

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 August 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, P Brook, A Cooper, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, J Taylor and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Min 39 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Booth, R Burton, P Cunnington, B Smith, P Taylor and C Walters. Cllrs A McCaig and J Spivey were absent.

Min 40 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. He also declared interests in Planning Appls 22/91735 and the Pre-Application Consultation on the proposed base station at Box Ings Lane, Kirkburton, as the two matters may be referred to the Kirklees Planning Committee.

Cllr Beresford declared an interest in Planning Appl 22/92393 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 an interest in Planning Appl 22/92393 as she knows the applicant and in Planning Appl 22/91735 as she had already submitted comments to Kirklees Council. She left the meeting during the debate on the latter.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in Planning 22/92392 as he knows the applicant.

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.

Min 41 Public Participation

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

Min 42 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 43 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported he had not attended any events since the last meeting.

Min 44 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022.

Min 45 Grants & Community Projects Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting held on 28 July 2022.

Min 46 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 4, 11, 18 and 25 July 2022.

There was no comment on the following applications:

22/92298 Kirkburton; 22/92311 Lepton; 22/92368 Grange Moor; 22/92386 Kirkheaton; 22/92387 Flockton; 22/92392 Flockton; 22/92393 Lepton; 22/92401 Farnley Tyas; 22/92403 Lepton; 22/92423 Flockton; 22/92429 Kirkheaton; 22/92442 Shelley; 22/92454 Kirkburton; 22/92461 Shepley; 22/92468 Shelley; 22/92488 Lepton; 22/92523 Upper Heaton (Kirkheaton ward) and 22/92549 Grange Moor.

Cllr Munro left the meeting.

Min 47 Planning Appl No 22/91735 – Land off Hermitage Park, Lepton

The Clerk reported that this application was being tabled as an individual item, as it had not been included on the appropriate plan list, due to the ongoing issues with Kirklees Council's website.

Members considered the application for the erection of 80 dwellings and associated work, including the considerations of access, layout and landscaping.

Resolved: To object to the proposed development on the grounds of Highways, lack of facilities such as schools & medical centres, Green Belt, the high number of other developments in the area with planning permissions, loss of amenity, close proximity to Lepton Great Wood, overdevelopment of the site, the tendency for the area to flood and as it is above old mine workings. Also to request that if the Committee is minded to approve the application, the number of dwellings is reduced.

Cllr Munro returned to the meeting.

Min 48 Pre-Application Consultation on Proposed Base Station Installation at Box Ings Lane, Kirkburton

Members noted the pre-application documents circulated with the meeting papers. The Clerk reminded members of the rules covering pre-determination.

Resolved: To note the information.

Min 49 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£8,481.66 including £3,241.00 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

Min 50 General Grants Rules

Members reviewed the previous decision to lift the requirement for groups to hold an Annual Meeting at least every 15 months to be eligible for a general grant during the Covid pandemic.

Resolved: To reinstate the rule requiring groups to hold an Annual Meeting at least every 15 months to be eligible for a general grant.

Min 51 Police Attendance

Members debated the issue of the Police attending Council meetings.

Resolved: To invite members of the local Police Force to attend Council meetings.

Min 52 Eco-Schools Grants 2022-23

Members noted the rules covering the grant scheme.

Min 53 Kirkburton CE First School Eco-Schools Grant Application

Members considered the application for £500 to contribute towards the costs of purchasing scooter racks, replacement of electric bulbs with LED ones in one classroom and for seeds & soil for the biodiversity area. It was proposed and seconded that ... An amendment was tabled to defer a decision on the application until further information had been received with regard to the demand for the scooter racks and details of any consultations with parents. A recorded vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:

For: Cllrs B Armer, S Beresford, R Bray, P Brook, J Cowan, J Roebuck, J Taylor and M Wheelhouse.

Against: Cllrs A Cooper, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight and J Paxton.

Abstentions: Cllrs R Barraclough, T Moores, A Munro.

The amendment then became the substantive proposal and a further recorded vote was taken with the following result:

For: Cllrs B Armer, R Bray, P Brook, J Cowan, J Roebuck, J Taylor and M Wheelhouse.

Against: Cllrs A Cooper, S Duffy and D Knight.

Abstentions: Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, D Hardcastle, T Moores, A Munro and J Paxton.

Resolved: To request further information in respect of the demand for the scooter racks and details of any consultations with parents, and to defer a decision on the application until the information is available.

Min 54 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. The Clerk drew particular attention to the office closure and the change in the staff's working arrangements this month.

Min 55 Agenda Items

No items were requested:

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.