

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Cowan (in the chair)

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Bray, A Booth, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, A McCaig, A Munro, J Paxton, B Smith, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle, Ms E Manners and N Walton (part time).

Min 21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Brook, T Moores, J Roebuck and J Spivey.

Min 22 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all planning applications as he is a member of Kirklees' Strategic Planning Committee and a reserve member of the Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield 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 Bray declared interests in Planning Appl Nos 22/91841 and 21/91909 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Burton declared an interest in Planning App No 22/91708 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Munro declared an interest in all planning applications as she is a reserve member of all 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 interests in Planning Appl Nos 22/91799, 22/91993 and 22/92043 as she knows the applicants. She also declared interests in Planning Appl No 22/92197 as she knows the owner of the property;

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in all planning applications as he is a reserve 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 No 22/92198, as he knows the applicant.

Cllr P Taylor declared interests in Planning Appl Nos 22/91862 and 22/92009 as he knows the applicants.

Min 23 Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Council before the meeting.

Min 24 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 25 Kirklees WOVEN Festival 2023

Ms Manners and Ms Walton, Festival Co-ordinators, made a presentation to the Council, explaining a little of the history of the event which was started in 2019 before outlining how next year's event would be put together. They are looking for lots of input from local residents and community groups across the whole District. The theme is centred on re-using clothing by using natural dyes to rejuvenate old clothes. There will be workshops to share the skills of growing and dyeing, as well as knitting and sewing. It is hoped to also involve schools and encourage the sharing of practical skills.

Ms Manners and Ms Walton were thanked for their presentation before they left the meeting.

Min 26 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported he had attended the Kirkburton & Highburton Open Gardens event.

Min 27 Annual Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2022.

Min 28 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 23 and 30 May 2022 and 6, 13, 20 and 27 June 2022.

22/91909 Erection of first floor extensions to form office and storage space, re-configuration of internal layout to form additional and amended workshop space, storage space, and staff facilities, re-location of office space into proposed extension, and formation of 14 additional car parking spaces and bin storage area at International house, Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge. The Council objected on the grounds that it was a significant development in this area, and it needed an access with increased visibility. The access also needed improvement as the current design combined with the width of the road would make it difficult larger vehicles to use it.

22/92175 Erection of a detached dwelling on land adjacent to 28 Haigh Lane, Flockton. The Council objected on the grounds that it was over-development and on Highways' grounds.

There was no comment on the following applications:

22/91748 Lepton; 22/91799 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/91801 Kirkheaton; 22/91808 Lepton; 22/91841 Lepton; 22/91862 Kirkburton; 22/91881 Shepley; 22/91894 Shepley; 22/91896 Shepley; 22/91918 Shepley; 22/91902 Kirkburton; 22/91924 Lepton; 22/91929 Shepley; 22/91938 Lepton; 22/91980 Kirkburton; 22/91991 Grange Moor; 22/91993 Lepton; 22/91995 Flockton; 22/92009 Kirkburton; 22/92014 Farnley Tyas; 22/92029 Lepton; 22/92040 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/92043 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 22/92128 Grange Moor; 22/92139 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/92140 Shelley; 22/92161 Kirkheaton; 22/92163 Shepley; 22/92179 Thurstonland; 22/92183 Shelley; 22/92197 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/92198 Shelley (Shepley ward) and 22/92203 Kirkburton;

Min 29 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£20,242.22 including £8,585.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

Min 30 NALC Conference – Empowering Communities

Members noted the information.

Min 31 YLCA Conference

Members noted the information.

Min 32 YLCA Electronic Training Programme

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Cowan to attend the two-part Chairmanship course.

Min 33 Consultation on Requirements to Validate Planning Applications

Members noted the consultation being carried out by Kirklees Council.

Min 34 Glyphosate Spraying on Public Spaces

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers and debated the subject.

Resolved: To request Kirklees Council to stop using the product within the next 3 years.

Resolved: To request that the Land & Property Committee investigates how it is being on land controlled by the Parish Council, explores the use of alternatives and refers the outcomes to the Management & Finance Committee to look at the financial implications of making changes.

Min 35 YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 2022

Members noted the information and the Branch Resolutions being put forward.

Resolved: Not to send a delegate to the meeting.

Resolved: To indicate the Council's support of the following resolutions:

The request that NALC lobbies HM Government to update residential building regulations with regard to affordable and sustainable housing.

The request that NALC lobbies HM Government to enable the provision of Christmas lights to have a full power and therefore make the use of LGA 1972 s137 unnecessary.

The request that YLCA invites NALC to liaise with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to discuss a means of providing clarity on the funding towards Ecclesiastical property and buildings.

Min 36 Local Government Pension Scheme Discretion Statement

Members noted the draft template.

Resolved: To refer the document to the Management & Finance Committee for consideration.

Min 37 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. The Clerk drew particular attention to her annual leave arrangements.

Min 38 Agenda Items

The following items were requested:

- Pinfold Lane in Flockton. Cllr Paxton agreed to provide the Clerk with full details.
- To request the Police to attend a meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Woven Festival Co-ordinators had asked if it would be possible for the Council to provide a letter of support to accompany funding applications. Members expressed approval of this course of action.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.