

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, N Berry, D Bradbury, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, R Edmunds, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, C Whittingham and B Wightman

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs I Lumb, P Pankhurst and S Triggs the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**164 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

Cllrs H Barraclough and R Thomas were absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr K Dunn in planning application 93728 as the agent is his former employer; Cllr R Edmunds in any crime related issues; Cllr D Hardcastle in planning application 93431 as the applicant is a neighbour and Cllr A Munro in planning application 93328 as she knows the applicant.

Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in planning applications 93595 and 93694 as he knows the applicants. 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.

Two Shepley residents addressed the Council regarding the proposed wind turbine development on Marsh Lane, Shepley.

**165 Public Participation**

Cllr D Hardcastle entered the meeting.

**Resolved:** To hold all items in the public session.

**166 Admission of the  
Public**

There were no appointments to report.

**167 Chairman's  
Appointments**

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

**168 Change of Business**

Members had a lengthy discussion regarding planning application 2013/62/93732/E Land off Marsh Lane, Shepley. Installation of 1 medium scale 50Kw wind turbine on a 25m monopole mast.

**169 Planning  
Application 93732,  
Land off Marsh  
Lane, Shepley**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council to strongly object to the development on the following grounds: It would detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the area, particularly on the surrounding Green Belt land where there are so many wide-ranging views across the valley. Any reduction in tourism would in turn impact on the local shops and other businesses, who rely on the additional footfall to stay viable. The area is also rich in wildlife such as bats and a whole range of species of birds and all of these would also be detrimentally affected by the development. The specific location is too close to the Kirklees Way – a public footpath, which Kirklees Council has been promoting for many years in brochures designed to encourage more tourists to this area. Additionally, there have already been a number of similar developments approved in this area, which is creating a cumulative effect on the beautiful landscape.

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting.

**Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record.

**170 Management &  
Finance Minutes**

- Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record. **171 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record. **172 Staffing Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record. **173 Kirkheaton Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record. **174 Grants & Community Projects Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as an accurate record. **175 Management & Finance Minutes**
- 2013/44/93743/E 11 Hallas Road, Kirkburton  
Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 14 on previous permission 2013/92716 for erection of 4 detached dwellings and erection of extension to existing dwelling*
- Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk to submit the planning comments to Kirklees Planning Services in consultation with Kirkburton members. **176 Plans**
- 2013/62/93728/W 5 Heaton Moor Road, Huddersfield  
Change of use from hot food take-away to taxi office*
- The Parish Council objected to this development on the grounds that it will remove existing facilities and vitality from the village.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 93060 Kirkburton; 93273 Grange Moor; 93328 Lepton; 93392 Kirkburton; 93431 Fenay Bridge; 93442 Shelley; 93488 Farnley Tyas; 93489 Kirkheaton; 93516 Kirkburton; 93566 Shepley; 93567 Lepton; 93591 Fenay Bridge; 93595 Farnley Tyas; 93602 Kirkheaton; 93621 Shelley; 93622 Lepton; 93694 Farnley Tyas; 93755 Farnley Tyas; 93759 Lepton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **177 Planning Appeals**
- Members noted the correspondence received and considered submitting a comment regarding the priorities to be included in the revised core strategy. **178 Kirklees LDF Core Strategy**
- Resolved:** To note the correspondence received but not to submit a comment at this particular time.
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£11,199.66 including £247.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137.) **179 Accounts**
- Members noted the Cheque Register and considered adopting the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. **180 Cheque Register / Receipts & Payments Statement**
- Resolved:** To note the Cheque Register and adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- Members considered installing a rail and post fence along the edge of the trench. **181 Grange Moor Allotments**
- Resolved:** To install a rail and fence post along the edge of the trench.
- Resolved:** The Clerk to undertake the work under delegated authority up to a maximum of £2,000 and to take the cost from the capital funding.

Members discussed the Management & Finance Committee's provisional budget/precept proposals. A recorded vote took place on the proposal to accept the Committee's recommendations:

**182 Budget 2014-15**

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, Beresford, Berry, Bradbury, Brook, Burton, Cooper, Cunnington, Dunford, Dunn, Edmunds, Hardcastle, Hirst, Munro, Parsley, Paxton, Pitts, Whittingham and Wightman.  
 Against: Cllr Armer.  
 Abstentions: None

**Resolved:** To take a provisional decision to levy a precept of £125,660 with a budgetted expenditure of £139,060, conditional on receipt of the council tax localisation relief grant at the same level as last year.

Members considered inviting the Kirklees Community Heritage and Education Manager to a future Parish Council meeting. Members also noted the events planned by Kirkburton Area Committee and considered if changes were needed to the Council's proposals.

**183 Commemoration of World War 1**

**Resolved:** To invite the Community Heritage and Education Manager to a future Parish Council meeting.

**Resolved:** To continue with the Council's proposals as previously agreed and consider if any amendments are necessary when further information is received from the Community Heritage and Education Manager.

Members considered nominating a Flockton member as a Trustee.

**184 Walker & Greenwood Educational Trust**

**Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Maureen Pitts as the Trustee for Walker & Greenwood Educational Trust.

Members noted the Clerk's Report which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were specifically asked to note the Annual Leave arrangements of the staff over the Christmas holiday period and the office opening times.

**185 Clerk's Report**

No agenda items were raised.

**186 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting by inviting members to join him for seasonal refreshments at the White Swan.