

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2013 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, R Burton, P Cunnington, R Edmunds, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, L Parsley, 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, P Brook, A Cooper, S Dunford, J Hirst, A Munro, P Pankhurst, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**72 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllrs D Bradbury, I Lumb and S Triggs were absent.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr B Armer in planning application 92273 as he has a relative who lives in close proximity to the site; Cllr S Beresford in planning applications 91544 and 91692 as he knows the applicants and in planning application 92207 as he knows the agent; Cllr K Dunn in planning application 91544 as the agent is his former employer; Cllr R Edmunds declared an interest in any crime related issues; Cllr C Whittingham in planning application 92281 as she knows the applicant; Cllr B Wightman in planning application 92281 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr R Barraclough declared an interest in planning application 92357 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.

Cllr K Dunn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning applications 92085 and 92086 as it is his local public house and he has shares in Punch Taverns. He left the meeting whilst the Council discussed and decided upon the comments.

Three Lepton residents addressed the Council regarding the proposed wind turbine planning application on Green Balk Lane, Lepton.

73 Public Participation

Cllr D Hardcastle entered the meeting.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session with the exception of the item concerning tenants at Grange Moor allotments, which is to be held in the private session as it relates to identifiable living individuals.

**74 Admission of the
Public**

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

75 Change of Business

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting.

Members had a lengthy discussion regarding planning application 2013/62/91544/E Windy Gap Farm, Green Balk Lane, Lepton. Erection of a 50Kw wind turbine on a 37m mast.

**76 Planning
Application
2013/62/91544/E**

Resolved: The Parish Council to strongly object to the development on the following grounds: It is too large for the site and would detrimentally impact on the residential and visual amenity of the local community; It is out of keeping with the adjacent older style housing; It is very near a footpath which is in high usage both by local residents and tourists coming from further afield; It is too near to residential housing; The cumulative effect of so many turbines within a relatively small area will detrimentally affect the Green Belt and Conservation Areas; Highways safety – its site is very close to local roads, and at dusk would be in line with the setting sun, which may cause visual problems for motorists driving towards the turbine at that time of day; Negative impact on wildlife; Negative impact on tourism and local businesses.

- The Chairman reported that he had attended Meltham Town Council Civic Sunday. The Vice Chairman reported that she had attended the Yorkshire Regiment Freedom Parade in Huddersfield. **77 Chairman's Appointments**
- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2013 as an accurate record. **78 Parish Council Minutes**
- The Clerk reported responses received from the Mayor's Office and Barry Sherman MP. **79 Kirkheaton Scouts & Guides (Min 65)**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Service Review Committee meeting held on 4th July 2013. **80 Service Review Committee Minutes**
- 2013/64/92078/E Grange Moor Roundabout, Wakefield Road, Grange Moor
Erection of 4 non-illuminated signs* **81 Plans**
The Council objected to this application on the grounds of highways safety.
- 2013/60/92117/W The Forge, Bankfield Lane, Kirkheaton
Outline application for demolition of industrial premises and erection of residential development (12 dwellings)*
The Council objected to this application on the grounds of loss of employment.
- 2013/69/92068/E Yew Tree Cottage, Bath Street, Kirkburton
Conservation Area Consent for demolition of existing building*
The Council objected to this application on the grounds that it is being built off a bridle path.
- 2013/62/92073/E 6 South View Terrace, Grange Moor
Change of use of garden to form car parking*
The Council requested that if this application is approved it should be conditional on the surface being semi permeable.
- 2013/44/92273/E 11 Pond Lane, Lepton
Discharge of condition 8 on previous planning permission no. 2013/90506 for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 5 dwellings.*
The Council objected to any changes to the Condition and the requirements for the provision of affordable housing must remain irrespective of the developer's financial situation.
- 2013/60/92323/E Adj. 33 Northwood Park, Kirkburton
Outline application for erection of 2 detached dwellings.*
The Council objected to this application on Highways safety grounds as the site will be over developed and sightlines to the right are completely inadequate.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 91949 Grange Moor; 92025 Highburton; 92085 Kirkheaton; 92086 Kirkheaton;
91692 Lepton; 92121 Shelley; 92145 Shepley; 91914 Lepton; 92066 Fenay Bridge;
92092 Lepton; 92216 Thornhill Edge (GM Ward); 92217 Farnley Tyas; 92221 Kirkburton;
92207 Fenay Bridge; 92248 Fenay Bridge; 92256 Fenay Bridge; 92208 Lepton;
92261 Thurstonland; 92281 Grange Moor; 92312 Lepton; 92357 Farnley Tyas;
92364 Kirkburton; 92390 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **82 Planning Appeals**
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£6,636.51 including £990 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.) **83 Accounts**

Members received the notes of the School Meeting on 8th July 2013. The Clerk gave a verbal report on information received from Kirklees Council and Zurich Municipal regarding future maintenance and liability issues. It was agreed to consider the location when the issues of liability and maintenance have been settled.

84 Youth Engagement Meeting

Resolved: To consider the above issues further and to invite Mr Duggs Carre to the next Council meeting.

Resolved: To grant permission to Endemic Skate Store to sell products at the official re-opening of the Skelmanthorpe Skateboard Park and for the Council to pay the £25 licence application fee.

Members noted that the Group has not spent the grant for additional hanging baskets due to problems with brackets and considered granting permission for it to be retained and spent on baskets next year.

85 Shelley Conservation Group

Resolved: To request the grant is returned to the Council and for Shelley Conservation Group to reapply next year.

Members considered the problems of speeding traffic through Flockton and the regular late-running of the buses and had a discussion.

86 Traffic / Bus Problems in Flockton

Resolved: Inspector Dave Barnett to be contacted regarding the traffic issues in Flockton and the 101 Police number to be put on the Council website so offenders can be reported.

Resolved: To contact the Bus Company to ask them to revisit the bus schedules and correct the timings where necessary.

Members considered allocating additional funding to the project.

87 K9 Clean-Up

Resolved: To vire £100 from the Environment Budget for the project.

Resolved: To install a dog waste dispenser on Lampost 10 at Riley Park, Kirkburton (currently in storage) at a cost of £22.

Resolved: To move the existing dispenser from outside Shepley First School on Firth Street to Lampost 1 further down Firth Street at a cost of £22.

Resolved: To move the existing dispenser from Lampost 11 Far Bank to Lampost 11 The Whinns in Shelley at a cost of £22.

To consider nominating the Clerk to attend the training event in Hinckley from 17 – 19 October.

88 SLCC National Conference

Resolved: The Clerk to attend the training event in Hinckley from 17 – 19 October.

Resolved: To hold the discussion of this item in the private session as it relates to identifiable living individuals.

89 Grange Moor Allotments

Members received a verbal report on the current situation / lettings at the allotments and considered how to deal with issues raised in correspondence received by Councillors. It was also noted that several tenants are operating in contravention of the terms and conditions of their legal leases and members considered what actions to take.

Resolved: To hold a meeting between Councillors and tenants on 7th September at the allotments.

Resolved: To consider creating a committee with delegated authority to appoint an agent to deal with the breaches of contract and to work with the agent and the Clerk on resolving all issues satisfactorily.

Members noted the written report which had been circulated at the meeting and noted the Clerk's Annual Leave arrangements. It was noted that the Chairman's Civic Sunday service will take place on Sunday 15th September at 4pm at St John's Church, Lepton and the Chairman's Charity Walk will take place on Saturday 19th October for Forget Me Not Trust.

90 Clerk's Report

- To consider setting up a Committee to deal with current issues at Grange Moor allotments.
- World War 1 Centenary in 2014 – suitable way of commemorating this anniversary.
- To review the current noticeboard policy and to identify maintenance issues.

91 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.