

## **KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr J Cowan (in the chair)

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

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Before the meeting opened, the Council stood for a one minute's silence in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

#### **Min 71 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Brook, A Munro J Roebuck and P Taylor. Cllr J Spivey apologised for lateness and Cllr J Taylor was absent.

#### **Min 72 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 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.

#### **Min 73 Public Participation**

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

#### **Min 74 Admission of the Public**

**Resolved:** To hold the meeting in the public session.

Cllr Spivey entered the meeting.

#### **Min 75 Civic Appointments**

The Chairman reported he had attended Meltham Town Council's Civic Service, the Proclamation at Huddersfield Town Hall, and two memorial services both at Huddersfield Parish Church, one immediately after the Proclamation and the other on the day before the late Queen's funeral.

#### **Min 76 Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September, subject to an amendment to Cllr Armer's declaration of interest: he is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and a reserve member of the other two Kirklees Planning Sub-Committees.

**Min 77 Management & Finance Committee Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting held on 29 September 2022.

**Min 78 Land & Property Committee Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land & Property Committee meeting held on 29 September 2022.

**Min 79 Plans**

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 29 August, 5, 12, 19 and 26 September 2022.

There was no comment on the following applications:

22/92794 Shepley; 22/92877 Farnley Tyas; 22/92888 Kirkheaton; 22/92890 Shelley (Shepley ward); 22/92896 Kirkheaton; 22/92900 Farnley Tyas; 22/92901 Shepley; 22/92906 Highburton; 22/92936 Flockton; 22/92952 Highburton; 22/92965 Shepley; 22/92989 Shepley; 22/92995 Kirkheaton; 22/92996 Kirkheaton; 22/92998 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/92999 Flockton; 22/93016 Kirkburton; 22/93020 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/93023 Kirkburton; 22/93024 Kirkburton; 22/93092 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 22/93098 Shelley; 22/93125 Kirkheaton; 22/93145 Kirkburton; 22/93177 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 22/93188 Thurstonland; and 22/93212 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward).

**Min 80 Planning Applications for the Provision of 18 Dwellings made up of the Conversion of Buildings and new Build Homes at Yew Tree Farm, Farnley Tyas**

The Clerk reported that the planning applications (Nos 21/93006, 21/93007 and 21/92969) had been considered by the Council last year. The developer has now submitted amendments to the original plans, which were put out for public consultation, but the Council was not included in the consultation. It was noted that the matter had not been included on the agenda, as the Clerk was not aware of the second consultation until after the agenda had been published and the deadline date for submitting comments was before the next Council meeting.

**Resolved:** To submit the following comments via the Clerk's delegated authority:

- a) The milking shed should be kept as single storey.
- b) There were concerns that the boundary fencing to the east at 1.8m could be overbearing.
- c) If the old house is moved to Plot 16 it should be done with the materials from the original structure.
- d) New build: there is no change to the southern elevation, which will be very noticeable when entering the village and detrimental to the visual amenity. The Council would prefer a staggered drop in the roofline.
- e) The site should not encroach on the Green Belt;
- f) Public Right of Way adjacent to the Church: The site boundary should be defined and rebuilt prior to building houses, and the public access should be maintained at all times.
- g) The Council strongly supports the comments submitted by the Kirklees Trees Officer.

**Min 81 Village Improvement Funding: Almondbury Business & Community Organisation / Cllr Munro**

Members considered the urgent application for £1,000 to contribute towards the costs of installing Christmas lights through Lepton village.

**Resolved:** To award £1,000 of village improvement funding to Almondbury Business & Community Organisation to contribute towards the costs of installing Christmas lights through Lepton village.

**Min 82 Accounts**

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£7,913.11 including £1,763.54 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

**Min 83 Cost of Living Crisis**

Members considered the ways in which the Council could support residents and community groups during the cost of living crisis.

**Resolved:** To make a donation of £1,500 to the Welcome Centre to support the food banks, which supply residents living in the Parish Council area to be taken from the Parish Projects budget line.

**Resolved:** To notify community groups that grant funding is available to help with increased running costs, if they can show the rent increase is due to the higher energy bills, or to open venues for longer as warm hubs, or to contribute towards the costs of installing energy efficiency schemes, eg solar panels, LED lights, etc.

**Resolved:** To signpost people to the help available from Kirklees Council and elsewhere.

**Min 84 Kirklees Standards Committee**

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers and debated the ways in which the Council could be more involved in the process.

**Resolved:** To accept a seat, preferably with voting rights, on the Kirklees Standards Committee and to nominate the Line Manager. Also to agree that at least one 'neutral' Parish / Town Councillor should be included on the Assessment Panel, the place to be rotated around the 5 Town / Parish Councils.

**Resolved:** To adopt the same Code of Conduct as Kirklees Council, subject to the necessary adjustments to take account of the different procedures for the two organisations.

**Resolved:** To request the Management & Finance Committee to consider the adjustments required.

**Min 85 YLCA Training Events**

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers.

**Min 86 Snow Warden Trial 2022-23**

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

**Resolved:** Not to take part as a corporate body, but to publicise the initiative to the local community groups.

**Min 87 Budget Process**

Members noted the process for setting the budget and precept for the financial year 2023-24.

**Min 88 Correspondence and Information**

Members noted the Clerk's Report including the information that the audit was complete and the Council had received a clear report. The Clerk reminded members to collect their poppy wreaths.

**Min 89 Agenda Item**

The following item was requested:

- To consider sending a letter of complaint to Arriva buses due to the poor service.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.