

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD via the App 'GO TO MEETING' ON THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2020 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, K Middleton, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, B Smith, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that it would be recorded. The recording would be kept until the Clerk had produced the minutes. He also reminded members of the protocols regarding voting. **20 Chairman's Welcome**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Booth and J Spivey, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. **21 Apologies**

The following personal interests were declared: **22 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 Planning Appl 20/91605 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91580 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91605 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Moores declared an interest in the proposal regarding Small Annual Grants, as she is the Musical Director of Shepley Band, which may be a recipient.

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 also declared an interest in the pre-planning application consultation at Rowley Lane / Penistone Road in Lepton, as she was involved with the Local Plan and attended a meeting with the developer.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in Planning Appl 20/91687 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr J 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 personal interests in Planning Appl 20/91600 as he has been lobbied by the applicant and has spoken to some local residents, and in Planning Appl 20/91966 as he knows the owners.

No-one addressed the Council prior to the meeting. **23 Public Participation**

**Resolved:** To hold all items in the public session. **24 Admission of the Public**

The Chairman reported that there had been no civic appointments since the last meeting. **25 Civic Appointments**

- Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 June 2020. **26 Council Minutes**
- Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 except for Min LP7, subject to the removal of the word ‘bamboo’ in Min LP8. **27 Land & Property Committee Minutes**
- Resolved:** To refer Min LP7 back to the Committee to reconsider and to request that members explore the possibility of the next tenant removing the greenhouses and concrete from the plot.
- Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 1, 8, 15 and 22 June 2020 **28 Plans**
- 20/91600 *Erection of first floor office extension over ground floor storage area and demolition of roof (within a Conservation Area) on the first floor of 2 Moor Lane, Highburton.* The Council strongly objected on highways grounds, as the proposed development does not provide any off-street parking, and there is already a notified parking problem in this area, with vehicles often double-parking. If approved, the development would only serve to worsen the situation.
- 20/918220 *Discharge Condition 4 (Construction / Vehicle Management Plan) on previous permission 2019/91542 for importation of inert waste and infill of shallow water collection area.* There were concerns that the application did not provide details of the kind of waste or its place of origin.
- There was no comment on the following applications:
- 20/91356 Thurstonland; 20/91429 Thurstonland; 20/91459 Kirkburton; 20/91513 Shepley; 20/91516 Farnley Tyas; 20/91524 Grange Moor; 20/91532 Highburton; 20/91580 Farnley Tyas; 20/91588 Upper Hopton (GM ward); 20/91605 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/91606 Kirkheaton; 20/91620 Thurstonland; 20/91640 Shepley; 20/91644 Kirkburton; 20/91657 Lepton; 20/91675 Kirkburton; 20/91681 Kirkburton; 20/91687 Flockton; 20/91691 Shelley; 20/91755 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 20/91759 Lepton; 20/91762 Kirkburton; 20/91767 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 20/91789 Kirkheaton; 20/91791 Shelley; 20/91800 Shepley; 20/91816 Shelley; 20/91833 Shepley; 20/91849 Highburton; 20/91850 Shepley; 20/91942 Lepton and 20/91966 Kirkburton.
- There were no planning appeals. **29 Planning Appeals**
- Cllr Munro left the meeting.
- Members noted the pre-application consultation on the proposal for new homes at Rowley Lane / Penistone Road in Lepton. The Clerk offered advice regarding the need to observe the rules covering pre-determination. Members queried the siting of the roundabout. **30 Pre-Application Consultation in Lepton**
- Resolved:** To query the location of the roundabout with the developer.
- Cllr Munro returned to the meeting.
- Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£12,890.57 inc £7,690.80 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137). **31 Accounts**

Members debated the best way of supporting local community groups, which were suffering hardship as a result of the Coronavirus.

**32 Small Annual Grants**

**Resolved:** To establish a Small Groups Emergency Donation Fund to operate under the following rules:

1. Council provides a limited budget of £15,000 for donations to small community groups.
2. Funds to be provided by: £5,000 from Grants in Allocated Reserves, £5,000 from Parish Projects Allocated Reserves and £5,000 from the revenue budget for General Grants.
3. The maximum donation to be paid to any small community group will be £500.
4. Access to the fund is open to all small community groups, which have received a small annual grant.
5. All applicants will be required to complete and return a simple application form, which details why the donation is needed.
6. The allocation to the small community groups will be considered by the Grants Committee on 17 September 2020 to enable the payment to successful applicants in October 2020.
7. The normal Small Annual Grant of up to £300 per group will be paid out to applicants in April 2021, as usual.

Concerns were raised about the use of glyphosate on Kirklees Council land and its effects on people and the environment.

**33 Use of Glyphosate on Kirklees Council's Land**

**Resolved:** To ask Kirklees Council what its policy and the level of use is on the use of glyphosate on public land and to ask if Kirklees Council would work with the Parish Council to explore the means of reducing its usage in this area.

Members considered the proposal of siting the Christmas tree at the front of St James the Great Church in Flockton. The Clerk reported on information received from Kirklees Council, including the cost of the new socket.

**34 Christmas Trees  
a) Flockton**

**Resolved:** To install a cut Christmas tree at the front of St James the Great Church and approve the installation of a new electricity socket.

Members noted the information on the new site for the Christmas tree proposed by the Grange Moor Community Association, which is on the Bristfield Road side of the green, opposite the Grange Moor Convenience Store

**35 b) Grange Moor**

**Resolved:** To site the Christmas tree in the location described above and to approve the installation of a new electricity socket.

Members considered granting 'in principle' permission for the project based on the information provided in the form. Queries were raised about the possibility of finding a volunteer to deliver the training.

**36 Council Project No 2020-01 – Fruit Tree Pruning**

**Resolved:** To grant permission for the project in principle. Also to refer the project to the Environment & Climate Change Committee to work further on the detail and to look into the possibility of having the training delivered by a volunteer.

Members noted the consultation currently being conducted and debated whether or not to submit a comment.

**37 Consultation on Code of Conduct**

**Resolved:** To support the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct, in particular the changes: that members will be judged to be acting in their official capacity, particularly when taking part in social media, unless they can show otherwise and the reintroduction of suspensions for Councillors found to be in breach of the Code.

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

**38 Correspondence and Information**

A vote of thanks was given to the Council's website provider, who had spent many hours safeguarding the content of the Parish Walks website and transferring it to her hosting site at no cost to the Council.

**39 Parish Walks Website**

- Road safety on Jaggar Lane in Kirkheaton. Cllr Battye to provide the Clerk with full details.
- To consider the timing and means of reinstating face-to-face meetings.
- The provision of dog wastebags.

**40 Agenda Items**

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