

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Brook in the Chair.

Cllrs H Abid; M Ackroyd, B Armer; S Beresford; AM Boden; R Bray; R Burton; J Cowan; P Cunnington; K Dunn; R Franks; P McGleenan; B McGuin; D Million; J Paxton; C Rowatt, J Sykes; M Sykes; J Taylor and C Walker.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle.

The Clerk explained the evacuation procedures in the event of a fire.

**121 Fire Procedures**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough, D Hardcastle, L Holroyd and P Scott, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**122 Apologies**

The Clerk reminded members of the rules relating to pre-determination and declarations of interests, in view of the fact that a widely-discussed planning application was due for consideration at the meeting. Members were advised to carefully consider their statements over the previous weeks and ensure that they declare an interest in all items which might fall within the rules of pre-determination. Members were reminded that they must also leave the room when that item is discussed. The Clerk advised that if members were found to be guilty of pre-determination and had voted on the proposal, it may invalidate that Council decision.

**123 Declarations of Interest**

The following personal interests were declared:

Cllr S Beresford in the Library Committee minutes as he has been appointed Treasurer of the Friends of Lepton Library. Cllr J Cowan in applications 93168, 93316 and 93304 as the applicants are known to him and in the Library Committee minutes as he is a Director of the Shepley Hub Community Interest Company. Cllr B McGuin in the Library Committee minutes as he has been appointed Secretary of the Friends of Lepton Library.

Cllr B Armer declared a personal interest in planning application 93304 as he had been lobbied on the application. 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 applications 93168, 93316 and 93408 as the applicants are known to him and in the Library Committee minutes as he is a Director of the Shepley Hub Community Interest Company. He declared a personal interest in planning application 93304 as he had been lobbied on the application and had spoken to the Huddersfield Examiner about the proposed wheel park on Highburton Recreation Ground, and had said he would propose the funds be used to provide a new sports centre at Kirkburton Middle School. 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.

**Resolved:** To suspend Standing Orders during the public participation session.

**124 Public Participation**

Four members of the public addressed the meeting on the subject of the proposed wheel park on Highburton Recreation Ground.

**Resolved:** To reinstate Standing Orders.

**Resolved:** To consider planning application 93304 immediately after the item on admission of the public.

**125 Change to order of business**

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

**126 Admission of the Public**

- Members considered planning application 2015/49/93304/E *Formation of wheel park at Recreation Ground adj Burton Acres Lane, Highburton.* **127 Planning Appl 93304**
- Resolved:** To object to the application on the following grounds: a) the size of the development is too large for the size of the plot; b) the noise of the young people using the wheel park would detrimentally impact on the residents living adjacent to the recreation ground; c) it would spoil the quite enjoyment of the area for the young children and old people, who currently use the Recreation ground and d) inappropriate design.
- Ms Samantha Jones from Mencap spoke to members and showed a short film about the Safe Place scheme running in Kirklees to help vulnerable people when out and about alone. Ms Jones was thanked for attending, and then left the meeting **128 Safe Places Scheme**
- The Chairman had attended the opening of the National Coal Mining Museum Exhibition ‘A Light in the Darkness’. **129 Chairman’s Appointments**
- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 1 October 2015. **130 Parish Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting held on 1 October 2015. **131 Kirkheaton Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Library Committee meeting held on 15 October 2015 subject to the inclusion that the Clerk was asked to clarify the building costs with Kirklees Council at Min L6. **132 Minutes of the Library Committee**
- Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 15 October 2015. **133 Minutes of the L&P Committee**
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 28 September, 5, 12, 19 and 26 October 2015. **134 Plans**
- 15/93091 *Erection of 2-single storey storage/workshop units at the Old Stone Yard, Near Bank, Shelley.* The Council expressed concerns regarding the amount of additional commercial traffic this proposed development would generate. It was noted that there were no details within the application about the expected number of vehicle movements.
- 15/93168 *Demolition of double garage, alteration of ground levels and construction of a retaining structure (within a Conservation Area) on land off Thunder Bridge Lane, Thunder Bridge.* The Council expressed concerns at the proposed change of use to business, when there is a notified lack of housing in this area.
- 15/93292 *Erection of detached dwelling at Corn Mill Bottom, Shelley (Shepley ward).* The Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that there are insufficient school places in the local schools.
- 15/93320 *Agricultural notification for the prior approval for the deposit of 90,000 tonnes of inert waste in order to remodel existing land form on land adjacent to Liley Lane, Grange Moor.* It was noted that the application had been withdrawn due to it being invalid.
- 15/93316 *Change of use from dwelling house to additional accommodation for the Woodman Inn (within a Conservation Area) at 4 Thunder Bridge Lane, Kirkburton. (Shelley ward).* The Council expressed concerns at the proposed change of use to business, when there is a notified lack of housing in this area.
- The following applications were approved:
- 15/93054 Flockton; 15/93195 Flockton and 15/93300 Flockton.

There was no comment on the following applications:

15/92935 Upper Heaton; 15/93040 Upper Hopton (GM ward); 15/93047 Kirkburton; 15/93085 Farnley Tyas; 15/93094 Farnley Tyas; 15/93107 Kirkheaton; 15/93133 Shepley; 15/93142 Kirkburton; 15/93143 Kirkburton; 15/93152 Fenay Bridge; 15/93155 Kirkburton; 15/93178 Kirkheaton; 15/93180 Lepton; 15/93195 Kirkheaton; 15/93252 Kirkburton; 15/93259 Shepley; 15/93261 Fenay Bridge; 15/93265 Kirkburton; 15/93276 Shelley; 15/93345 Fenay Bridge; 15/93350 Fenay Bridge; 15/93364 Kirkburton; 15/93388 Grange Moor; 15/93407 Highburton; 15/93408 Shepley and 15/93411 Shepley.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**Resolved:** To approve the November cheque schedule and the accounts as presented (£6,482.66 inc £247.50 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

Members considered the proposal to proceed with the Community Asset Transfer of Kirkburton Library into the Council's ownership but not to move into the building. This would mean retaining the Children's Library in its current location and that there would be no need to borrow money to create additional car parking spaces. Members also considered a proposal to proceed with the CAT but defer consideration of any alterations to the current business plan until an alternative business plan was available. That proposal was defeated.

**Resolved:** To proceed with the Community Asset Transfer of Kirkburton Library into the Council's ownership but not to move into the building, thus retaining the Children's Library in its current location.

Members noted the Kirklees Council proposal to cease the practice of refunding the Parish Council's accommodation costs with effect from 1 April 2016. It was noted that Kirkburton Urban District Council taxpayers had funded Kirkburton Town Hall, which had been sold in 1993 by Kirklees Council.

**Resolved:** To request that Kirklees Council continues to cover the Parish Council's accommodation costs, since all Kirklees council taxpayers had benefitted from the sale, so they should also have responsibility for covering the successor Council's accommodation costs.

Members considered the proposal that Parish Council money (from any budget heading or allowance) shall not be used to provide any refreshments following, or in conjunction with, any meeting of the Council or any Parish meeting convened or hosted by the Council.

**Resolved:** Not to cover the costs of any refreshments from Council budgets or allowances following, or in conjunction with, any meeting of the Council or any Parish meeting convened or hosted by the Council. Also to notify Kirklees Council of this resolution and request that the same procedure is followed at Unitary level.

Members considered whether to nominate delegate/s to attend the 1-day training event on Accounts & Finance at Wakefield on 27 November 2015.

**Resolved:** To nominate the Clerk to attend the 1-day training event.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. The papers for the forthcoming Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting were distributed. Members were advised that these were the original application papers, and as they contained confidential information, they were required to keep them safely under the Data Protection legislation. They were also asked to return them to the Assistant Clerk as soon as possible after the meeting.

## 134 Plans (Cont'd)

## 135 Planning Appeals

## 136 Accounts

## 137 Kirkburton Library Building

## 138 Accommodation Costs

## 139 Provision of Refreshments

## 140 YLCA Training Day on Accounts & Finance

## 141 Correspondence and Information

The following items were requested for inclusion on future agendas:

**142 Agenda Items**

- The proposal to elect a substitute member to attend the joint meetings between Kirklees Council and the Parish / Town Councils when the Chairman and Vice Chairman were unavailable.
- Bus services through Flockton village
- Power cuts in Highburton & Kirkburton – the member was advised that he needed to provide additional information before it could be included on an agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting.