

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair.

Cllrs H Abid; M Ackroyd, B Armer; R Barraclough; S Beresford; AM Boden; R Bray; J Cowan; P Cunningham; K Dunn; R Franks; D Hardcastle; L Holroyd; B McGuin; J Paxton; P Scott; J Sykes; M Sykes and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton; P McGleenan; D Million and C Rowatt, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **98 Apologies**

Cllr C Walker was absent.

Cllr P Brook declared an interest in the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan under the rules covering pre-determination as she had provided support to the group producing the application. **99 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Scott declared an interest in the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan under the rules covering pre-determination as he had recently supported a grant from Kirklees Council to provide Yetton Together with funding.

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr AM Boden in application 92704 as the applicant is known to her. Cllr J Cowan in application 92819 as the applicant is known to him. Cllr D Hardcastle in 92819 as the applicant is known to him and in the proposed skate park at Highburton Recreation Ground as he has been lobbied on this issue.

Cllr B Armer declared a personal interest in planning application 92965 as he had been lobbied on the application and in the proposed skate park at Highburton Recreation Ground as he has been lobbied on this issue. 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 the proposed skate park at Highburton Recreation Ground as he has been lobbied on this issue. 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 P Scott 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 applications 92972 and 92819 as the applicants are known to him. He declared a personal interest in the proposed skate park at Highburton Recreation Ground as he has been lobbied on this issue. 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.

A member of the public addressed the meeting on the subject of concerns over building developments in the Parish, particularly where development affects green spaces. **100 Public Participation**

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

101 Admission of the Public

The Chairman had attended the Civic Sundays at Mossley Town Council and Meltham Town Council.

102 Chairman's Appointments

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

103 Minutes of the Parish Council

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the Staffing Committee meeting minutes held on 10 September 2015.

103 Minutes of the Staffing Committee: 10 Sep

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of Grants and Community Projects Committee meeting held on 3 September 2015 subject to clarification that the defibrillator grant awarded was 50% match-funding.

104 Minutes of the G&CP Committee: 3 Sep

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 17 September 2015.

105 Minutes of the Environment Committee: 17 Sep

Members considered the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 17 September 2015. A recorded vote was taken on the proposal to accept and adopt the minutes with the following result:

106 Minutes of the M&F Committee: 17 Sep

For: Cllrs H Abid, M Ackroyd, B Armer, R Bray, J Cowan, K Dunn, R Franks, B McGuin, J Sykes, M Sykes and J Taylor.

Against: Cllr P Brook

Abstentions: Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, A M Boden, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, L Holroyd, J Paxton and P Scott.

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 17 September 2015.

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 31 August, 7, 14 and 21 September 2015.

107 Plans

2015/70/92433/E0 *Variation of conditions 2 (time scale) and 17 (land form/surface restoration) on previous permission 99/90597 for restoration of mineral workings with imported controlled wastes; construction of new road and site access; ancillary processing and use of minerals arising from engineering and site development works; processing, sorting, composting and re-cycling of wastes and all other associated engineering operations at Laneside Quarry, Bellstring Lane, Upper Hopton (Kirkheaton Ward).* The Council objected to this proposed variation in the conditions unless the matter of the path is resolved as part of the planning process. The Council also asked for clarification on the length of time for which the quarry had permission to operate.

2015/62/92726/E *Erection of two storey side and single storey front and rear extensions at 17, Rutland Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that it is too large for the site and is out of character with the neighbouring properties.

2015/44/92867/E *Discharge of conditions 3,4,6 and 10 on previous planning permission 2015/90003 for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 dwellings at Haigh Lane Nurseries, Haigh Lane, Flockton.* The Council objected on the grounds that the access onto Barnsley Road has exceptionally poor sightlines and it is located adjacent to the place on Barnsley Road where the majority of road traffic accidents occur.

2015/TWA/92875/W *Works to TPO(s) 29/76 at 3, Hawthorne Close, Fenay Bridge (Lepton Ward).* The Council objected to the withdrawal of the requirement to replace the felled trees and felt this clause should be retained.

2015/62/92950/E *Erection of extensions and alterations to raise existing roof to form accommodation, alterations and extensions to existing attached garage to form guest suite, erection of new attached garage with office over, demolition of existing stables and erection of swimming pool annexe at 5, Coachgates, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposed development, and demanded that the original road which was removed previously, be reinstated.

107 Plans (Cont.)

There was no comment on the following applications:

92497 (Fenay Bridge); 92693 (Shelley); 92704 (Kirkburton); 92706 (Kirkburton); 92728 (Highburton); 92741 (Kirkburton); 92819 (Shepley); 92308 (Farnley Tyas); 92689 (Lepton); 92772 (Kirkburton); 92583 (Shepley); 92835 (Shepley); 92859 (Lepton); 92874 (Lepton); 92308 (Farnley Tyas); 92929 (Lascelles Hall); 92945 (Little Lepton) 92965 (Shelley) and 92972 (Shepley).

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

108 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the October cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£7,046.37 inc £137.99 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

109 Accounts

Members considered a verbal report on the current situation of heavy traffic through Flockton village and considered how the Parish Council could increase pressure on the Combined Authority to provide a relief road.

110 Flockton Relief Road

Resolved: To write to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority bringing this issue to its attention and requesting that the construction of a relief road is considered, to ease congestion in Flockton village as this would be of benefit to areas in both Kirklees and Wakefield Council districts.

Members considered the proposal that the Council will cover the costs of replacement pads and batteries when it is not the responsibility of any other Body, to ensure groups are not deterred from applying for funding.

111 Community Defibrillators

Resolved: That the Council will cover the costs of replacement pads and batteries when it is not the responsibility of any other Body.

Members considered requesting Parish Council representation for the Kirkheaton and Lepton wards on the District Committee.

112 Representation on Huddersfield District Committee

Resolved: To write to the District Committee to highlight the fact that the Committee includes part of the Parish Council area and to request that the District Committee considers inviting nominations from the Parish Council.

Members considered whether the Management & Finance Committee should have regular access to all current financial analyses for each budget line, as part of its financial risk control function.

113 Financial Analyses

Resolved: To refer the item to the Management & Finance Committee for further consideration.

Members noted the forthcoming Developing Your Skills as a Councillor course and a forthcoming Planning Training course.

114 Training Courses

Resolved: To elect Cllr Barraclough to act as Chairman during the following item.

115 Election of Chairman

Cllrs Brook and Scott left the meeting.

Further to the Council's decision to support the production of a neighbourhood plan in Kirkheaton, members considered approving the setting up of the group, Kirkheaton Future, to work on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with the community.

116 Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To approve the setting up of the group, Kirkheaton Future, to work on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with the community.

As such, members also considered the notified boundaries for the Neighbourhood Plan and the justifications for them. Members noted the comments received from Kirklees Planning Services, the additional information offered by the Assistant Clerk regarding the limitations of the map submitted and amendments that had been made to the justification after the Council papers had been issued.

Resolved: To approve the boundaries as described in the document *Kirkheaton Future – Neighbourhood Plan Boundary dated August 2015*, which would follow the Kirkheaton Parish Council Ward boundaries except in the North-North East of the ward where an area including parts of Colne Bridge and Battyeford would not be included due to its incongruence with the rest of the neighbourhood area.

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to work with Kirkheaton Future to amend both the map and the justification and to submit the proposals to Kirklees when the documentation matches the boundaries as described above.

Cllrs Brook and Scott returned to the meeting and Cllr Brook resumed her Chairman's duties.

Members noted the correspondence received expressing concerns with regard to the proposed skate park on Highburton Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Council would make no comment at this stage, as to do so would preclude the Council from commenting on the full planning application, due to the rules covering pre-determination.

117 Proposed Skatepark on Highburton Recreation Ground

Members considered the request for a telecommunications installation to be permitted at Kirkburton Library should the Council be successful in the Community Asset Transfer of the library building. A proposal to refer the item to Land & Property Committee was rejected.

118 Request for a Telecommunications Installation at Kirkburton Library

Resolved: To ask the company to provide further information on the proposal including the exact location, details of the design and information on any potential health hazards of the installation and to refer the item to the Library Committee for further consideration.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Forthcoming staff annual leave was highlighted, as well as the clear report received from the Council's External Auditor for the financial year ending in March 2015.

119 Correspondence and Information

The following items were requested for inclusion on future agendas:

120 Agenda Items

- Kirklees Dementia Action Alliance presentation
- Safer Kirklees presentation
- Kirklees Local Development Plan consultation

Members expressed thanks and congratulations to the Chairman for her hosting of the Civic Sunday in September 2015.

The Chairman closed the meeting.