Tax Relief Grant, which had been increased since the original notification to the Parish Council.

216 Budget / Precept for 2014/15

Resolved: To accept the Council Tax Relief Grant of £19,039.91 and to levy a precept of £106,620 with a budgeted expenditure of £139,060.

Resolved: To thank Cllr Cooper for his assistance in restoring the level of the Council Tax Relief Grant to the same amount as last year.

Members noted the information from Kirklees and considered agreeing to administer the Area Committee Funding allocated for youth engagement, including settlement of the catering invoice from the Skatepark Opening.

217 Youth Engagement Project

Resolved: To administer the Area Committee Funding allocated for youth engagement including settlement of the catering invoice.

Members received the notes of the meeting held on 27th January 2014 and considered granting permission to Kirklees TV, an independent television company, to film the young people making the presentation to the next Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: To grant permission to Kirklees TV to film the young people making the presentation to the next Parish Council meeting.

Members considered approving Volume 4, Issue No. 4 with the notified amendments.

218 One Voice

Resolved: To approve Volume 4, Issue No. 4 with the notified amendments.

Members considered approving payment of out-of-pocket expenses for the judge.

219 Allotment Competition

Resolved: To approve out-of-pocket expenses of £50 for the judge .

Members considered taking overall responsibility for the EPIP-funded walks and guidestoops and had a discussion.

220 Parish Walks

Resolved: The Parish Council to take overall responsibility for the EPIP-funded walks and guidestoops.

Members also discussed if any route modifications were required and how to identify / implement them.

Resolved: This matter to be referred to the Environment Committee for detailed discussion.

Members noted the consultation being carried out by the Management and Finance Committee into the format of future reports and studied an example of both formats to allow comparison.

221 Format of Budget Analysis Reports

Members were asked to submit any comments to the Clerk by 6th March 2014. The Management & Finance Committee will consider all comments received at its March meeting and make a recommendation to Council on any changes to the report format.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting.

222 Clerk's Report

- WWI Commemorations
- Planning application 90093 to be discussed at the March Council meeting
- Automated External Defibrillator – to discuss potential locations and the future implications of having such a piece of equipment located in the Parish area

223 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.