

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2015 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair

Cllrs H Abid, B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, A M Boden, R Bray, K Dunn, L Holroyd, P McGleenan, B McGuin, J Paxton, C Rowatt, P Scott, J Sykes, M Sykes, and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Cllr Brook welcomed new and re-elected members and congratulated Cllr Burton on his election as Vice-Chairman. She asked that members stand when speaking to ensure speakers could be heard.

1a Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Clerk explained the procedures in the event of a fire, and asked that everyone took care to sign the attendance book, as this would act as the register if the building had to be evacuated during a meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that all declarations of acceptance of office had been received.

2a Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Ackroyd, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington, R Franks, D Hardcastle, D Million and C Walker, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

3a Apologies

The Clerk advised members on the rules covering declarations of interest including predetermination and particularly that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and vote on matters in which they had declared either a Declarable Pecuniary Interest or in Pre-Determination. She stressed that it was the member's own decision as to whether or not to declare an interest.

4a Declarations of Interest

Cllr McGleenan declared an interest in the item on Farnley Park due to the rules of predetermination.

The following personal interests were also declared: Cllr S Beresford in planning application 91440 as the agents were known to him. Cllr R Bray in planning application 91342 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr B Armer declared personal interests in the Proposed Scooter Park on Highburton Recreation Ground and Farnley Park as he had been lobbied on these matters. He also declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Sub-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 declared personal interests in the Proposed Scooter Park on Highburton Recreation Ground and Farnley Park as he had been lobbied on these matters. He also declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Sub-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 P Scott declared a personal interest in Farnley Park as he had been lobbied on this matter. He also declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Sub-Committee and a substitute member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Sub-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 J Taylor declared a personal interest in Community-Run Libraries, as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Shepley Library Community Interest Company. He also declared personal interests in the Proposed Scooter Park on Highburton Recreation Ground and Farnley Park as he had been lobbied on these matters. He declared an interest in all the planning applications as he is a substitute member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen Planning Sub-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.

4a Declarations of Interest (Cont.)

Council received a report from West Yorkshire Police. A resident of Highburton spoke in relation to the proposed skate park in Highburton Recreation Ground. A resident of Shelley invited members to a forthcoming event as part of Local Farm Sunday.

5a Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

6a Admission of the Public

Resolved: To bring forward the item on the Proposed Scooter Park on Highburton Recreation Ground, on which a member of the public spoke at the start of the meeting.

7a Change of Business

Resolved: To note the survey and residents' comments on the Isaac Nash Trust's proposals.

8a Proposed Scooter Park on Highburton Recreation Ground

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 18 and 25 May 2015.

9a Plans

2015/91427 *Outline application for erection of 10 dwellings at the rear of 83 Far Bank, Shelley.* The Council objected on the grounds of Highways and Highways Safety, particularly as the proposed development is situated opposite the entrance to Shelley First School, where there are already parking and highways issues at each end of the school day. Objections were also raised on the grounds that the school was operating at full capacity and another development was already in progress.

There was no comment on the following applications:

2015/91342 Shelley; 2015/91440 Upper Hopton; 2015/91510 Kirkburton; 2015/91521 Highburton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

10a Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the June cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£8,232.36 inc £687.40 agreed under LGA 1972 s137)

11a Accounts

Members noted the information provided and considered how defibrillators were to be allocated across the Parish and the process for community groups to obtain the equipment.

12a Defibrillators

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Management and Finance Committee for further consideration and to make recommendations to Council.

Members noted the budget allocated to support volunteer groups looking to take over the running of local library buildings and considered how groups could apply for funding.

13a Financial Support for Community-Run Libraries

Resolved: To note the budget allocated to support volunteer groups with the initial running costs of the library buildings and to refer the matter to the Management and Finance Committee for further consideration and to make recommendations to Council.

Resolved: To approve the draft copy of the Summer 2015 newsletter.

14a One Voice

Members considered whether to take a stand at this year's Emley Show, which takes place on Saturday 1 August.

15a Emley Show

Resolved: Not to take a stand at this year's Emley Show.

Resolved: To elect the following members to serve as Parish Council representatives on the Voluntary Bodies listed below, in addition to those elected at the Annual Meeting on 21 May 2015:

16a Parish Council Representation

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association: Cllr M Sykes
 Kirklees Rural District Committee: Cllr R Bray & Cllr R Franks (in his absence and subject to agreement)
 Burton Environment Group: Cllr M Sykes
 Denby Dale Centre Management Committee: The place to remain vacant.
 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations: Cllr S Beresford. The election of a second representative to be deferred.

Members discussed the current arrangements regarding the compilation and consideration of Planning Lists and whether Kirklees Planning Services could edit the list to exclude applications over which there can be no influence.

17a Contents of the Planning List

Resolved: To write to Kirklees Planning Services requesting that the planning applications upon which no comments can be made are either removed from the weekly planning lists or suitably annotated so that these categories can be removed from the Council's weekly planning lists.

Members noted the information provided on the current cost, distribution and printing arrangements for the newsletter. Discussion took place on the future format and distribution of the newsletter.

18a Future of the Newsletter

Resolved: To refer the matter of the future format, distribution and printing arrangements to the Management and Finance Committee for further consideration and to make recommendations to Council. The Clerk was asked to include the employment element into the costings.

Members considered whether to explore the possibilities relating to the land beside Urban Terrace for allotments or other community purposes.

19a Land adj Urban Terrace in Grange Moor

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Land and Property Committee for further consideration and to make recommendations to Council.

Cllr McGleenan left the meeting.

20a Farnley Country Park

Members noted the correspondence received from a local resident regarding the proposed park and the query as to whether or not the Council was planning to hold a public meeting on the subject.

Resolved: To respond to the resident thanking her for her interest and stating that whilst there were no plans to hold a public meeting at present as there was insufficient information available to make it worthwhile, it does not preclude a public meeting being called in the future when the information is available.

Cllr McGleenan returned to the meeting.

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

21a Correspondence and Information

No agenda items were requested.

22a Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.