

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Burton Village Hall, Highburton on Thursday, 4 November 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Duffy, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, J Taylor, M Wheelhouse and C Walters.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min 100 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Booth, R Bray, J Cowan, D Knight, T Moores, B Smith, J Spivey and P Taylor.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all of the applications, as he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Sub-Committee and a reserve member of the Heavy Woollen and Strategic 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 Burton declared an interest in Planning Appl 93943 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Hardcastle declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93901 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Munro declared an interest in all of the applications, as she is a reserve member of the Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield 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 Planning Appl 21/94062 as she knows the agent.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93901 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Roebuck declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93863 as she knows the applicant and in Planning Appl 94062 as she knows the applicant and the agent.

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in all of the applications, as he is a reserve member of the Heavy Woollen, Huddersfield and Strategic 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 21/94062 as he knows the applicant and the agent.

All members present declared an interest in Planning Appl 21/93838 as the Parish Council is the applicant.

Min 101 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council.

Min 102 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 103 West Yorkshire Police

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Travis and Police Sargent Slarke to the meeting. They provided information to members on a variety of subjects included within the Police Force's remit, including parking issues, speeding, use of drugs and anti-social behaviour. They urged everyone to report all incidents to the Police, as officers were deployed in accordance with the known data and crime patterns. All information was welcome, and acted upon in line with resources available. Sometimes it was necessary to collate information over a number of weeks before taking action.

It was reported that the 101 Service was currently recruiting more staff. Reports can be made online as well as by telephone (101).

The Officers answered all the questions raised and thanked the Council for the invitation. The Chairman thanked both Officers for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

Min 104 Co-option in the Kirkheaton Ward

Andrew McCaig addressed the Council before a vote was taken.

Resolved: To co-opt Andrew McCaig into the vacancy.

Cllr McCaig then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

Min 105 Neighbourhood Plans Committee

Resolved: To elect Cllr McCaig onto the Neighbourhood Plans Committee.

Min 106 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended the funeral of the past Chairman, Mel Munday.

Min 107 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2021, subject to Cllr Armer's declaration of interest being amended to read that he is a member of the Huddersfield Planning Committee.

Min 108 Environment & Climate Change Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Committee meeting held on 7 October 2021.

Min 109 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 4, 11, 18 and 25 October 2021.

21/93901 High hedge at 17 Manor House Caravan Site, Manor Drive, Flockton. The Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that it was out of character with the surrounding area.

Min 109 Plans (Cont'd)

There was no comment on the following applications:

21/93447 Stocksmoor; 21/93823 Thunderbridge; 21/93838 Kirkheaton; 21/93841 Lepton; 21/93850 Stocksmoor; 21/93862 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 21/93863 Kirkburton; 21/93865 Shepley; 21/93876 Shepley; 21/93943 Lepton; 21/94003 Shepley; 21/94006 Lepton; 21/94009 Shelley; 21/94021 Kirkheaton; 21/94032 Kirkheaton; 21/94053 Lepton; 21/94055 Shelley; 21/94062 Shepley; 21/94063 Lepton and 21/94102 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward);

Min 110 Accounts

Resolved: To note the accounts as presented (£9,011.98 including £2,433.34 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

Min 111 Christmas Tree in Kirkburton

Members noted Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association's request that some of the savings obtained from just providing lights on the Highburton tree are used to provide the lights on the Kirkburton tree as well. However, the Clerk reported that since issuing the agenda, she had been informed by Kirklees Street Lighting that it was not possible to light the planted tree from the school warning sign, and it was situated too far away from the lamp post. The Council had been advised to use battery powered lights instead. Concerns were expressed that it was now too late to organise it in time for Christmas.

Resolved: That the Council provides a cut tree in Highburton this year, and refers the issue of covering the cost of lighting the Kirkburton tree to the Management & Finance Committee to consider when the costings are known.

Min 112 Highburton Village Hall

Members noted the issues raised about the office accommodation and considered the possibility of having it extended into the adjacent room. Other issues such as the photocopier were also debated.

Resolved: To request Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association obtain further details, and to refer the issues to the Management & Finance Committee to consider when the information is available.

Min 113 Standards Workshops

Members noted the workshops being run by Kirklees Council and the invitation for either a member or the clerk to attend.

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Beresford to attend one of the workshops.

Min 114 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk.

Min 115 Agenda Items

The following agenda item was requested:

- To consider raising objections to proposed developments close to Lepton Great Wood.
- To consider issues with the Arriva bus service

Members agreed to provide full details to the Clerk.

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