

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Franks in the Chair

Cllrs M Ackroyd, B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, B McGuin, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, J Spivey, J Sykes, M Sykes and J Taylor.  
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Abid, A Boden, K Dunn, L Holroyd and C Rowatt, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **132 Apologies**

The following personal interests were declared: **133 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 declared interests in Farnley Tyas Community Group and Lepton Community Link, as he knows the applicants, and in Planning Appl 94100 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in Stocksmoor Village Association, as he is the Chairman.

Cllr Beresford declared an interest in Lepton Community Link as he is a member and completed the general grant application form.

Cllr Brook declared an interest in Lepton Community Link, as she knows the applicants.

Cllr Burton declared an interest in Lepton Community Link, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Cowan declared interests in Planning Appls 93883 and 93918 as he knows the applicants, and also in Friends of Shepley, Lepton Community Link, Shepley Cricket Club, Shepley Hub, Shepley Village Association and Stocksmoor Village Association, as he knows the applicants and is a member of some of the organisations. He also declared an interest in Shepley Bowling Club as he is an officer and a member.

Cllr Hardcastle declared an interest in Lepton Community Link small annual grant application, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr McGleenan declared an interest in Farnley Tyas Community Group, as she knows the members.

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. He also declared an interest in Lepton Community Link, as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in Flockton Cricket Club, as he is a Trustee.

Cllr J Sykes declared an interest in Planning Appl 94100 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr M Sykes declared an interest in Planning Appl 94100 as she knows the applicant.

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 declared interests in Friends of Shepley, Lepton Community Link, Shepley Bowling Club, Shepley Cricket Club, Shepley Hub and Shepley Village Association, as he knows the people involved in all of the organisations and in Planning Appl 93883 as he knows the applicant.

- All members present declared an interest in Planning Appl 93995 in Kirkheaton, as the Land & Property Committee had advised the applicant and the application included letters from the Parish Council.
- No members of the public addressed the Council.
- Resolved:** To hold all items in the public session.
- Members considered the applications from Lorraine Smith and James Spivey, both of whom spoke briefly to the Council.
- Resolved:** To elect James Spivey into the vacancy in the Lepton / Whitley Upper ward.
- Cllr Spivey signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before joining the meeting.
- The Chairman reported that he had attended the Service of Licensing for the new Priest in Charge of the parishes of Lepton, Emley and Flockton.
- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 November 2017, subject to an alteration to the first resolution at Min 129 which should read “. . . to fulfil its statutory obligations with regard to the Kirkheaton and Lepton Neighbourhood Plans.”
- The Clerk provided clarification to members on declaring interests and whether or not members were required to leave the meeting. She informed members that although the Chairman and the Clerk could provide advice, the decision on how to act remained with the individual member.
- Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford and J Cowan left the meeting.
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held on 9 November 2017, subject to the amendments: (Min CG34) should read “Resolved: to make an ‘in principle’ recommendation to Council on the general grant application for £216 to cover the cost of planters in the village, to be decided under a separate agenda item at the next Council meeting.”
- (Min CG41) There should be an additional recommendation that the Friends of Shepley is asked to provide clarification on the finance statements supplied with the application, providing an explanation of the anomalies.
- Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford and J Cowan returned to the meeting.
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plans Committee meeting held on 23 November 2017
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 30 October, 6, 13, 20 and 27 November 2017.
- 17/93770 *Erection of one dwelling (modified proposal) at 121 Barnsley Road, Flockton.*  
**Resolved:** To request Cllr Taylor to take up the issues concerning the application with Planning Services in his role as a Kirklees Councillor.
- 17/93803 *Erection of detached dwelling on the site off Windmill Hill Lane/ Crawshaw Lane.*  
 Members were of the opinion that the site was in the Denby Dale ward, and so did not submit a comment.
- 17/93805 *Change of use of ground floor flat to hairdressers (A1) (within a Conservation Area) at 95-99 Lane Head Road, Shepley.* The Council objected on the grounds of insufficient space for car parking.

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There was no comment on the following applications:

17/92819 Lepton; 17/93485 Grange Moor; 17/93673 Kirkburton; 17/93696 Kirkburton; 17/93702 Fenay Bridge; 17/93705 Kirkburton; 17/93727 Grange Moor; 17/93740 Kirkburton; 17/93748 Grange Moor; 17/93755 Flockton; 17/93784 Shelley; 17/93807 Kirkburton; 17/93853 Kirkheaton; 17/93870 Kirkburton; 17/93883 Shepley; 17/93887 Kirkheaton; 17/93889 Lepton; 17/93897 Kirkburton; 17/93900 Farnley Tyas; 17/93901 Farnley Tyas; 17/93933 Shelley; 17/93934 Kirkburton; 17/93936 Shepley; 17/93957 Thurstonland; 17/93960 Kirkburton; 17/93995 Kirkheaton; 17/93998 Shepley; 17/94013 Lepton; 17/94049 Shelley; 17/94065 Shelley; 17/94078 Shelley and 17/94100 Kirkburton.

**141 Planning (Cont'd)**

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**142 Planning Appeals**

Members noted the Grants & Community Projects finance statement dated 15 November 2017.

**143 Farnley Tyas Community Group**

Members considered the general grant application from the Farnley Tyas Community Group for £216 to cover the cost of garden planters around the village, as recommended by the Grants & Community Projects Committee.

**Resolved:** To award a general grant of £216 to the Farnley Tyas Community Group to cover the cost of garden planters around the village.

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£31,413.79 inc £7,539.90 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

**144 Accounts**

Members noted the Cheque Register and Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2017.

**145 Cheque Register and Receipts & Payments Statement**

**Resolved:** To adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2017.

Cllr Beresford left the meeting.

Members noted the information concerning the misplacement of the small annual grant application from Lepton Community Link.

**146 Lepton Community Link**

**Resolved:** To accept the application and award a small annual grant of £250 to Lepton Community Link to contribute towards the general running costs of the community association and to assist with the costs of hosting the annual gala.

Cllr Beresford returned to the meeting.

Members debated the continuing problems of traffic and highways issues on Barnsley Road in Flockton, which were expected to increase due to the new housing developments, which have received planning permission, some of which are under construction.

**147 Relief Road in Flockton**

**Resolved:** To write to Paula Sherriff MP (cc Kirklees Council's Chief Executive Officer), highlighting the problems and requesting that further consideration is given to the construction of a relief road, to reduce the volume of traffic through the village.

**Resolved:** To request that the Chief Executive Officer provides periodic updates to the Parish Council on progress of this issue.

Members noted the question posed to the Responsible Financial Officer: "Will the Responsible Financial Officer inform the Council why it has not yet received any details of next year's proposed budget, when it can expect the process to begin and what are the deadlines?"

**148 Member's Question**

The Responsible Financial Officer responded to the question.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members were asked to note particularly the arrangements for annual leave and the office closure.

**149 Correspondence and Information**

- To reconsider the current practice of holding committee meetings in either Kirkburton or Shepley Libraries.

**150 Agenda Items**

The Chairman then closed the meeting.