

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

LAND & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting on 9 September 2021 held at Burton Village Hall

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair

Cllrs J Cowan, R Burton, P Cunnington, D Knight, T Moores, J Paxton, B Smith and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min LP1 Election of Committee Chairman 2021-22

Resolved: To elect Cllr Burton as Committee Chairman for the year 2021-22.

Cllr Burton then took over the chair.

Min LP2 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No apologies were received. Cllr A Booth was absent.

Cllr Burton declared an interest in Shepley Methodist Church, as he is a member of the Methodist Church.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest in Shepley allotments as he knows one of the tenants.

Min LP3 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

Min LP4 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min LP5 Annual Risk Assessment Inspections

Members noted the annual health & safety reports carried out at the Council's office, Grange Moor and Shepley allotments and at Kirkheaton Churchyard.

Recommendation: To adopt the report with its recommendations.

Recommendation: To raise the issue of ventilation in the office again with the Community Association, particularly due to the current Covid situation.

Members noted the missing paving stone in Kirkheaton Churchyard and also discussed an uneven section of path.

Recommendation: To have the paving stone replaced and to defer further consideration of the path safety pending receipt of the survey report.

Members raised the issue of the safety of the gravestones in the lower area of the Churchyard.

Recommendation: To obtain professional advice on the wording of a warning sign to be placed on the railings.

The minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy & adoption at the Council meeting on 7 October 2021.

Min LP6 Kirkheaton Churchyard – Grass Cutting Contract

Members noted the current contract was at an end, and considered the specification in respect of the next one.

Recommendation: To adopt the existing specification for the next contract, but to request potential contractors provide details of the weedkiller to be used.

Min LP7 Kirkheaton Churchyard – Surveys of the Boundary Walls and Paths

Resolved: To defer this item to the next meeting.

Min LP8 Allotments

Members noted the inspection reports of the two sites. Members considered all of the issues identified on individuals' plots. They also discussed the area adjacent to the garage on Grange Moor allotments formerly known as Plot 14, and considered whether some maintenance was required or if it should be left as it is.

Resolved: To accept the recommendations about the various individual plots, and to defer consideration of Plot 14 until the next meeting to allow members to make a site visit.

Members considered the quote for the trench clearance.

Resolution: To appoint Harper Hills Grounds & Gardens on the terms and conditions notified.

Members noted the possible presence of asbestos on Shepley allotments.

Resolved: To request the Clerk to have the items removed.

Members noted the photographic evidence of trees overhanging into Shepley Methodist Churchyard.

Resolved: To defer consideration of this item to the next meeting to allow members the opportunity to visit the site.

Min LP9 Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Committee Chairman and the Clerk would liaise on the date and consult with members.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

NB: The items noted as Resolutions are Council decisions taken under delegated authority granted to the Land & Property Committee.