

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr J Cowan in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, A Booth, R Bray, P Brook, A Cooper, S Duffy, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro, J Paxton, J Roebuck, B Smith, J Taylor, P Taylor and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs A Royle

Min 56 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton, P Cunnington, J Spivey and C Walters. Cllr A McCaig was absent.

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Armer declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a member of Kirklees' Strategic Planning Committee and a reserve member of the Kirklees Heavy Woollen and Huddersfield Planning Sub-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 Application 22/92844 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in the Farnley Tyas Community Group village improvement funding proposal, as some of the funding was to come from his allocation.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Application 22/92816 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Cooper declared an interest in the Farnley Tyas Community Group village improvement funding proposal, as some of the funding was to come from his allocation.

Cllr Hardcastle declared interests in Planning Applications 22/92702, 22/92703 and 22/92774 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr Munro declared a personal interest in all the applications, as she is a substitute member of 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 Applications 22/92702 and 22/92703 as she knows the applicants.

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in all the applications, as he is a substitute 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 interests in Planning Applications 22/92844 as he knows the applicant.

Min 57 Public Participation

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

Min 58 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 59 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported that he had not attended any civic appointments since the last meeting.

Min 60 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022.

Min 61 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Plan Lists for weeks commencing 1, 8, 15 and 22 August 2022.

There was no comment on the following applications:

22/92389 Lepton (GM ward); 22/92428 Grange Moor; 22/92435 Kirkburton;
22/92514 Kirkheaton; 22/92566 Kirkburton; 22/92569 Shelley; 22/92585 Thurstonland;
22/92591 Shepley; 22/92601 Thurstonland; 22/92608 Shepley; 22/92609 Highburton;
22/92612 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/92629 Shelley; 22/92643 Shepley;
22/92658 Kirkburton; 22/92661 Shelley; 22/92665 Shelley; 22/92686 Shelley;
22/92702 Farnley Tyas; 22/92703 Farnley Tyas; 22/92728 Farnley Tyas; 22/92768 Shelley;
22/92774 Farnley Tyas; 22/92808 Farnley Tyas; 22/92816 Lepton; 22/92819 Shepley
and
22/92844 Grange Moor.

Min 62 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£8,754.43 including £2,760 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).

Min 63 Annual Report 2021-22

Members considered the draft report circulated with the meeting papers.

Resolved: To adopt the report subject to the inclusion of the word 'replacement' on Page 10.

Resolved: To upload it to the website and to give paper copies to members for distribution throughout the Parish.

Min 64 SLCC National Conference

Members noted the information regarding the conference, which had been circulated with meeting papers.

Resolved: To nominate the Clerk to attend the conference virtually on 1 – 3 November 2022.

Min 65 Appointment of External Auditor for the next 5-year Period

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers regarding the option to opt out of the SAAA central external appointment arrangements for the period 2022-23 until 2026-27.

Resolved: To continue as part of the SAAA sector-led auditor appointment regime for the above period.

Min 66 Village Improvement Funding Rules

Resolved: To note the rules covering the scheme.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the wording in respect of the number of quotes required, and in the eventuality that it was not possible to obtain them.

Cllrs R Barraclough and A Cooper left the meeting.

Min 67 Farnley Tyas Community Group – Village Improvement Funding

Members considered the application for £400 to contribute towards the costs of pre-event publicity for the Christmas production of 'A Christmas Carol'. Concerns were expressed that the application was being dealt with at the Council rather than through the Grants & Community Projects Committee.

Resolved: To award village improvement funding of £400 to Farnley Tyas Community Group to contribute towards the costs of pre-event publicity for the Christmas production of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Cllrs R Barraclough and A Cooper returned to the meeting.

Members requested the Management & Finance Committee to review the rules and investigate if any changes could be implemented to reduce the need for applications to come directly to the Council.

Min 68 Kirklees Council Speed Limit Review Briefing Session

Members noted the invitation to a briefing session to receive an update on the recommendations.

Resolved: To nominate Cllr J Cowan and Cllr R Barraclough to attend.

Cllr J Taylor agreed to find out whether an electronic version of the meeting was available for the other members to listen to.

Min 69 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report from the Clerk, which was distributed at the meeting.

Min 70 Agenda Items

- Cost of living crisis – to consider if there are any actions the Council could take to offer support to local residents and groups in the current economic situation.

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