

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD via the App 'GO TO MEETING' ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2020 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair

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

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Cooper and K Middleton, the reason for which was accepted by the Council. Cllr R Battye was absent.

1 Apologies

The following personal interests were declared:

2 Declarations of Interest

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 an interest in the Retirement Village at Storthes Hall as he had been lobbied by the developer.

Cllr Beresford declared an interest in Lepton Community Link, as he is a member and in the Lepton Noticeboard, as he has sourced the information.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91086 as she knows the applicant.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91416 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Burton declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91086 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Cunnington declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91086 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Hardcastle declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91086 as he knows the applicant.

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. She declared a personal interest in Lepton Vision as she is a member. She declared an interest under the rules covering pre-determination in Planning Appl 20/91092 as she has already submitted a comment to Planning Services. She left the room when the matter was raised by a member of the public in Public Participation and when the Council considered its comments.

Cllr P Taylor declared interests in Planning Appls 20/91086, 20/91416 and in the Retirement Village at Storthes Hall, as he is the Treasurer of the Friends of Storthes Hall Woods.

Cllr Taylor 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 an interest in Planning Appl 20/91086, as he knows the applicant and in the Retirement Village at Storthes Hall, as he has attended meetings with the developer in his role as a Kirklees Councillor.

Cllr Munro left the meeting.

Two members of the public addressed the Council on issues concerning Planning Appl 20/91092.

3 Public Participation

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session.

4 Admission of the Public

- The Chairman reported that there had been no civic appointments since the last meeting. **5 Civic Appointments**
- Resolved:** To bring the following item to the start of the meeting for the benefit of the members of public present. **6 Order of Business**
- Members considered the application and noted the concerns raised by the members of the public earlier in the meeting. **7 Planning Appl 20/91092 Lepton**
- Resolved:** To strongly object on the following grounds: a) Highways, Common End Lane is very narrow and as a result the exit onto Station Road is dangerous. This road currently serves 8 properties with drives on the pinch points, which is already a notified problem. Improvements are needed before it can serve any additional properties / vehicles. When application 2019/90144 was lodged for the erection of 83A Common End Lane, Highways Services requested improvements to this road and junction, but they were not carried out and the property was built. Now permission for a further property is being sought, so the improvements are surely even more necessary now. b) Over-development of the plot. c) Loss of residential amenity for the existing properties, particularly in terms of the view of Castle Hill, and d) Environmental Concerns: The development would result in a decrease in biodiversity in the local area. Mature trees have already been felled on the site.
- Cllr Munro returned to the meeting.
- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 April 2020. **8 Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 28 May 2020. **9 M&F Committee Minutes**
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 20 and 27 April, 4, 11, 18 and 25 May 2020. **10 Plans**
- The Council recommended Kirklees Council's Planning Services approve the application 20/91086 in Kirkburton.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 20/90774 Shepley; 20/90775 Highburton; 20/91009 Overton (GM ward); 20/91070 Shelley; 20/91113 Skelmanthorpe (Shelley ward); 20/91121 Kirkheaton; 20/91140 Kirkheaton; 20/91164 Highburton; 20/91169 Farnley Tyas; 20/91211 Shepley; 20/91224 Kirkburton; 20/91239 Kirkburton; 20/91251 Shelley; 20/91252 Shepley; 20/91261 Kirkheaton; 20/91265 Shepley; 20/91294 Flockton; 20/91295 Flockton; 20/91301 Flockton; 20/91352 Kirkheaton; 20/91355 Lepton; 20/91362 Kirkburton; 20/91378 Grange Moor; 20/91396 Grange Moor; 20/91416 Kirkburton; 20/91434 Kirkburton; 20/91492 Kirkburton; and 20/91503 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward).
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£11,430.42 inc £5,065.46 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137). **11 Accounts**
- Resolved:** To bring the following item forward on the agenda. **12 Order of Business**
- Members noted the electronic training courses being provided by YLCA. **13 Training Courses**
- Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Moores to attend the course "Off to a Flying Start".
- Cllr Moores agreed to let the Clerk have full details of the course after the meeting.
- Cllr Beresford left the meeting and Cllr Hardcastle took over as Chairman.

Members noted the circulated information regarding the small annual grants agreed for Lepton Community Link and Shepley Spring Festival to help fund events, which could not now take place due to the outbreak of Covid-19. The Clerk reported that Shepley Spring Festival had responded to her email since the issue of the agenda, and she reported on the information received.

14 Small Annual Grants Cheques

Resolved: To allow both groups to retain the small annual grants due to the exceptional circumstances.

Members noted the information circulated with regard to the need for a replacement wall-mounted noticeboard in Lepton, which after purchase would be installed and maintained by Lepton Community Link.

15 Lepton Noticeboard

Resolved: To purchase a noticeboard similar to that described in the circulated papers.

Cllr Beresford returned to the meeting and resumed his duties as Chairman.

Members discussed the current situation with regard to the development and the recent information sent out by the developer to local residents.

16 Development of Retirement Village at Storthes Hall

Resolved: To write to Younger Homes to request a site visit when the Covid-19 regulations permitted, and to request for an update on the planning application from Kirklees Council.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which had been emailed to members before the meeting.

17 Correspondence and Information

The Clerk reported that Kirklees Council's Street Naming department had invited the Council to comment on the proposed naming of the new development on Liley Lane in Grange Moor. The request had been received too late for inclusion on the agenda, but members were able to submit comments via the Clerk's delegated authority should they wish. Members decided not to comment.

18 Street Naming in Grange Moor

No agenda items were requested.

19 Agenda Items

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