

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL,  
HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair.

Cllrs B Armer; R Barraclough; S Beresford; AM Boden; R Bray; R Burton; J Cowan; P Cunnington; R Franks; D Hardcastle; B McGuin; J Paxton; P Scott; J Sykes and M Sykes.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Apologies were received from: Cllrs H Abid, M Ackroyd, L Holroyd, P McGleenan, C Rowatt, J Taylor and C Walker, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

171 Apologies

Cllr K Dunn and D Million were absent.

All members present declared a personal interest in appl. 2015/TND/93849/W as the Council was the applicant.

172 Declarations of Interest

The following additional personal interests were declared:

Cllr S Beresford in discussions concerning the Local Plan as he had been lobbied on this issue.

Cllr AM Boden in application 94068 as the applicant was known to her.

Cllr B McGuin in discussions in the Local Plan as he had been lobbied on this issue and had expressed preliminary views only in correspondence.

Cllr J Paxton in applications 93186, 93836, 93852 and 93882 as the applicants were known to him.

Cllrs B Armer and P Scott declared an interest in the Local Plan and Farnley Estates as they had been widely canvassed on these issues and in all the planning applications as they are members of Kirklees Planning Committees 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 Armer also declared an interest in appl 93582 as he was the Kirklees representatives for the National Coal Mining Museum.\*

Cllr R Barraclough in appl. 93891 as the applicant was known to him and in discussions in the Local Plan, as he had been lobbied on this issue and had expressed preliminary views only prior to this meeting. He also declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees 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.

Three members of the public spoke in relation to the Local Plan.

173 Public Participation

**Resolved:** To hold all the items in the public session.

174 Admission of the Public

**Resolved:** To move the Kirklees' Local Plan in order for the convenience of the members of the public present.

175 Change of business

\*Amended at the Council meeting held 4.2.16

Members considered the Local Plan.

**176 Kirklees Council's  
Local Plan**

**Resolved:** To submit the following comments:

- The Council queried the reason for the Farnley Country Park being included and given its own designation, rather than the landowner being required to draw up a development plan and submit a planning application to be decided by the Strategic Planning Committee. For this reason the Council sought the Park to be withdrawn from the Plan.
- Housing types should be more in line with the needs of residents, ie to include more smaller dwellings for first-time householders and older people seeking to downsize.
- Improvements to the road infrastructure in advance of any increase in housing numbers are essential particularly on the routes towards the M1, M62 and Huddersfield Town Centre.
- There were concerns about the deterioration in air quality resulting from an increase in traffic levels.
- Concerns were expressed about the increase in traffic leading to deterioration in air quality.
- Some of the country roads also need to be repaired and upgraded before they can cope with an increase in the level of traffic.
- The number of school places in all of the villages need to be increased in line with the additional number of children expected in the area.
- Healthcare provision needs to be taken account of, particularly the current proposals to downgrade services in both Dewsbury and Huddersfield hospitals. A multi-agency approach is needed to ensure that the population increase will be adequately catered for in all areas of healthcare.
- The Council opposed any reduction in the Green Belt and particularly where the open spaces provide a natural boundary between settlements, such as along Penistone Road between Lepton and Kirkburton / Highburton. Without these "green lungs", the whole area will develop into one large settlement, taking away the individual characteristics of the various villages and creating urban sprawl.
- Planners were urged to be aware of percentage increases. In smaller villages the proposed developments represent as much as a 50% increase in the size of the village, which makes it difficult for the services to cope with the increased demand.
- The Council urged very careful consideration should also be taken of drainage and flooding. It also opposed building on the flood plain.
- The Council urged Kirklees Council to make a very large investment in the infrastructure before approving any further development to ensure that the expansion is sustainable and does not reduce the quality of life of the residents in the Parish.

The Chairman had attended the Lepton Luncheon Club's Christmas Lunch and the Shelley Music Centre's Christmas Concert on behalf of the Parish Council.

**177 Chairman's  
Appointments**

**Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 3 December 2015.

**178 Parish Council  
Minutes**

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 30 November, 7, 14, 21 and 28 December 2015.

**179 Plans**

Cllr Scott left the meeting for a short time during this item.

The following application was approved: 2015/93900 Kirkburton.

*2015/93852 Demolition of existing storage buildings and containers and erection of one dwelling at 28 Haigh Lane, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposed development on Highways grounds, since there is a very poor access onto Haigh Lane, which consistently suffers from fast moving traffic. There are also still sceptic tanks on the site.

2015/93881 *Erection of 2 dwellings on land adjacent to 306 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that there is no direct access to the site. The only access is via Stoney Royd Farm.

There was no comment on the following applications:

2015/93582 Overton (GM Ward); 2015/93672 Stocksmoor; 2015/93782 Lepton (GM Ward); 2015/93796 Kirkburton; 2015/93798 Lascelles Hall (Lepton Ward); 2015/93808 Kirkheaton; 2015/93816 Flockton; 2015/93836 Flockton; 2015/93849 Kirkheaton; 2015/93341 Houses Hill; 2015/93430 Thurstonland; 2015/93622 Kirkburton; 2015/93891 Farnley Tyas; 2015/93913 Fenay Bridge; 2015/93980 Fenay Bridge; 2015/93981 Fenay Bridge; 2015/94014 Kirkheaton; 2015/93842 Kirkburton; 2015/93922 Lascelles Hall; 2015/93984 Kirkburton; 2015/94007 Kirkburton; 2015/94039 Lepton (GM ward); 2015/ 94044 Lepton (GM ward); 2015/94068 Kirkburton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

180 Planning Appeals

**Resolved:** To approve the January cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£5009.64 inc £247.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

181 Cheque Schedule

Members considered the proposal to give members the option to receive the agenda and meeting papers electronically, instead of by post. It was noted that members could opt out of receiving paper copies of meeting papers under the current Standing Orders.

182 Electronic Agenda & Meeting Papers

**Resolved:** To enquire into the use of the *Modern Gov* computer program used by Kirklees Council.

Cllr Scott agreed to send the Clerk details of the program and a link to the website.

Members considered requesting that the Management & Finance Committee examines the current system of cost-centring the accounts and make a recommendation to the Council on which system to use.

183 Collation of Accounts

**Resolved:** To request that the Management & Finance Committee examine the current system of cost-centring the accounts and make a recommendation to the Council on which system to use.

Members considered the response from the Huddersfield District Committee regarding the election of a representative.

184 Representation at Huddersfield District Committee Meetings

**Resolved:** To approve that Cllr Scott would provide an informal liaison between the Huddersfield District Committee and the Council as he already attends the meetings in his capacity as a Kirklees member.

A proposal to allow community organisations to take ownership of the Parish Council noticeboards, and responsibility for their maintenance (on condition that official Parish Council notices continue to be displayed on request) was withdrawn following detailed discussions in the meeting.

185 Noticeboards

**Resolved:** To continue with the current arrangements which are that the Council maintains its own noticeboards (Farnley Tyas, Flockton and Highburton) and the maintenance of those originally provided by Kirkburton Area Committee (Grange Moor, Kirkburton, Shelley, Stocksmoor, Shepley and Thurstonland).

Members noted the repairs needed to the Grange Moor noticeboard and consider covering the costs.

186 Grange Moor Noticeboard

**Resolved:** To accept Grange Moor Village Association's offer to fund the repairs rather than funding them from the Council budget.

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

187 Correspondence and Information

- To provide Christmas tree for Kirkburton village from 2017.

188 Agenda Items

Members noted that agenda items for the next Council meeting were to be submitted to the Clerk on or before Monday 25 January 2016.

The Chairman closed the meeting.