

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 3 September 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair.

Cllrs H Abid; B Armer; R Barraclough; AM Boden; R Bray; J Cowan; P Cunnington; K Dunn; R Franks; D Hardcastle; L Holroyd; P McGleenan; B McGuin; J Paxton; C Rowatt; J Sykes; M Sykes and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Cllr McGleenan declared an interest in the proposed Farnley Country Park under the rules covering pre-determination. Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in the same item due to being lobbied on the proposal.

Mr Paul Sykes and Ms SamTravis gave a presentation on the current situation regarding the proposed Farnley Country Park, followed by a Question and Answer session. Mr Sykes notified the Council of the meeting on Monday evening (7 September) when the results of the public consultation would be revealed. They also asked members to let the public know that they could raise questions directly if they wished.

Mr Sykes and Ms Travis were thanked for attending. They then left and the meeting opened.

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Beresford, P Brook, M Ackroyd and P Scott, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

74 Apologies

Cllr D Million and C Walker were absent.

The following personal interests were declared:

75 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boden in application 92324 as the applicant is known to her. Cllr Franks in planning application 92556 as he had been lobbied on the application at a previous Council meeting (Min:51 25/07/2015). Cllr J Sykes in planning application 92571 as the applicant is known to him. Cllr M Sykes in planning application 92571 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest (not defined) in Shepley Library as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Shepley Library Community Interest Company.

Cllr B Armer declared a personal interest in planning application 92556 as he had been lobbied on the application at a previous Council meeting and the applications 92388 and 92542 as he knows the applicant. He also declared an 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.

Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in planning application 92556 as he had been lobbied on the application at a previous Council meeting; applications 92606, 92388 and 92542 as he knows the applicants. He also declared an 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.

Cllr J Taylor declared personal interests in planning application 92602 as the applicant is known to him, application 92493 as he knows the applicant and in the applications 92388 and 92542 as he knows the applicant. He declared an interest (undefined) in Shepley Library as he is a member of the Board of Directors of Shepley Library Community Interest Company. He also declared an 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.

No members of the public wished to address the meeting.

76 Public Participation

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

77 Admission of the Public

The Chairman had attended the official handover of the Kirkheaton Community Centre to Yetton Together on 12 August 2015. The Vice Chairman had attended the opening of the Rugby League Heritage on Tour Exhibition at National Coal Mining Museum on 1 August 2015.

78 Chairman's Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 30 July 2015.

79 Minutes of the Parish Council

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 28 July 2015.

80 Minutes of the M&F Committee: 28 July

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Land and Property Committee meeting held on 20 August 2015.

81 Minutes of the L&P Committee: 20 Aug

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 20 August 2015.

82 Minutes of the M&F Committee: 20 Aug

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 27 July, 3, 10, 17 and 24 August 2015.

83 Plans

2015/62/91968/E *Erection of detached dwelling at 25, Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the plot is of insufficient size and there is a very poor access.

2015/62/92460 *Listed Building Consent for alterations to convert derelict barn and cottages into two detached dwellings at 18, Jagger Hill, Kirkheaton.* The Council had building concerns as it is not a good road and the location is not sustainable in terms of local shops and bus routes.

2015/62/92556/E *Installation of storage container with attached, elevated driver platform and wooden cabin at South of Grange Ash Farm, Wakefield Road, Grange Moor.* The Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds of noise nuisance to the local residents. It was felt that if this was added to the field it would result in weekly meetings. There are already rally cross events and a shooting club in the neighbourhood, both of which cause a significant amount of noise.

The following application was recommended for approval: 2015/60/92586/E *Outline application for erection of 2 dwellings at adj 30, Westerley Lane, Shelley.*

There was no comment on the following applications:

92155 (Thurstonland); 92388 (Farnley Tyas); 92413 (Shelley); 92424 (Stocksmoor); 92448 (Lascelles Hall); 92324 (Kirkburton); 92442 (Shelley); 92444 (Kirkburton); 92493 (Shepley); 92501 (Kirkburton); 92542 (Farnley Tyas); 92417 (Lepton); 92536 (Thurstonland); 92554 (Flockton); 92571 (Highburton); 92595 (Fenay Bridge); 92602 (Shepley); 92606 (Farnley Tyas); 92612 (Lepton); 92618 (Shelley); 92635 (Shelley); 92657 (Kirkburton)

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

84 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the September cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£5,511.38 inc £698.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

85 Accounts

Members considered Kirklees Planning Services' offer to deliver a training session immediately before the October Parish Council meeting.

86 Planning Training

Resolved: Not to hold the training session before the October PC meeting, but to request an alternative slot.

Members considered nominating the Clerk and/or the Assistant Clerk to attend the event on 29 September at Normanton.

87 SLCC West Yorkshire Branch Training Event

Resolved: To nominate the Assistant Clerk to attend the event should she wish to attend.

- Members noted the Annual Budget procedure. **88 Annual Budget Process**
- Members considered the proposal to hold some committee meetings in venues such as Kirkheaton Community Centre and Shepley Library instead of Highburton. **89 Venues for Committee Meetings**
- Resolved:** To request further information on the cost implications and to consider the item further when the information is available.
- Members considered supporting the You and Your Community Engagement Event for Kirkburton Ward being organised in Kirkburton Library. **90 Community Engagement Event**
- Resolved:** To support this event and publicise it on the Council website. Members were also invited to attend on the day to speak with members of the public, assist with the public engagement and signpost additional help and funding avenues.
- Members considered removing the Officer's Recommendations from the bottom of briefing notes issued by the Clerk. **91 Officer's Recommendations**
- Resolved:** Not to include Officer's Recommendations at the bottom of briefing notes issued by the Clerk unless legal and procedural advice was necessary.
- Members considered the report provided by the Management & Finance Committee on the current position of the Youth Shelter project and the recommendation to cancel the project due to concerns over the location of the shelter, a lack of support from residents in Shelley, the expected construction costs and the future responsibility and costs of essential repairs and ongoing maintenance. **92 Youth Shelter on Shelley Recreation Ground**
- A recorded vote was taken on the proposal to accept the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee meeting as presented to the Council with the following result:
- For: Cllrs Abid, Armer, Bray, Cowan, Franks, McGleenan, McGuin, J Sykes, M Sykes, Taylor.
- Against: Cllrs Barraclough, Boden, Burton, Cunnington, Dunn, Hardcastle, Paxton and Rowatt.
- Abstentions: Cllr Holroyd.
- Resolved:** To accept the recommendation of the Management & Finance Committee to cancel the project to provide a Youth Shelter on Shelley Recreation Ground.
- Members considered the proposal not to attend any Shows or Public Information events during this financial year. **93 Shows**
- Resolved:** Not to attend any Shows or Public Information events during this financial year and to request the Management & Finance Committee to make a suitable adjustment to the budget at its next meeting.
- Members considered the proposal not to send any Council members or staff to any further conferences during this financial year. **94 Conferences**
- Resolved:** Not to send any Council members or staff to any further conferences during this financial year and to request the Management & Finance Committee to make a suitable adjustment to the budget at its next meeting.
- Members considered the draft copy of the newsletter and offered feedback. **95 One Voice**
- Resolved:** To approve the newsletter subject to amendments.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. The Clerk consulted Library Committee members on whether they preferred the next meeting to take place on 1 October (after the Parish Council meeting) or 15 October. One member expressed the view that it would be inappropriate to hold it after a Parish Council meeting.

96 Correspondence and Information

- Flockton Relief Road

97 Agenda Items

The Chairman closed the meeting.