

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

The minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the next Council meeting on 3rd April 2014.

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, N Berry, D Bradbury, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, J Paxton, M Pitts, S Triggs, C Whittingham and B Wightman

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Mr Steve Bradley was also in attendance as the Council's Service Review Facilitator.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough, R Burton, A Munro, P Pankhurst and L Parsley, R Thomas, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllrs H Barraclough, S Dunford and R Edmunds were absent.

224 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bradley to the meeting and the members introduced themselves.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr B Armer in planning application 90460 as he knows the applicant; Cllr K Dunn in planning application 90093 as he knows the agent; Cllr D Hardcastle in planning applications 90271 and 90346 as he knows the applicants.

The local Police gave a verbal update on incidents in the area.

225 Public Participation

A Stocksmoor resident addressed the Council on the proposed planning application 90460 in Cross Lane, Stocksmoor.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

226 Admission of the Public

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

227 Change of Business

Members discussed the proposed outline planning application for erection of dwellings on Cross Lane in Stocksmoor. The following objections were made: There are severe drainage issues that already exist and cause problems for local residents; there is one route in and out of Stocksmoor and there will be highways issues should the development be approved; Stocksmoor is a rural village and any loss of land will lose rural ambience; trains are unreliable from the local train station and there are no facilities in the village; the broadband provision is very poor; the environment will be harmed – there are a lot of bats and badgers in the area; it has been noted in local guides that the open countryside around Stocksmoor is very beautiful and Stocksmoor is detailed in one guide as “the area is in a place of special landscape”.

228 Planning Application 2014/60/90460/E Cross Lane, Stocksmoor

Resolved: The Clerk to register opposition to the proposed development with the Planning Department and to ask Kirklees to reject the application.

Members received a presentation from the young people on the Youth Engagement Project, developed by pupils attending schools in the Shelley Pyramid. The young people were warmly congratulated for their efforts.

229 Youth Engagement Project

Cllrs I Lumb and S Triggs left the meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the opening of the “Pit Profiles: Re-Profiled” at the National Coal Mining Museum and had also attended Mossley Town Council Civic Dinner and Dance.

230 Chairman's Appointments

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- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Service Review Committee meeting held on 30th January 2014 as an accurate record. **231 Service Review Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2014 as an accurate record. **232 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 6th February 2014 as an accurate record. **233 Staffing Committee**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held on 20th February 2014. **234 Grants & CP Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Youth Engagement Committee meeting held on 20th February 2014. **235 Youth Engagement Committee**
- 2014/60/90093/E 51, 53 & 55 Far Bank, Shelley*
Outline application for erection of 5 dwellings
 The Parish Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds that the infrastructure will struggle to maintain more people in terms of facilities needed; on Highways grounds as there will be more traffic up and down Far Bank; there is a problem with existing properties gardens becoming water logged after trees have been cut down and the proposed application for 5 dwellings is too big for the area in question to cope with. **236 Plans**
- 2014/62/90239/W 241 Rowley Lane, Lepton*
Erection of second storey extension to rear
 The Parish Council objected to this development on the grounds that the house has already been heavily developed.
- 2014/62/90466/E 77 Barnsley Road, Flockton*
Erection of two storey rear extension and attached garage
Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to submit comments in consultation with Flockton councillors.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
 90205 Stocksmoor; 90227 Shepley; 90271 Kirkburton; 90279 Grange Moor;
 90293 Kirkburton; 90321 Kirkburton; 90329 Lepton; 90336 Shelley; 90339 Shelley;
 90346 Shelley; 90387 Shelley; 90393 Lepton; 90406 Highburton; 90416 Flockton;
 90420 Farnley Tyas; 90441 Lepton; 90442 Kirkburton; 90449 Stocksmoor;
 90464 Flockton; 90479 Shepley; 90502 Farnley Tyas; 90509 Shepley;
 90510 Thornhill Edge (Kirkburton Ward); 90517 Kirkburton; 90532 Kirkburton;
 90541 Kirkheaton; 90557 Kirkburton; 90564 Farnley Tyas; 90580 Farnley Tyas;
 90586 Highburton
- The comments made on planning application 2014/90272/E were noted by the Council.
- Cllr D Bradbury left the meeting.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **237 Planning Appeals**
- Members considered sharing the hosting costs of the website with Denby Dale Parish Council and had a discussion. It was noted that Denby Dale had already agreed to fund half of the costs. **238 Townsweb Archive Website**
- Resolved:** To approve covering 50% of the hosting costs of the Townsweb archive website, with this year's costs being taken out of the budgets for Public Information and Environment.
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£15,911.98 including £1,392.50 agreed under LGA 1972, s137.) **239 Accounts**

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Members considered the additional information received and had a discussion on how to proceed. It was noted that Council has already agreed for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to go round all of the schools to explain the significance and reasons for the children being given poppy seeds to plant. Members considered if this was a duplication of the Kirkburton Area Committee project.

240 Commemoration of the Start of World War 1

Resolved: To allocate £50 to purchase the poppy seeds and to agree that the Chairman and Vice Chairman will only visit the 4 primary schools in the King James school pyramid to avoid an overlap with the Area Committee project.

Members considered nominating delegate/s to attend the event to be held on Thursday 10th July in Harrogate.

241 NALC 1-Day Conference: Making Localism Work

Resolved: To nominate Cllr J Hirst to attend the event. To also reserve 2 additional places under the Clerk's delegated authority so other councillors may attend if they wish.

The members were asked to notify the Clerk as soon as possible in order to secure a place and the preferred workshops.

Members noted the correspondence received and considered the suggestion of holding an Open Day to coincide with the Open Gardens Day in June.

242 Shepley Allotments

Resolved: The Clerk to contact all Shepley allotment holders to ask if they are willing to participate in an Open Day. If they are all willing then the Council to approve the event going ahead.

Members considered the emergency grant application from Kirkburton Pre-School for £710 towards the cost of replacing the boiler and had a discussion.

243 Kirkburton Pre-School – Emergency Grant Application

Resolved: To approve the emergency grant application from Kirkburton Pre-School for £710 towards the cost of replacing the boiler.

Resolved: The funding for this emergency grant application to be taken from the community project budget.

Cllr N Berry left the meeting.

Members considered approving the updated planting schedule (dated February 2014) as distributed with the meeting papers and had a discussion.

244 Fruit Tree Project

Resolved: The updated planting schedule to be approved.

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

245 Clerk's Report

No items were requested.

246 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.