

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting on 7 October 2021 held at Burton Village Hall

Present: Cllr D Hardcastle in the Chair

Cllrs R Burton, A Cooper, J Cowan, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, P Taylor and C Walters.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min E1 Election of Committee Chairman 2021-22

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

Cllr Munro then took over the chair.

Min E2 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies as all members were present.

There were no declarations of interest.

Min E3 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

Min E4 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min E5 Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Members noted the information from the Tutor regarding a revised date for the workshop, which had been cancelled due to Covid. The Clerk reported on the uptake of volunteers, which exceeded the maximum number of places available. It was noted that there were several volunteers from some community organisations and members of the same family had also volunteered.

Resolved: To hold the first workshop on Saturday 13 November and to restrict attendance to one person per community group / family.

Min E6 Laneside Quarry in Kirkheaton

Members received an update on the situation at Laneside Quarry where work was currently taking place following receipt of planning permission in 2000. There were concerns regarding the removal of a significant number of trees and with them, the homes of bats and badgers. The actions were also contrary to the subsequent Climate Emergency policies, which Kirklees Council now has in place.

Recommendation: That the Council requests Kirklees Council to revoke the Planning Permission 99/62/90597 on the above grounds (full details are contained in Appendix 1) and to request a copy of the Great Crested Newt licence.

Members debated whether it would be possible to prevent the tree felling by applying to Tree Preservation Orders put on the trees.

Min E7 Climate Action Day

Members noted the preparations taken so far on the event, which had been paused due to the pandemic.

Recommendation: That the Action Day goes ahead, ideally in June / July 2022 (date to be agreed).

Members considered the possibility of asking the Administrative Assistant to organise the event instead of appointing an Events Co-ordinator. Cllrs R Burton, A Cooper, D Knight and P Taylor volunteered to go through the various tasks required and to bring proposals to the next meeting.

Recommendation: To consider the matter further at the next meeting.

Min E8 Refresh of Parish Walks

A verbal report on progress of the project was received.

Min MF9 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.