

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 5 September 2019 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, R Battye, A Booth, R Bray, P Brook, A Cooper, J Cowan, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, B Smith, J Spivey, P Taylor, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.
In attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Cunnington and K Middleton, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllrs R Burton and J Taylor were absent.

95 Apologies

The following personal interests were declared:

96 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.

Cllr Bray declared interests in Planning Appls 19/92629 and 19/92704 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Munro declared an interest in all the applications, as she is a substitute member of the Huddersfield Planning Committee. She 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 Battye entered the meeting during the following item.

A member of the public addressed the meeting on the subject of thermal imaging cameras.

97 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

98 Admission of the Public

The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended the official opening of the Boules Pitch in Kirkburton. The Chairman thanked everyone who came to the Civic Sunday held the previous week, and in particular thanked Cllr Paxton and the Clerk for helping with the organisation of the event. Cllr Beresford received a vote of thanks for hosting the event.

99 Civic Appointments

Resolved: To bring the following item forward on the agenda for the benefit of the members of public present.

100 Order of Business

Members noted the information on the various models of thermal imaging cameras available, which had been circulated with the Council papers. Members debated the practicalities and the usefulness of purchasing a camera for the use of the general public.

101 Thermal Imaging Camera

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Environment Committee to investigate the issue further alongside other options, subject to the Committee being established later in the meeting.

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 August 2019.

102 Council Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8 August 2019, noting the decisions taken under the Committee's delegated authority.

103 Staffing Committee Minutes

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 29 July, 5, 12, 19 and 26 August 2019.

104 Plans

19/92431 *Listed Building Consent for installation of new doors and windows and internal alterations (within a Conservation Area) at Sunday School House, The Village, Thurstonland.* The Council recommended the application for approval, particularly if the building was to be double-glazed.

There was no comment on the following applications:

19/92332 Stocksmoor; 19/92400 Overton (GM ward); 19/92457 Kirkheaton; 19/92487 Kirkheaton; 19/92506 Lepton; 19/92514 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 19/92521 Thurstonland; 19/92522 Kirkheaton; 19/92545 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 19/92556 Kirkburton (Thurstonland/FT ward); 19/92563 Grange Moor; 19/92589 Thurstonland; 19/92590 Lepton; 19/92596 Lepton; 19/92603 Kirkburton; 19/92604 Kirkburton; 19/92622 Shelley; 19/92629 Farnley Tyas; 19/92633 Highburton; 19/92641 Stocksmoor; 19/92696 Shelley; 19/92704 Farnley Tyas; 19/92707 Lepton; 19/92727 Kirkheaton; 19/92740 Thurstonland; 19/92745 Lepton (Grange Moor ward); 19/92758 Shepley; 19/92816 Shepley and 19/92827 Kirkheaton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

105 Planning Appeals

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£6,381.78 inc £165.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

106 Accounts

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers, which outlined the Council's budget process, including the timeline.

107 Budget Process

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers on biodiversity, and debated the merits of creating a new Committee to deal with environmental issues. A recorded vote was taken on the proposal to set up the Environment and Climate Change Committee, with the following result:

108 Biodiversity

For: Cllrs R Barraclough, R Battye, S Beresford, A Cooper, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, P Taylor and C Walters.
Against: Cllrs B Armer, A Booth, R Bray, P Brook, J Cowan, J Roebuck, B Smith, J Spivey and M Wheelhouse.

Resolved: To set up the Environment and Climate Change Committee with the following Terms of Reference:

- To consider and progress environmental projects, with particular regard to those which would increase biodiversity in the area.
- To work with community groups within the Parish with similar aims.
- To play a role in addressing the climate emergency in line with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report.

Resolved: To elect the following members to sit on the Committee: Cllrs R Battye, S Beresford, A Cooper, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, P Taylor and C Walters.

Resolved: To permit the Committee to elect co-optees if it wishes.

Members considered electing members to the Working Group.

109 Waste Strategy Working Group

Resolved: To refer any items relating to waste strategy to the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Members noted the invitation to nominate members to the NALC Larger Councils Committee.

110 NALC

Resolved: Not to make any nominations.

- The Clerk reported that the problems outlined at the Staffing Committee with regard to the Council's bank accounts had been resolved.
- 111 Council's Bank Accounts**
- Resolved:** To retain the Council's existing bank accounts and not to open any new accounts.
- Members noted the circulated information with regard to the planted tree at Highburton, and the report that the tree was not yet suitable to hold festive lights.
- 112 Christmas Trees
a) Highburton**
- Resolved:** To provide a cut tree from Kirklees Council to be placed in Highburton.
- Members considered the circulated information regarding the Christmas tree at Lascelles Hall.
- 113 b) Lascelles Hall**
- Resolved:** To remove the planted tree at Lascelles Hall and to provide a cut tree from Kirklees Council instead.
- The Clerk informed members that a new ground socket may also be required, and that it was Council policy to fund the cost of any new sockets needed from the General Reserves.
- Members noted the grants received previously from Kirklees Councillors to contribute towards the cost of hanging baskets.
- 115 Funding for Hanging Baskets in 2020**
- Resolved:** To apply for the same level of funding as last year.
- Members noted the circulated information and the costings with regard to the possible refurbishment of the guidestoop at the junction of Hollin Hall Lane and Highgate Lane in Kirkheaton.
- 116 Guidestoop in Kirkheaton**
- Resolved:** To commission the Milestone Society representative to undertake the work on the terms and conditions notified.
- Members noted the resident's correspondence raising issues about the problem of parking in Kirkburton and the suggestion that the Parish Council requests Kirklees Council to compulsory purchase the former petrol station in North Road for conversion into a car park.
- 117 Parking Issues in Kirkburton**
- Resolved:** To contact Kirklees Council's Chief Executive Officer to request enforcement of parking regulations on North Road.
- The Clerk drew members' attention to the fact that the circulated written information was subject to the General Data Protection Regulations.
- Members noted the documents received as part of the developer's pre-application consultation on the installation at Tib Netherend Farm, Wood Lane, Colne Bridge.
- 118 Proposed Base Station at Colne Bridge**
- The Chairman drew members' attention to correspondence received from a Planning & Development Consultant, who was requesting comments from the Parish Council about a proposed development on land off Rowley Lane in Lepton, the deadline for which was 19 September. As the matter could not be dealt with at this meeting, the Chairman outlined the options available. It was agreed the issue would be included on the next agenda.
- 119 Correspondence and Information**
- Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been circulated at the meeting. Members' attention was drawn to the fact that the grants forms were now available and posters had been produced for inclusion in the noticeboards. The Clerk gave brief details on the system for the benefit of new members.
- No agenda items were requested.
- 120 Agenda Items**
- The Chairman then closed the meeting.