

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 3rd JULY 2014 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, S Beresford, N Berry, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, S Triggs and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Cunnington, S Dunford, A Munro and P Pankhurst, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **51 Apologies**

Cllr D Bradbury was absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr R Barraclough in planning applications 91836, 91877 and 91995 as he knows the applicant and also in the items on Farnley Estates as he is employed by Farnley Estates and the Proposed Conflict Memorial in Farnley Tyas as he is a resident of Farnley Tyas; Cllr S Beresford in planning application 91610 as he knows the agent; Cllr N Berry in planning application 91837 as he knows the applicant; Cllr A Cooper in the item on Farnley Estates as he knows the owners; Cllr D Hardcastle in planning application 91877 as he knows the applicant; Cllr J Hirst in the item on Farnley Estates and the Proposed Conflict Memorial in Farnley Tyas as he knows the owners of Farnley Estates and also in planning applications 91836 and 91995 as he knows the applicants. **52 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr K Dunn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 91822 as he owns shares in Punch Taverns.

Cllrs B Armer and R Barraclough both declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as they are substitute member / member (respectively) 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. **53 Public Participation**

Several Kirkheaton residents spoke with regard to the proposed development on Cockley Hill Lane.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session with the exception of the item on Grange Moor allotments and the staffing issue on the Clerks Report which are to be held in the private session. **54 Admission of the Public**

To move the following item to this point in the meeting. **55 Change of Business**

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting. **56 Planning**

Members had a lengthy discussion regarding the outline application for erection of 60 dwellings, formation of access public space and associated infrastructure. **Application 91831, Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton**

Resolved: To submit a comment to Kirklees objecting to the proposed development on the grounds that it is out of character for Kirkheaton and the development will impact on the whole village; the existing road structure cannot sustain the additional traffic; there are a lack of facilities in the village for an increased number of residents particularly the local school and medical centre which are already over subscribed; the existing infrastructure cannot cope with additional pressure - there have already been problems of flooding down Cockley Hill Lane. It was noted that should this application be approved that any materials used and the design of the properties must be in keeping with the neighbouring structures.

Resolved: To request Kirklees Planning Sub-Committee to make a decision on this application.

Members received a presentation from a representative of Farnley Tyas Estates on the future land use. A 25 year plan is currently being produced to make the estate open to people in terms of education, health and leisure. Members were informed of a number of events that will take place in the near future and were invited to attend the events. The representative was thanked for the presentation, and after answering a few questions, she left the meeting.

57 Farnley Tyas Estates

The Clerk explained the procedure to be used to co-opt 2 new members to represent the Kirkburton and Shepley wards of the Council. The applicants present addressed the Council before two signed ballots were undertaken by members.

58 Casual Vacancies in the Kirkburton and Shepley Wards

Resolved: To elect Anna Maria Boden into the vacancy in the Kirkburton ward of the Council.

Resolved: To elect Linda Holroyd into the vacancy in the Shepley ward of the Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the 2 unsuccessful candidates thanking them for their applications.

There was a brief adjournment whilst Cllrs Boden and Holroyd signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Boden and Holroyd to the Council.

The Chairman reported that she had attended Honley Show and Scissett Band Summer Concert.

59 Chairman's Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th June 2014 as an accurate record.

60 Parish Council Minutes

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 5th June 2014 excepting Minute MF4, the decision of which has been taken under delegated authority.

61 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants and Community Projects Committee meeting held on 19th June 2014.

62 Grants & Community Projects Committee

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2014 and had a discussion.

63 Sitlington Planning Committee / Traffic Issues in the Flockton & Grange Moor Area

Resolved: To request a meeting with the Kirklees Ward Councillors to be attended by the Parish Council members representing Flockton and Grange Moor.

Resolved: To work with Sitlington Parish Council on the organisation of a joint meeting with Kirklees and Wakefield Ward Councillors.

Resolved: To arrange a meeting with West Yorkshire Police representatives at the appropriate time.

64 Plans

2014/70/91722/E adj 21 Far Bank, Shelley
Variation condition 5 (sightlines) on previous permission 2013/94033 for outline application for residential development. The Council objected to this application on highways grounds – there are already issues with heavy traffic on Far Bank

Cllr K Dunn left the meeting.

2014/64/91822/W The Beaumont Arms, Church Lane, Kirkheaton
Listed Building Consent for installation of internal partition wall and access door to barn to form bin store. To submit the same comment it submitted to a previous similar application at this site last year.

Cllr K Dunn returned to the meeting.

There was no comment on the following applications:

2014/62/91610/E Lepton; 2014/62/91610/E Lepton; 2014/TWACA/91682/E Kirkburton;
2014/62/91695/E Highburton; 2014/70/91722/E Shelley; 2014/44/91748/E Lepton;
2014/62/91708/E Grange Moor; 2014/62/91783/E Shepley; 2014/44/91789/E Farnley Tyas;
2014/62/91616/E Shelley; 2014/64/91832/E Shepley; 2014/62/91836/E Farnley Tyas;
2014/TWACA/91837/E Kirkburton; 2014/TNA/91842/E Thurstonland;
2014/62/91874/E Shepley; 2014/62/91358/W Lascelles Hall; 2014/62/91715/E Shelley;
2014/62/91877/E Farnley Tyas; 2014/62/91898/E Kirkburton;
2014/TNA/91915/E Kirkburton; 2014/44/91929/E Kirkburton;
2014/62/91865/W Fenay Bridge; 2014/62/91942/E Kirkburton;
2014/TWA/91944/W Lepton; 2014/62/91973/E Shepley; 2014/62/91994/E Upper Hopton
(Kirkburton Ward)2014/44/91995/E Farnley Tyas; 2014/74/92034/E Lepton

64 Plans (Cont'd)

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

65 Planning Appeals

Members considered nominating Cllr Wightman to attend the YLCA Employment Training course in Harrogate on 18th November 2014.

66 YLCA Training – Employment Course

Resolved: Cllr Wightman to attend the YLCA Training course in Harrogate on 18th November 2014.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£10,554.30)

67 Accounts

Members noted the Heroes Are Welcome Scheme and considered how the Council can help to promote this scheme to businesses within the Parish Council area. Members also considered becoming a member of this scheme.

68 Heroes Are Welcome Scheme

Resolved: To join the Heroes Are Welcome Scheme.

Members considered implementing a scheme to make an award to members of the public for service to the community.

69 Parish Award Scheme

Resolved: The Clerk to approach other Town and Parish Councils to make enquiries as to how their schemes run. This item to be put this on a future agenda when further information is available.

Members considered the proposal of having a white rose engraved in the centre medal on both of the new chains of office.

70 Chains of Office

Resolved: To have a white rose engraved in the centre medal on both of the new chains of office.

The Clerk reported that the proposed changes to the Chairman's Lady medallion had been discussed by the Management and Finance Committee immediately before Council. The recommendation was not to make any alterations to the existing Chairman's Lady's medallion and to seek quotes for new medallions for both the Chairman and Consort to match the new chains. This would then safeguard the historic chains of office.

Resolved: Not to alter the Chairman's Lady's medallion and to obtain quotes for new medallions for both the Chairman and the Consort to match the new chains of office, including the new wording.

Members considered the correspondence received and had a discussion.

71 Police & Crime Commissioner

Resolved: To request the Police & Crime Commissioner attend a Parish Council meeting to address issues raised.

Members considered the proposals from Farnley Estates: a) To erect a memorial in the village square in memory of those lost in conflict; b) To accept the invitation to the Parish Council to become one of the Trustees in a charitable scheme. It was noted that a memorial has already been erected in the village square in memory of those lost in conflict.

72 Proposed Conflict Memorial in Farnley Tyas

Resolved: To support the erection of the new memorial in Farnley Tyas. Also to request further information with regard to the invitation to become a Trustee and consider it further when the information is available.

Members noted the new committee areas and considered whether to submit a comment to Kirklees on the committee boundaries, which split the Parish area, and the fact that the Parish Council has not been consulted before the decisions were taken, contrary to the protocols set out in the Parish Charter.

73 Kirklees District Committees

Resolved: To note the new committee areas but not to submit a comment at this time.

Members considered nominating the Clerk to attend the SLCC National Conference taking place in Bristol from 9th – 11th October 2014.

74 SLCC National Conference

Resolved: The Clerk to attend the SLCC National Conference taking place in Bristol from 9th – 11th October 2014.

Resolved: That the discussion on the following item is held in private as it will disclose personal information.

75 Grange Moor Allotments

Members noted the condition of Plot 20 and considered what action to take.

Resolved: To terminate the lease of Plot 20 with immediate effect.

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

76 Clerk's Report

The Line Manager made an announcement regarding the resignation of the Assistant Clerk, who will leave the Council at the end of August 2014. Members wished her well for the future and thanked her for her efforts over the years she has worked for the Council.

- The purchase of a timer for use in the public participation session of meetings

77 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.