

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 pm Subject to confirmation of accuracy at the next Council meeting on 04 June 2015.

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair.

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, A M Boden, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Beresford, N Berry, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, and S Triggs the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

288 Apologies

Cllrs D Bradbury and I Lumb were absent.

Cllr R Burton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Shepley Methodist Church as his wife is a Methodist Minister. He left the meeting whilst the Council considered and agreed the comment for this application.

289 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Whittingham declared disclosable pecuniary interests in the Isaac Nash Foundation as this had been one of the Chairman's charities during the year and Grange Moor Pre-School as she is Treasurer of the Pre-School Committee.

Cllr B Wightman declared disclosable pecuniary interests in Grange Moor Pre-School as he is a Member of the Pre-School Committee and Grange Moor Community Association as he is Treasurer of the Committee.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr B Wightman in the item on the accounts, relating to the payments to Mr P Davies and Beardsworths as he knows some of the personnel, and also Planning Appl 90943 as he knows the applicant

Cllr A Munro in Planning Appl 90791E, as she had spoken with the applicants.

Cllr D Hardcastle in the Isaac Nash Foundation as he has met with the founders and in Planning Appl 90663 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr B Armer in the Isaac Nash Foundation as he has met with the founders, Planning Appl 90586 as he has been lobbied on this application, Appls 90663, 90758 and 90759 as he knows the applicants. He 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 A Cooper in Planning Appl 90663 as he has been lobbied on this application. He also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee and 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.

Cllr R Barraclough in Planning Appls 90621, 90663, 90758 and 90759 as he knows the applicants. He 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.

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- Council received a report from West Yorkshire Police. Two Farnley Tyas residents spoke in relation to Planning applications 90663, 90758 and 90759. **290 Public Participation**
- A resident of Highburton spoke in relation to the proposed skate park in Highburton Recreation Ground by the Isaac Nash Trust and provided Council with a survey of residents.
- The Manager of Grange Moor Pre-School spoke in relation to the emergency grant application.
- A tenant of Grange Moor Allotments spoke in relation to the item on water containers.
- Cllr Whittingham left the meeting during the contributions on the Isaac Nash Trust and Grange Moor Pre-School, and Cllr Brook took over the chairman's duties in her absence.
- Cllr Wightman left the meeting during the contribution on Grange Moor Pre-School.
- Resolved:** To hold the meeting in the public session except for the discussion about on Grange Moor Allotments, as personal information would be disclosed. **291 Admission of the Public**
- Resolved:** To bring the following four items, on which the members of the public spoke to the start of the meeting. **292 Change of Business**
- Cllr C Whittingham and B Wightman left the meeting during this item and Cllr P Brook took over the Chairman's duties. **293 Emergency Grant Application from Grange Moor Pre-School**
- The Council considered the emergency grant application for £749 to purchase a laptop for the Pre-School.
- Resolved:** To award Grange Moor Pre-School with an emergency grant of £350 to purchase a replacement laptop.
- 2015/90663 Erection of 3 no. dwellings (within a Conservation Area) at land at Manor Road, Farnley Tyas.* The Council objected to this application which was a similar application to Appl 2014/93187 which the Council objected to in November 2014. The Council objected to the proposed development as the area needed upgrades to the infrastructure before any additional housing could be accommodated, also due to highways safety and detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding Conservation Area. The point was raised that although the Architect lived close by, there was no reference to it in the application and the preferred siting was away from the Architect's residence, even though the objections against siting the development by 12 Manor Road, equally applied to the preferred siting adjacent 29 Manor Road. Attention was also drawn to a similar application being refused in 2001. **294 Planning Appl No 2015/93663**
- 2015/90758 & 90759 Erection of 6 no. dwellings and conversion of barn into a dwelling and associated works (within a conservation area) and Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn into a dwelling and associated works (within a Conservation Area) at 18 Manor Road, Farnley Tyas.* The Council objected to the proposed development on the following grounds: i.) The area needs upgrades to the infrastructure before any additional housing can be accommodated. ii.) Highways Safety: The extra traffic from this proposed development of 8 properties along with the adjacent application for 3 properties and the Beech Farm Development will add to the ever increasing traffic flow exiting Manor Road at the junction Manor Road/The Village with no plans to improve sight lines at what is a dangerous junction. iii.) Detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding Conservation Area. iv.) Part of the development is within the Green Belt, but no special circumstances have been demonstrated. And, v.) The overall effect of these developments will result in a 50% increase in the size of the village without any correspondence increase in facilities and infrastructure planned. **Planning Appl Nos 2015/90758 & 759**

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Council considered general issues of policy relating to Grange Moor Allotments in relation to water storage and other structures not currently specified in the terms and conditions of allotment leases.

295 Grange Moor Allotments

Resolved: To hold the item in private session.

Resolved: To maintain the current terms and conditions but applications for additional structures or items placed on allotments should be brought to the Council for consideration prior to installation.

Resolved: To approve the installation of water containers to provide an efficient water irrigation system on Plot 21 with the proviso that the containers are not stacked, are kept in good condition, that measures are taken to ensure they cannot be moved about by the wind, do not impact upon the visual amenity and are removed at the termination of the tenancy.

The Chairman reported that she had attended Civic Dinners at Mossley Town Council and Ripponden Parish Council and that the Vice Chairman had attended the Institution and Induction of the Rev'd Mark T P Zammit MA on the Chairman's behalf.

296 Civic Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 March 2015 as a true record.

297 Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Projects Committee meeting held on 5 March 2015 as a true record.

298 Grants & Projects Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 19 March 2015 as a true record.

299 Environment Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 25 March 2015 as a true record.

300 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the notes of the Publicity & Events Working Party meeting held on 5 March 2015 as a true record.

301 Publicity & Events Working Party

Resolved: To confirm that the Council will be asked to decide whether it wishes to book a stand at Emley Show at the June Council meeting.

2015/62/90586/E *Installation of one 85Kw endurance wind turbine on a 23.6m mast with a 23.5m blade rotor on Land off, Marsh Lane, Shepley.* The Parish Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that there was a cumulative effect of turbines within this area, which detracted from the area, and there had been a degree of opposition from local residents.

302 Plans

2015/62/90392/E *Erection of detached dwelling with detached garage at the rear of 33, Northwood Park, Kirkburton.* The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the area is close to nesting birds and bats and the development was not in keeping with the neighbouring dwellings. Also on highways grounds as the site would be accessed to and from Slant Gate, which is a narrow busy route with a blind bend and parked cars affecting the sight lines for both vehicles and pedestrians and often causing cars to speed from one gap to the next. The Council also had concerns about the degree of consultation and transparency of this application which impacted upon Slant Gate rather than Northwood Park.

2015/62/90363/E *Erection of portable building at Farnley Tyas C of E First School.* The Council approved this application.

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2015/70/90715/E *Erection of detached dwelling at 284, Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Parish Council strongly objected to this proposed development on highways safety grounds since the access is directly onto the chicane on Barnsley Road, where there is often congestion and the area has a history of traffic incidents. Also significant improvements to infrastructure are required before the village can cope with any further development, especially if the other proposed new development in this area also proceeds.

Plans (Cont'd)

There was no comment on the following applications:

2015/90490 Shepley; 2015/90504 Highburton; 2015/90513 Shepley; 2015/90537 Kirkburton; 2015/90538 Kirkburton; 2015/90546 Highburton; 2015/90559 Kirkburton; 2015/90512 Stocksmoor; 2015/90524 Lepton; 2015/90544 Kirkburton; 2015/90568 Kirkheaton; 2015/90621 Farnley Tyas; 2015/90634 Shepley; 2015/90671 Kirkburton; 2015/90409 Farnley Tyas; 2015/90622 Flockton; 2015/90627 Kirkheaton; 2015/90659 Kirkheaton; 2015/90722 Lepton; 2015/62/90725/E Shepley; 2015/90730 Lepton; 2015/62/90482 Shepley; 2015/90715 Flockton; 2015/90782 Fenay Bridge; 2015/90783 Fenay Bridge; 2015/90791 Grange Moor; 2015/90754 209 Shepley; 2015/90807 Shepley, 2015/90943 Lascelles Hall; 2015/90563 Fenay Bridge; 2015/90631 Thurstonland; 2015/90776 Shelley; 2015/90855 Lepton; 2015/90894 Kirkheaton; 2015/90961 Shelley and 2015/91027 Shelley.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

303 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the April cheque schedule and the accounts as presented and amended to include the reduced emergency grant of £350 awarded to Grange Moor Pre-School under a new cheque number (£42,055.47 inc £14,401.87 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

304 Accounts

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

305 Casual Vacancy in the Kirkburton Ward

Members noted the report from Kirklees Council on the current status of the Fenay Greenway.

306 Fenay Greenway

Members considered the training arrangements required for the new Council and noted the report from the Clerk.

307 Training and Induction

Resolved: To provide training for the new Council and to make the following arrangements:

- To request the Clerk to provide an Induction / Refresher Training Session for all members.
- To request Kirklees Planning Services and Legal Services provide training sessions on planning and Code of Conduct / Freedom of Information Act respectively.
- To request YLCA to provide a session for the whole Council on Disciplinary and Grievance issues.
- That all members will be requested to complete a Skills Audit Form, as produced by the Clerk.

Cllr P Brook left the meeting.

308 Grange Moor Allotment Competition

Members considered including an extra category for new tenants in recognition of improvements made to plots over the year.

Resolved: To include the additional prize in 2015 for the most improved plot and to grant the Clerk delegated authority to make the necessary arrangements for this additional award.

Cllr P Brook rejoined the meeting.

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Members considered the proposed specification for alterations to the interior of the Kirkburton Library Building.

309 Kirkburton Library

Resolved: To approve the proposed specification for the internal alterations in principle and to grant the Clerk delegated authority to progress the contract, take professional advice as required if / when the Community Asset Transfer is approved and to make any necessary adjustments to the specification as a result of professional advice received or due to any other unforeseen circumstances.

Resolved: To grant the Clerk delegated authority to appoint a Contract Agent in consultation with the Chairman and the Line Manager.

Members considered the updated Standing Orders as recommended by the Management & Finance Committee.

310 Standing Orders

Resolved: To raise Standing Order 32.

Resolved: To adopt the updated Standing Orders as recommended by the Management & Finance Committee with the following amendments:

- An additional clause to be numbered Standing Order 3 (b) iii which will read “Subject to Standing Orders 4 and 5, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a Councillor has given written notice at least 7 clear working days before the meeting confirming his withdrawal of it.”
- To amend Standing Order 31 (b) to state that any changes to the standing orders shall be made by a Council resolution or by a special motion.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were particularly asked to help to circulate information to any new members they knew, regarding taking up office and the meeting arrangements. The Clerk thanked all the members for their help and support over the last four years and wished them well for the future.

311 Correspondence and Information

The Chairman and Line Manager both thanked Councillors, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk for their contributions to the Council. Other members also expressed their thanks to the staff and their colleagues over the last four years.

312 Thanks

No agenda items were requested.

313 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.