

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 4 December 2014 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, P Brook, R Barraclough, S Beresford, N Berry, R Burton, A Cooper, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, A Munro, L Parsley, J Paxton and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs A M Boden, P Cunnington, L Holroyd, I Lumb, and M Pitts, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllrs A Munro and B Wightman apologised for their late arrivals. **196 Apologies**

Cllrs H Barraclough, D Bradbury, P Pankhurst, S Trigg were absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Dunford in the Denby Dale & District Rotary Club as she is Chairman Elect, Cllr Dunn in the Kirklees Public Rights of Way as his wife is involved in it, and Mrs Royle in EC Software as it is her husband's company. **197 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Armer also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a substitute 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.

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.

A local resident from Kirkheaton addressed the Council on concerns relating to the landfill site in Kirkheaton. **198 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session with the exception of the item about Grange Moor allotments as the discussions would divulge exempt information. **199 Admission of the Public**

Resolved: To bring the item on which the member of the public spoke to the start of the meeting. **200 Change of Business**

Cllr A Munro entered the meeting.

Members considered the correspondence from a resident raising concerns about the environmental impact of the landfill site in Kirkheaton. **201 Landfill Site in Kirkheaton**

Resolved: To write to both Kirklees Planning and Environmental Health Services highlighting the issues raised and the concerns of local residents noting particularly possible health risks.

Cllr B Wightman entered the meeting.

Cllr Whittingham reported that she had attended the Service of Welcome for the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs, First Area Bishop of Huddersfield. **202 Civic Appointments**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2014 as a true record. **203 Parish Council Minutes**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2014 as a true record. **204 Staffing Committee Minutes**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Service Review Committee meeting held on 6 November 2014. **205 Service Review Committee Minutes**

- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 6 November 2014. **206 Kirkheaton Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 26 November 2014 **207 Management & Finance Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held on 13 November 2014 **208 Grants & Community Projects Committee Minutes**
- 2014/93138 *Outline application for erection of residential development on Land adj to 306 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposed development on highways safety grounds. **209 Plans**
- 2014/93340 *Erection of extension and alterations to football changing rooms and alterations to tennis clubhouse (within a Conservation Area) at Shepley Tennis & Football Clubs. Firth Street, Shepley.* The Council had serious concerns that the proposed development would detrimentally impact upon the tarmac footpath to the First School and cut off access to the school playground.
- Resolved:** To support the application providing that amendments were made to the application enabling the footpath to be maintained.
- 2014/93453 *Alterations to convert 3 existing agricultural/storage buildings to 4 dwellings, alterations to first floor to form studio apartment associated with dwelling no 4, erection of extension to dwelling no 1, re-landscaping of courtyard area to create parking provision and amenity spaces at Copriding Farm, Thurgory Lane, Lepton.* The Council objected on the grounds that it shared concerns expressed by Kirklees Planning and Environmental Health regarding the close proximity of the dwellings (within 20m) to a cow shed.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
 2014/93360 Fenay Bridge; 2014/93408 Shelley; 2014/93432 Lepton;
 2014/93443 Thurstonland; 2014/93447 Shepley; 2014/93496 Fenay Bridge; 2014/93532 Thurstonland; 2014/93563 Kirkheaton; 2014/93594 Lascelles Hall; 2014/93362 Lepton (GM ward); 2014/93589 Kirkburton; 2014/93590 Shepley; 2014/93598 Shepley; 2014/93620 Kirkburton; 2014/93629 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **210 Planning Appeals**
- Members noted the consultation and considered submitting a comment. **211 New Local Plan for Kirklees**
- Resolved:** To respond to the consultation including the following points:
- That a relief road around Flockton and surrounding villages is included in the Strategy to address the highways issues;
 - To object to any reduction in the Green Belt;
 - To support the prioritisation of development on brownfield sites over that on greenfield sites;
 - To support the prioritisation of housing for younger people on lower incomes;
 - To support a strategy that encourages housing built to Passive Housing Standards;
 - To upgrade the local infrastructure (including roads, pavements, sewerage, schools etc. before any additional housing developments are approved;
 - To query the reduction in the number of houses required, given the rejection of the previous submission due to it providing an insufficient number of dwellings, and to query how the numbers have been arrived at.

Members noted the consultation and considered submitting a comment.

**212 Holme Valley
Parish Council
Neighbourhood
Plan**

Resolved: To thank Kirklees for including the Parish Council in the consultation and to request that the Parish Council be kept informed of progress and included in further consultations as they occur particularly where the Holme Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan and any other local Neighbourhood Plans might impact upon shared boundary areas.

Resolved: To query the reason the Parish Council has not been consulted on the Newsome Neighbourhood Plan, as there are also shared boundaries there at Stirling Hill.

The Council requested the Clerk to use delegated authority to enquire of Holme Valley Parish Council about the cost of the Plan and the support it was receiving from Kirklees Council and elsewhere.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£14,643.29 including £4,283.60 approved under LGA 1972 s137).

213 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the Cheque Register as presented and to adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2014.

**214 Cheque Register /
Receipts &
Payments
Statement**

Members considered the Management & Finance Committee's provisional budget/precept proposals

**215 Budget / Precept for
2015/16**

Resolved: To take a provisional decision to levy a precept of £109,620 with a budgeted expenditure of £135,346.25, conditional upon receipt of the council tax localisation relief grant at the same level as last year.

Members noted the correspondence from the Denby Dale & District Rotary Club with details about the re-location of the defibrillator to the exterior of the Shepley Health Centre.

**216 Defibrillator at
Shepley Health
Centre**

Resolved: To contribute £440 to Denby Dale & District Rotary Club towards the cost of re-locating the defibrillator to the exterior of the building.

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Cunningham to represent the Council on the Kirklees Public Rights of Way Forum subject to his agreement.

217 Kirklees PROW

Resolved: To hold the discussion of the following item in private, as it is likely to divulge exempt information.

Resolved: To defer the discussion to the next meeting when it was hoped further information would be available.

**218 Grange Moor
Allotments**

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were specifically asked to note that the Clerk's and Assistant Clerk's Annual Leave and Time off In Lieu arrangements.

**219 Correspondence
and Information**

Members noted that agenda items for the next Council meeting were to be submitted to the Clerk on or before 10 December 2014.

220 Agenda Items

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