

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair.

Cllrs B Armer, A M Boden, P Brook, R Barraclough, N Berry, R Burton, S Beresford, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, J Paxton and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Munro, L Parsley and M Pitts, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr B Wightman apologised for his late arrival. **243 Apologies**

Cllrs A Cooper, D Bradbury, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, and S Triggs were absent.

Cllrs J Hirst and P Cunnington declared disclosable pecuniary interests in Lepton Community Link, as they are Chair and Treasurer respectively. **244 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs D Hardcastle, Cllr R Barraclough and Cllr B Armer declared disclosable pecuniary interests in Appl 93987, as they are Kirklees Councillors.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr K Dunn in Appl 93987, as he is a former employee of Kirklees Council and Cllr R Barraclough in Appls 94014, 94021 and 94022 as the applicants were known to him.

Cllrs S Dunford and J Hirst declared personal interests in Bramleys as some of the personnel were known to them.

Mrs A Royle declared a personal interest in Bramleys as the company is a client of her husband's company.

Cllr B Wightman declared a personal interest in the Grange Moor Community Association, as he is the Treasurer of the Community Association.

Cllr B Armer also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications, as he is a substitute member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Committee and a substitute member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee, and stated that any views expressed would be of a preliminary nature, with the final decision being taken at the Committee meetings when in receipt of full information.

Cllr R Barraclough also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the KMC 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

Council received a petition from residents supporting a Community Asset Transfer of the Kirkburton Library Building to Kirkburton Parish Council. **245 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session. **246 Admission of the Public**

Cllr Whittingham reported that she had attended the Saddleworth Parish Council Civic Dinner. **247 Civic Appointments**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2015 as a true record. **248 Parish Council Minutes**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8 January 2015 as a true record. **249 Staffing Committee Minutes**

2014/93893 and 2014/93894 *Erection of detached garage and fence and Listed Building Consent at Kirkburton Hall, Penistone Road, Kirkburton.* The Council approved on condition that the development is inkeeping with the neighbouring properties and appropriate to the historical aspect of the host building. **250 Plans**

Cllrs B Armer, D Hardcastle, and R Barraclough left the meeting.

2014/93987 *Outline application for erection of up to 2 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works (within a Conservation Area) on land adjacent to 9 Cliffe Road, Shepley.* The Council strongly objected to this proposed development on the following grounds: a) highways: there were concerns over both access and traffic congestion on the surrounding roads and b) environment: there were concerns that the area has inadequate drainage and would be a potential flood risk. The Council also expressed serious concerns about the lack of public consultation and that the residents had not even been notified about the proposal until very recently, even though the area has been used as public open space for more than 20 years.

Cllrs B Armer, D Hardcastle and R Barraclough re-entered the meeting.

2014/94014 and 2014/94021 and 2014/94022 *Erection of dwellings (within a Conservation Area) on the Land at Beech House Farm, Manor Road and East Paddock 3 Deer Croft and West Paddock, 1 Field Lane, Farnley Tyas.* The Council expressed concern that the development in this area was causing disruption to residents in the village in terms of electricity and phone lines being cut off and also that the area was being overdeveloped and that the new properties were not of the same standard of design and quality as the existing housing stock. The Council agreed to seek clarification as to the status of this application.

2015/90003 *Demolition of existing building and erection of 4 dwellings at Haigh Lane Nurseries, Flockton.* The Council objected to this application for the following reasons: a) on the grounds that it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt, b) on highways grounds as it was a poor access would be directly on to the main road and the plot was wet due to poor drainage.

There was no comment on the following applications:

2014/93950 Thurstonland; 2014/93958 Lepton; 2014/93976 Kirkburton; 2015/90058 Shelley; 2014/93509 Shepley; 2014/94032 Kirkburton; 2015/90061 Lepton; 2015/90089 Lepton; 2015/90160 Kirkheaton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

251 Planning Appeals

Members discussed the pre-application regarding the proposed installation of a wind turbine, taking care not to prejudice the opportunity to submit a comment in the formal consultation. The Clerk reminded members of the rules covering pre-determination.

252 Pre-Application Consultation: Wind turbine on land off Marsh Farm, Shepley

Resolved: To respond to the developer by highlighting the general concerns made by residents regarding the high density of turbines in the Parish area, the closeness of some turbines to roads and footpaths and the visual impact of particularly large turbines. Also to query the future use of the turbine.

Resolved: To note the latest environment budget statement dated 12 January 2015.

253 Environment Budget

Members considered the environment grant application of £4,063 to pay for fencing and equipment needed to develop the new Forest School.

254 Highburton First School

Resolved: To award an environment grant of £4,063 to Highburton First School to pay for fencing and equipment needed to develop the new Forest School.

Cllrs J Hirst and P Cunnington left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**255 Fruit Trees for
Community
Associations**

Members considered the requests received from Lepton Community Link (10 trees allocated to residents), Flockton Forward (23 trees allocated to residents) and Shepley Village Association (50 trees as yet unallocated).

Resolved: To approve the allocation of 10 trees for Lepton Community Link and 23 trees for Flockton Forward.

Resolved: To approve the purchase of a maximum of 50 trees for Shepley Village Association, to be ordered when the Association has established the exact number and variety required by residents, and can ensure that all the trees are passed promptly to residents and not stored for future distribution. The information must be submitted to the Clerk by 31 March 2015 at the latest.

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting and Cllrs J Hirst and P Cunnington re-entered the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Grants and Community Projects Committee had considered this item at a meeting immediately prior to the Council meeting, and had recommended that the £1,500 community project grant agreed at the November Committee meeting (Min CG15) be released following receipt of information confirming that the equipment would be used for training in subsequent years, and that it would be retained at either Kirkburton Middle School or Shelley College.

256 Kirklees Local TV

Resolved: To release the community project grant of £1,500 to Kirklees Local TV to contribute towards the costs of purchasing equipment with a caveat that the equipment be stored at one of the Middle Schools and not at Shelley College.

Resolved: To approve the February cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£5,306.63 inc £247.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

257 Accounts

Resolved: To accept the Council Tax Relief Grant of £19,039.91 and to levy a precept of £109,620 with a budgeted expenditure of £146,350.

**258 Budget / Precept
20015/16**

Resolved: To note the casual vacancy and not to make a co-option due to the imminent main Parish Council elections.

**259 Casual Vacancy in
the Shelley Ward**

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting.

**260 Correspondence
and Information**

The Clerk reported that the Assistant Clerk had successfully completed and passed the Introduction to Local Council Administration course. All members congratulated Mrs Gardner on her success.

261 Congratulations

- To consider the way planning applications were dealt with when they were lodged by one of the various departments within Kirklees Council.

262 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.