

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via 'Zoom' on Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

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

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min 170 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr A Booth. Cllr J Roebuck was absent. Cllrs B Armer and A Cooper apologised for arriving late.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a substitute member of the 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 a personal interest in the item on the Community Commission on Planning, as he is a member of Kirklees Planning Committees.

Cllr Munro declared a personal interest in all the applications, as she is a substitute member of the Kirklees Planning Committees. 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 Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of the 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.

Min 171 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council.

Min 172 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 173 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended no civic appointments since the last meeting.

Min 174 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021.

Min 175 Staffing Sub-Committee Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021.

Min 176 Grants & Community Projects Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021 subject to the following amendments: At Min CG56 the replacement lights are in the changing rooms, and the quotes have been received. At Min CG63 Cllrs D Hardcastle and P Taylor left the room whilst the application was discussed and decided upon.

Cllrs B Armer and J Taylor arrived.

Min 177 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 1, 8, 15 and 22 February 2021.

2021/90086 Erection of 18 apartments in 2 blocks and change of use and alterations to convert existing restaurant to 6 apartments at Grameen Spice, 2 Bristfield Road, Grange Moor.

The Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that 3-storey buildings are out of keeping with the neighbouring properties; it is not a sustainable location, as the facilities listed are not available and there is a very restricted bus service to / from the village. Also on highways grounds: Liley Lane is in fact a busy road, especially at peak hours and is unsuitable for cyclists.

There was no comment on the following applications:

21/90284 Shepley; 21/90325 Stocksmoor; 21/90333 Kirkburton; 21/90364 Kirkburton; 21/90388 Kirkburton; 21/90391 Shepley; 21/90408 Shepley; 21/90424 Kirkburton; 21/90455 Flockton; 21/90471 Flockton; 21/90485 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 21/90486 Highburton; 21/90490 Stocksmoor; 21/90491 Stocksmoor; 21/90495 Shepley; 21/90502 Kirkheaton; 21/90521 Shelley; 21/90530 Shelley; 21/90542 Shepley; 21/90543 Almondbury (Thurstonland/FT ward); 21/90583 Shepley; 21/90683 Kirkburton; 21/90716 Highburton; 21/90718 Shepley; 21/90737 Kirkburton and 21/90757 Highburton.

Min 178 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£14,712.77 including £5,549.76 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Cllr Battye arrived during the following item.

Min 179 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Members considered the draft Bill currently being considered by Parliament

Resolved: To support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill; to inform the local media of this decision; to write to the 2 local MP's asking them to support the Bill, and to write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support.

Resolved: To write to Kirklees Council to ask that in recognition of the Climate Emergency Declaration, they adopt the supplementary planning documentation, which will enable planning policies addressing climate change to be applied to every planning application.

Min 180 YLCA Remote Conference

Members noted the information about the conference and a draft programme.

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to book places for any members wishing to attend.

Min 181 Community Commission on Planning

Members considered the request received from Mirfield Town Council to support its call for Kirklees Council to set up a Community Commission to look into how the planning process currently works and make recommendations on any improvements, which could be made.

Resolved: That the Council does not support the request.

Min 182 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. She provided details on the forthcoming co-option.

Information was received about new bins being provided in Shepley, which were being funded via the Council's Village Improvement Funding. A request was made for volunteers to check the Parish Council walks in Grange Moor, Highburton and Shepley. The Clerk reported that the glitch on the parish walks website had been fixed.

Min 183 Agenda Items

No agenda items were requested.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.