

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair

Cllrs H Abid, B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Bray, P Brook, J Cowan, P Cunnington, R Franks, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, B McGuin, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, J Sykes, M Sykes, J Taylor and C Walker.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Ackroyd, K Dunn, L Holroyd and C Rowatt, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr H Abid apologised for lateness.

173 Apologies

The following personal interests were declared:

174 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Beresford in the Hanging Baskets item as he is Treasurer of Lepton Community Link and he had written the email requesting LCL be permitted to sponsor 4 hanging baskets in Lepton; Cllr Boden in Planning Appl 17/90043 as she knows the applicant; Cllr Bray in Planning Appls 16/94331 and 17/90043 as he knows the applicants; Cllr Cowan in Planning Appl 17/90272 as he knows the landowner; Cllr Hardcastle in Planning Appl 17/90043 as he knows the applicant; Cllr Paxton in Planning Appl 90196 as he is a member of the Club and Planning Appl 16/93999 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee and a substitute member of the Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield Planning Committees. He 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 McGuin declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Committee and substitute member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning 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 Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he attends Kirklees Planning Committees. He 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. He also declared an interest in Planning Appls 16/94294 as he knows the applicant and 17/90272 as he knows the landowner.

Cllr Barraclough declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Appl 17/90030 as he works with the applicant. Cllr Barraclough left the meeting whilst the Council considered the application and agreed the comment.

There were no members of the public present.

175 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

176 Admission of the Public

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Civic Dinner at Saddleworth Parish Council.

177 Chairman's Appointments

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2017.

178 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting 12 January 2017

179 Staffing Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 19 January 2017, subject to the clarification provided by the Chairman with regard to the attached budget proposals.

180 M&F Committee Minutes

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 2, 9, 16 and 23 January 2017.

181 Plans

16/93642 *Demolition of existing garage block and erection of detached dwelling (within a Conservation Area) on land adjacent to 20 North Road, Kirkburton.* The Council commented: should the officers be minded to approve the application, the new development the materials used should match the neighbouring properties in order to fit in with the local area.

17/90124 *Erection of single storey rear, two-storey side extensions and front porch at 83 Park View, Park Side, Flockton.* The Council objected to the side extensions as they are too large for the size of the plot.

17/90160 *Erection of detached dwelling (modified proposal) at Haigh Lane Nurseries, Haigh Lane, Flockton.* The objected on highways' grounds.

17/90196 *Change of use from dwelling to temporary private members social club at 153 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected on the grounds of highways' safety: the regular deliveries by the dray wagon would need to be made up a single path and there would be difficulties turning round, so it may have to reverse in a residential area. The Council requested that the decision is taken by the Kirklees Planning Committee.

There was no comment on the following applications:

16/93914 Grange Moor; 16/93999 Flockton; 16/94053 Shelley; 16/94144 Kirkheaton; 16/94254 Kirkburton; 16/94294 Stocksmoor; 16/94312 Shelley (Shepley ward); 16/94331 Farnley Tyas; 17/90030 Farnley Tyas; 17/90043 Kirkburton; 17/90050 Flockton; 17/90052 Kirkburton; 17/90062 Waterloo (Lepton ward); 17/90117 Shepley; 17/90144 Lepton; 17/90145 Fenay Bridge; 17/90168 Kirkburton; 17/90171 Kirkheaton; 17/90218 Fenay Bridge; 17/90239 Fenay Bridge; 17/90242 Shepley; 17/90245 Kirkheaton; 17/90256 Lepton; 17/90260 Kirkheaton; 17/90262 Shepley; 17/90263 Shelley; 17/90272 Shepley and 17/90286 Lepton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

182 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£12,190.04 inc £5,508 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

183 Accounts

Resolved: To bring the following two items forward on the agenda, as they may impact on the budget proposals.

184 Order of Business

Cllr Beresford left the meeting.

Members noted the request received from Lepton Community Link to sponsor four of the hanging baskets in Lepton Square.

185 Hanging Baskets

Resolved: To accept the sponsorship of four baskets in Lepton Square and to withdraw the Council's grant application from the Huddersfield District Committee for the same purpose.

Cllr Beresford returned to the meeting.

Members noted the lists of tasks required for the organisation to function, which were divided into the categories: a) Tasks which could be done by a Parish Councillor; b) Tasks which could be done by a Volunteer; c) Tasks which must be completed by the Clerk / RFO and d) Tasks which could be completed either by the Clerk or an Administrative Assistant. The Chairman asked for volunteers for the tasks listed as suitable for Councillors.

186 Volunteer Members

Resolved: To accept the offers from the following members:

- To inspect Grange Moor and Shepley allotments, create a report including photos of each plot and any issues identified on the visit: Cllrs B Armer, R Burton and R Franks.
- To inspect the hanging basket brackets in advance of placing the basket order, and check the baskets have been receiving in accordance with the order: All members.
- To check up on issues as they arise in the Parish, take photographs and full details and pass the information to the Clerk to the Council: All members.
- To inspect damage to public seats as it is reported to the Council, take photographs and report the information to the Clerk to the Council. The Clerk was asked to circulate a list of the seats to all members.
- To find out the ownership of the on Bath Street, adjacent to All Hallows Church in Kirkburton. Cllr Armer volunteered to make enquiries at Kirklees Council.

No members volunteered for the following tasks, so they would remain within the remit of the Clerk:

- To update the website and Twitter feed.
- To create the bespoke weekly plan list and upload it to the website.
- To write One Voice.

Members noted the two budget proposals, one of which had been sent out with the agenda. Members further noted the Clerk's information and advice on the budget proposals, which had been issued with the agenda. The budget proposals, which had been sent out with the agenda were proposed with the amendment to the line entitled "Service Review", changed to read "Systems Review and Renewal", which is to update the Council's computer systems and take technical advice if required.

187 Budget / Precept 2017 / 18

An amendment was proposed as follows:

- To increase the following budget lines: Small Annual Grants by £2,000 and Employment Costs by £5,000.
- To introduce a new budget line of Village Choice with a budget of £16,000.
- To make the following reductions: Community Projects by £2,000 and Elections by £2,000.
- To remove the budget Systems Review & Renewal £3,000.
- To return the Library Improvement Fund of £15,000 to the General Reserve.

The amendment was defeated.

Resolved: To accept the budget proposals issued with the agenda with the Service Review budget line amended to Systems Review and Renewal to cover costs of updating the Council's computer systems and taking technical advice. To set a precept of £109,620 (excluding the CTR grant) with a budgeted expenditure of £129,285.

Members noted the YLCA courses on Planning, Neighbourhood Planning and Allotments. A proposal was made not to nominate anyone to attend the courses, which was defeated.

188 Training Courses

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Munro to attend the course on Neighbourhood Planning and Cllr Frank to attend the course on Planning.

Members discussed the ongoing problems of dog fouling throughout the Parish and considered ways of raising awareness to help reduce it.

189 Dog Fouling

Resolved: That Cllrs M Sykes and B Armer put together a detailed proposal for a publicity campaign, possibly involving the schools and bring it to a future Council meeting for consideration.

Members considered the problems local residents experience when attending Kirklees Planning meetings when they are held in Dewsbury.

190 Venues for Kirklees Planning Meetings

Resolved: To write to Kirklees Council's Chief Executive and all Party Leaders to ask for their support of the Parish Council's request that the Planning Committee meetings determining applications within the Parish Council area are taken in Huddersfield and not Dewsbury, to make it easier for residents to attend the meeting, especially those reliant on public transport.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members of the Grants & Community Projects Committee were asked to notify the Clerk of their availability for a meeting on 16 February, so the meeting could be confirmed.

191 Correspondence and Information

No agenda items were requested.

192 Agenda Items

The Chairman then closed the meeting.