

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Burton in the Chair

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

In attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Rowatt and L Holroyd. Cllr C Walker was absent.

**136 Apologies**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Boden in Planning Appl 16/93764 as she knows the applicant; Cllr Bray in Planning Appls 16/93671; 16/93708 and 16/93764 as he knows the applicants; Cllr Brook in the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan as she knows the personnel involved; Cllr Cowan in Planning Appls 16/93761 as he knows the agent and 16/93764 as he knows the applicant and in the item on the Shepley telephone kiosks as he is a Trustee of Shepley CIC; Cllr Hardcastle in Planning Appls 16/93675, 16/93708, 16/93764 and 16/93787 as he knows the applicants; Cllr Munro in Planning Appls 16/93764 as she knows the applicant, 16/93671 as she knows the agent, the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan as she knows the people involved, and the Kirklees Local Plan as she has been working with GAIL on it; Cllr Roebuck on Planning Appl 16/93671 as she knows the applicant and in the Shepley telephone kiosks as she is a Trustee of the Shepley CIC; Cllr J Sykes in Planning Appl 16/93764 as he knows the applicant and Cllr M Sykes in Planning Appl 16/93764 as she knows the applicant

**137 Declarations of Interest**

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. He also declared personal interests in Planning Appls 16/93764 and 16/93886 as he knows the applicants.

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 and the Heavy Woollen 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. He also declared an interest in the Friends of Lepton Library as he is the Secretary.

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 interests in Planning 16/93671 as he knows the agent and the Shepley telephone kiosks as he is a Director of Shepley CIC.

3 members of the public made representations to the Council about a planning application in Highburton, and one person spoke about the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan.

**138 Public Participation**

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

**139 Admission of the Public**

**Resolved:** To bring Planning Application No 16/93688 and the Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan to the start of the meeting for the benefit of the members of the public present.

**140 Change of Business**

2016/93688 *Erection of 97 dwellings along with associated access, drainage works, landscaping and public open space on land to the south of Burton Acres Lane, Highburton.*

**141 Planning Appl 2016/93688**

The Council strongly objected on the following grounds: highways, insufficient capacity in the local schools and inability of the drainage system to cope with additional dwellings.

Cllr Armer and Cllr McGuin wished it recording that they abstained from voting.

Cllr Brook left the meeting.

Members noted the funding application which Kirkheaton Future had prepared, and that it needed to be submitted by the Parish Council as the qualifying body for the purpose of neighbourhood plans. A discussion took place about the logistics of the system.

**142 Kirkheaton Neighbourhood Plan**

**Resolved:** To submit the funding application on behalf of Kirkheaton Future.

Cllr Brook returned to the meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had attended Saddleworth PC's Charity Ball and was one of the guests of the Kirkburton History Group at the Unveiling of the Memorial Board. He further reported that the Vice Chairman had attended the Opening of the special Christmas exhibition at the National Coal Mining Museum.

**143 Chairman's Appointments**

**Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 November 2016.

**144 Council Minutes**

Members noted the correspondence received from Kirkheaton Scouts and Guides with regard to the Committee's recommendation that the community grant application be refused.

**145 Grants & CP Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants and Community Projects Committee meeting held on 10 November 2016, with the exception of Min CG24, which is to be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 23 November 2016, subject to the following amendments: Cllr McGuin declared an interest in the Friends of Lepton Library as he is the Secretary. Discussion of the hanging baskets was taken in the private session due to it being a future contract, and not the funding application from the Friends of Lepton Library as stated. Cllr McGuin left the meeting during the discussion on the funding application from the Friends of Lepton Library.

**146 Management & Finance Committee Minutes**

Following a query from the Clerk, it was clarified that the maximum budget of £1,000 for dog wastebags referred to the financial year 2017/18.

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 31 October, 7, 14 and 21 November 2016.

**147 Plans**

2016/93886 *Erection of extensions and alterations to convert barn and mistal from agricultural use to residential with associated construction works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area) at Beech Farm, 21 Manor Road, Farnley Tyas.* The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in a Conservation Area and the development on the paddock would detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the neighbouring properties on Manor Road and result in a reduction in open space.

2016/93887 *Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations (within a Conservation Area) at Beech Farm, 21 Manor Road, Farnley Tyas.* The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in a Conservation Area and the development on the paddock would detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the neighbouring properties on Manor Road and result in a reduction in open space.

2016/93931 *Outline application for erection of 2 dwellings (within a Conservation Area) at the Old Vicarage, Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland.* The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in a Conservation Area and the development on the paddock would detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the neighbouring properties on Marsh Hall Lane and result in a reduction in open space.

2016/93787 *Erection of a detached dwelling (within a Conservation Area) on land adjacent to 20 Manor Road, Farnley Tyas.* The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in a Conservation Area.

There was no comment on the following applications:

16/93589 Overton (Grange Moor ward); 16/93640 Lepton; 16/93667 Shepley; 16/93671 Shepley; 16/93675 Kirkburton; 16/93682 Shelley; 16/93704 Overton (Grange Moor ward); 16/93708 Shelley; 16/93743 Fenay Bridge; 16/93748 Kirkburton; 16/93750 Shelley; 16/93764 Kirkburton; 16/93778 Farnley Tyas; 16/93821 Kirkheaton; 16/93832 Shelley; 16/93858 Fenay Bridge; 16/93889 Highburton; 16/93895 Kirkburton; 16/93921 /Kirkburton and 16/93940 Highburton;

**147 Plans (Cont'd)**

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**148 Planning Appeals**

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£6,550.07 including £1,675.00 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

**149 Accounts**

Members considered the latest consultation being carried out on the Kirklees Local Plan.

**150 Kirklees Local Plan**

**Resolved:** To submit the following comments:

- The plan is unsustainable as no extra jobs are being created for the increased number of residents.
- The transport policy is not effective – many junctions are major hotspots, creating long delays, but there are no plans to improve them.
- The schools within the Parish are either full or close to capacity. The projected figure for new children in the area appears to be underestimated, compared with the actual situation experienced following the completion of other similar new developments.
- Health centres are also running at full capacity and would struggle to cope with additional patients. Kirklees Council needs to liaise with the NHS on the siting of new housing developments to ensure that all residents continue to have access to the health services they need.
- There is a higher incidence of people running businesses from home in the rural areas, but to support this Kirklees Council needs to roll out broadband quicker than at present.
- The rules covering the Community Infrastructure Levy vary depending on the size of the developer, which is creating a two-tier system, which disadvantages the smaller developer.

Members noted the recent changes to the bus routes and timetabling.

**151 Changes to Bus Services**

**Resolved:** To write to Metro and Yorkshire Tiger thanking them for their efforts to improve the situation, but state that there is still room for further improvement. Also to notify the concerns that the changes to the bus timetables were not adequately notified to the passengers.

It was reported that the reductions in the ambulance services had been withdrawn.

**152 NHS: Honley Ambulance Station Changes**

**Resolved:** To note the current situation with regard to Honley Ambulance Station.

Members noted the concerns regarding highways safety in Lascelles Hall, Fenay Bridge and Lepton and discussed the means of addressing them.

**153 Highways Issues in Lascelles Hall, Fenay Bridge & Lepton**

**Resolved:** To request Kirklees Highways Service to undertake a survey of the area and to introduce a lower speed limit outside Rowley Lane JI&N School and Lepton JI&N School.

Cllr Cowan, Cllr Roebuck and Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

**154 Telephone Kiosks in Shepley**

Members noted the request from the Shepley Hub Community Interest Company to adopt the two telephone kiosks next to the Black Bull on Marsh Lane and on Lane Head Road near the Sovereign Garage.

**Resolved:** To support the Shepley Hub CIC's request to adopt the two telephone kiosks listed above.

Cllr Cowan, Cllr Roebuck and Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting.

Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

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

**155 Correspondence and Information**

The Clerk drew members' attention to the letter received from Kirklees Council about the removal of several telephone kiosks from the Parish area, with a deadline date of 15 December to respond. Members were particularly concerned at the withdrawal of the one at the junction of Penistone Road and Station Road in Fenay Bridge, which records showed had been used 237 in the last 12 months. The Clerk was asked to use delegated authority to submit an objection to the removal of that particular telephone kiosk.

No items were requested.

**156 Agenda Items**

The Chairman and Councillors wished each other Happy Christmas before the meeting closed.