

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, J Paxton and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, N Berry, R Burton, S Dunford, K Dunn, P Pankhurst, L Parsley, M Pitts and S Triggs the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **28 Apologies**

Cllrs D Bradbury and I Lumb were absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr B Armer in the item on the Beech Farm development as he knows people involved; Cllr D Hardcastle in the item on the Beech Farm development as he knows the applicants and also in planning applications 91440 and 91441 as he knows the applicants; Cllr J Hirst in the item on the Beech Farm development as he knows the owners of Farnley Estates; Cllr A Munro in planning application 91573 as she knows the applicant; Cllr C Whittingham in the item on the Beech Farm development as she knows people involved, Cllr B Wightman in the accounts as he knows the owners of Snack City. All Councillors present declared an interest in planning application 92319 as they know the applicant. **29 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Barraclough declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item on the Beech Farm development. 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

The local Police gave the Council an update on issues in the area and introduced new members of personnel. **30 Public Participation**

Several representatives of the Farnley Tyas Community Group spoke with regard to the Beech Farm Development.

Cllr A Munro entered the meeting.

**Resolved:** To hold all items in the public session. **31 Admission of the Public**

To move the following item to this point in the meeting. **32 Change of Business**

Cllr R Barraclough left the meeting. **33 Beech Farm Development, Farnley Tyas**

Members noted the correspondence received and had a lengthy discussion. The sustainability and infrastructure of Farnley Tyas was particularly noted with regard to no shops, no medical facilities and one local bus service with a very limited timetable. The issue of the local school being at maximum capacity with a waiting list was also raised.

**Resolved:** To submit a comment to Kirklees outlining concerns regarding the size of the development, the design principles, the preservation and enhancement of local conservation and retention of mature trees, issues regarding the Field Lane / Woodsome Road junction, traffic calming in Farnley Tyas, adequacy of car parking for the size of the development and concerns regarding the building standards with regard to the materials being used to build the houses.

Cllr R Barraclough returned to the meeting.

Members noted the information received and also received a presentation from a representative of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on the subject of providing and re-locating defibrillators in the Parish area. The representative of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service also demonstrated how defibrillators work and explained how they need to be stored.

**34 Provision of Automated External Defibrillator**

Members considered whether to support a scheme to fund the supply / relocations of defibrillators in the Parish area and had a discussion regarding how to approach the matter and the level of funding.

**Resolved:** Yorkshire Ambulance Service to provide information on the priority areas for defibrillators in the Parish area. Support of the scheme to be considered on receipt of the information.

The Chairman reported that she had attended Kirkheaton Art Festival, Saddleworth Parish Council Civic Sunday, the latest Coal Mining Museum Exhibition - Courage, Camaraderie and Community and the Heroes Are Welcome event held at The Golden Cock, Farnley Tyas.

**35 Chairman's Appointments**

**Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 as an accurate record.

**36 Parish Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 as an accurate record.

**37 Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Publicity & Events Working Party meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as an accurate record.

**38 Publicity & Events Working Party**

*2014/60/91439/E adj. 50 Marsh Lane, Shepley*

*Outline application for erection of four detached dwellings (within a Conservation Area)*

The Council objected to this application on highways grounds – the sightlines are inadequate.

**39 Plans**

*2014/62/91583/W Dransfield Hill Farm, Liley Lane, Upper Hopton (Grange Moor Ward)*

*Erection of 3 dwellings and extensions to existing dwellings*

The Council objected on the grounds that although the application states the site is served by the 231 bus service, the nearest bus stop is 2km away. Also on highways' grounds as the access is close to a sharp bend onto a road largely used by HGV's accessing the M1.

*2014/CLASS MB/91588 Agricultural Building, Marsh Lane, Shepley*

*Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house*

The Council objected to this application on highways grounds as there will be more vehicles travelling on Marsh Lane and also to request that if the Officer is minded to approve the application, that the materials used are the same as those in the neighbouring farm buildings.

*2014/62/91052/W Unit 5, Franklyn Court, Greave House Terrace, Lepton*

*Change of use of building to taxi office and erection of aerial*

The Council objected on the grounds of opening hours, noise issues, parking problems and unsociable hours, and asked that if the Officer was minded to approve the application, parking is restricted to the yard area.

*2014/62/91592/E 52 Far Bank, Shelley*

*Erection of 2 storey side extension and decking to rear*

The Council noted the correspondence received from residents and objected to this application on the following grounds: it will have a detrimental effect on the residential amenity; the steepness of the applicant's driveway is not accurately represented, and highways' safety due to the increase of on-street parking near to Shelley First School.

There was no comment on the following applications:

2014/62/91246/E Kirkburton; 2014/62/91319/E Flockton; 2014/65/91427/E Shepley;  
 2014/60/91428/E Shelley; 2014/65/91440/E Highburton; 2014/64/91441/E Highburton;  
 2014/TWA/91497/W Kirkheaton; 2014/HHPD/91514/E Shepley; 2014/62/91516/E Shelley;  
 2014/62/91404/W Fenay Bridge; 2014/62/91523/W Kirkheaton;  
 2014/HHPD/91649/E Kirkburton; 2014/TWA/91534/E Highburton;  
 2014/62/91555/W Lepton; 2014/62/91563/W Upper Heaton (Kirkheaton Ward)  
 2014/62/91573/W Kirkheaton; 2014/TWA/91595/E Shepley;  
 2014/TNA/91627/E Kirkburton; 2014/62/91636/E Thurstonland;  
 2014/65/91637/E Thurstonland; 2014/TNA/91653/E Shepley

**39 Plans (Cont'd)**

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**40 Planning Appeals**

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£6,754.32 including £327.50 approved under LGA 1972 s137).

**41 Accounts**

To approve the draft copy of the Annual Report 2014.

**42 Annual Report 2014**

**Resolved:** To approve the draft copy of the Annual Report 2014 subject to the notified amendments.

Members considered appointing Lucas Lee as the Contract Administrator on the terms and conditions notified.

**43 Shelley Village Hall – Repair to Far Bank Boundary Wall**

Members considered delegating authority to the Management & Finance Committee to manage the contract and take professional advice as appropriate.

**Resolved:** To appoint Lucas Lee as the Contract Administrator on the terms and conditions notified.

**Resolved:** To delegate authority to the Management & Finance Committee to manage the contract and take professional advice as appropriate.

Members considered agreeing in principle to work with Kirklees Council to safeguard the libraries in Kirkburton and Shepley and had a discussion.

**44 Kirkburton & Shepley Libraries**

**Resolved:** To agree in principle to work with Kirklees Council to safeguard the libraries in Kirkburton and Shepley and to support library provision throughout the Parish area.

Members considered setting up a Committee to work on the proposals in more detail, meet with the relevant Kirklees officers and take professional advice as appropriate.

**Resolved:** To set up a Committee with the following Terms of Reference:

- To carry out an in-depth study into the viability of the asset transfer of the two libraries, meeting with Kirklees officers, Kirklees Council members and professional advisors, as appropriate.
- To negotiate a draft agreement with Kirklees Council setting out the protocols at each library.
- To bring options to full Council for agreement.

**Resolved:** To elect the following members onto the Committee: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Bill Armer, Robert Barraclough, Steve Beresford, Andrew Cooper, Derek Hardcastle, John Hirst and Alison Munro.

Members considered the questionnaire received from Catapult Transport Systems on the decision-making process.

**45 Consultation on Transport Investment**

**Resolved:** To note the information received.

Members considered the application from Comoder Ltd to provide pharmaceutical services in Flockton and had a lengthy discussion. The lack of suitable local parking was noted along with the fact that the medical centre is open later than the proposed pharmaceutical service.

**46 Pharmaceutical Service Provision in Flockton**

**Resolved:** To object to the application on the grounds that some of the information regarding current supply is incorrect and parking at the site is an issue.

Members formally noted the Service Level Agreement.

**47 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations**

**Resolved:** To formally note the Service Level Agreement.

Members considered nominating delegate's to attend the following courses:

**48 YLCA Training Courses**

- a) Design for Play, Thursday 12 June at Elvington near York.
- b) Insurance, Banking and Investment, Friday 20 June at the Royal York Hotel, York.
- c) What Councillors Need to Know, 24 June in Brighouse; 1 July in Wetherby; 10 July in Scarborough
- d) Understanding the Planning System, 5 July in Rotherham; 6 September in Richmond; 27 September at Ainley Top
- e) Neighbourhood Planning, Saturday 12 July in Wakefield; 10 September in Harrogate; 11 October in Rotherham
- f) Council Procedures, Tuesday 15 July at the Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton.
- g) Getting to Grips with Local Council Finance, Tuesday 22 July at the Royal York Hotel, York.
- h) Chairmanship Skills, Friday 25 July in York; 3 September in Wakefield; 1 November in York
- i) Code of Conduct/Freedom of Information, 21 October in Harrogate
- j) Employment, Tuesday 18 November in Harrogate; Tuesday 26 November in Scarborough

**Resolved:** Cllrs Pamela Brook, Cass Whittingham and Ben Wightman to attend the Chairmanship Skills course on 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Wakefield.

**Resolved:** Cllrs Pamela Brook and Cass Whittingham to attend the Employment course on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November in Harrogate.

Members noted the written report which had been circulated at the meeting and were asked to specifically note that the office will be closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June while essential electrical work is undertaken.

**49 Clerk's Report**

- Honour of Kirkburton Award
- The future of Farnley Estates
- Heroes Are Welcome – to consider ways of showing support of this scheme in the Parish Area

**50 Agenda Items**

The Chairman closed the meeting.