

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 January 2024 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Smith (in the chair)

Cllrs B Armer, D Black, R Bray, C Bright, P Brook, J Cowan, D Hardcastle, D Knight, J Paxton, W Rowlands, C Voyce, E Voyce, C Walters and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Min 140 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough, R Burton, A Cooper, P McGleenan, A Munro, R Smith, J Taylor and P Taylor. Cllrs I Carthy and M Carthy were absent.

Min 141 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 an interest on Planning Application 2023/93561, and he abstained from voting.

Min 142 Public Participation

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

Min 143 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 144 Civic Appointments

The Chairman reported he had attended the Inaugural visit of the new Bishop of Huddersfield at All Hallows Church in Kirkburton. The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended Lepton Luncheon Club's Christmas Dinner. He reported that the group had sent many thanks to the Council for their grant, which enabled them to operate.

Min 145 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023.

Min 146 Staffing Committee Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 7 December 2023.

Min 147 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 4, 11, 18 and 25 December 2023.

23/93529 *Erection of extension to existing single storey steel frame agricultural building at Woolrow Farm, Roydhouse, Drinker Lane, Shelley.* The Council made no comment on the application other than to note that the property's correct address is Woodrow Lane and not Drinker Lane as stated on the application.

23/93540 *Erection of extension to existing single storey steel frame agricultural building at Woolrow Farm, Roydhouse, Drinker Lane, Shelley.* The Council made no comment on the application other than to note that the property's correct address is Woodrow Lane and not Drinker Lane as stated on the application.

23/93566 *Erection of rear dormer and porch and associated works at The Old Stables, 67 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* **Resolved:** To object to the proposed development on Highways' grounds, as the access is onto the narrowest section of Barnsley Road with poor sightlines.

23/93561 *Formation of vehicular access at 20C North Road, Kirkburton.*

Resolved: To submit the following comments: the Council has concerns about the proposed development as the site is adjacent to the entrance to what has become known as Burton Community Field which has become a valuable asset to the local community especially during lockdown. It is important in enhancing the woodland and appearance of the entrance to the Community Field. The proposal appears to miss the existing mature trees on the site. However, their roots are likely to be damaged when exposed and by the use of a wacker plate during construction so it is requested that Kirklees Council's Tree Officer is consulted and any subsequent work be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon. Secondly, a caravan parked permanently in the wood will detract from the appearance of the entrance to the field so it is suggested that a native hedge be planted to screen it from the road and field. This will also enhance the security of the caravan.

There was no comment on the following applications:

23/93518 Lepton (GM ward); 23/93535 Kirkburton; 23/93577 Highburton;
23/93623 Shepley; 23/93631 Shelley; 23/93658 Stocksmoor; 23/93660 Shelley;
23/93685 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 23/93691 Highburton; 23/93693 Kirkburton;
23/93720 Grange Moor; 23/93752 Shepley and 23/93787 Kirkburton.

Min 148 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£5,779.63).

Min 149 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report, which was distributed to members at the meeting. The Clerk explained the process for submitting proposed amendments to the budget proposals and also drew particular attention to her annual leave arrangements.

Min 150 Agenda Items

No items were requested.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.