

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Smith (in the chair)

Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, D Black, R Bray, P Brook, R Burton, I Carthy, M Carthy, A Cooper, J Cowan, D Knight, A Munro, J Paxton, W Rowlands, P Taylor, C Voyce, E Voyce and M Wheelhouse.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

Min 151 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Bright, D Hardcastle, P McGleenan, J Taylor and C Walters.

Min 152 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 Barraclough declared an interest in Planning Appl 24/90092, as he has commented but not offered any firm views on the application.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 24/90288 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Planning Appl 24/90092, as he has commented but not offered any firm views on the application.

Cllr Knight declared an interest in Planning Appl 24/90092, as he has commented but not offered any firm views on the application.

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 Appls 24/90058 and 24/90272 as she was involved when they were at a preliminary stage.

Cllr Paxton declared interests in Planning Appls 23/93700 and 24/90106 as he knows the applicants.

Cllr P Taylor declared an interest in Planning Appl 24/90092, as he has commented but not offered any firm views on the application.

Cllr C Voyce declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93802 as she knows the applicant.

Cllr E Voyce declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93802 as he knows the applicant.

Min 152 Declarations of Interest (Cont'd)

Cllr Wheelhouse declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93802 as she knows the applicant.

Min 153 Public Participation

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

Min 154 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min 155 Civic Appointments

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

Min 156 Council Minutes

Resolved: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2024.

Min 157 Management & Finance Committee Minutes

Members wished it recording that they expressed serious concerns that the meeting to consider the draft budget proposals had been held in the absence of the Clerk. The Clerk advised the Council that if the proposed meeting timetable was adopted, there would be a problem meeting the statutory audit deadlines, and also that the amount currently in Allocated Reserves for Parish / Environment projects was £11,770 and not £11,870 as indicated in the minutes.

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes with the exceptions of Mins MF14 and MF16, which were referred back to the Committee.

Min 158 Plans

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 January and 5 February 2024.

There was no comment on the following applications:

23/93553 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward); 23/93554 Lascelles Hall (Lepton ward);
23/93677 Thurstonland; 23/93683 Thurstonland; 23/93700 Flockton; 23/93734 Kirkheaton;
23/93772 Thurstonland; 23/93802 Grange Moor; 24/90003 Shepley; 24/900031 Shelley;
24/90058 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 24/90065 Kirkburton; 24/90082 Lepton;
24/90092 Thunderbridge; 24/90093 Highburton; 24/90102 Shepley; 24/90106 Flockton;
24/90111 Farnley Tyas; 24/90112 Kirkburton; 24/90126 Farnley Tyas; 24/90133 Shelley;
24/90149 Lepton; 24/90157 Lepton (GM ward); 24/90177 Lascelles Hall (GM ward);
24/90201 Shepley; 24/90207 Kirkburton; 24/90249 Kirkburton; 24/90264 Kirkheaton;
24/90272 Fenay Bridge (Lepton ward); 24/90284 Shepley and 24/90288 Kirkburton.

Min 159 Planning Appl 2023/93667 at Storthes Hall Village

Members considered the outline application for demolition of buildings and erection of residential development (up to 261 dwellings), redevelopment of Lodge Cottage for residential use and associated works at Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton.

Resolved: To object to the application on the following grounds: a) the application does not comply with the development principles of Policy LP73 of the Kirklees Local Plan and disregards the listed site specific consideration; b) over capacity as defined in Policy LP73, and the volume of housing is not compatible with retaining important features of the site nor its Green Belt location; c) there are no provision for affordable housing or social / starter homes; d) loss of access to public transport; e) highways and highways safety; f) demolition of heritage buildings; g) it is not possible to read the information supplied in respect of the biodiversity questionnaire and much of it has been left blank; h) inadequate public consultation; i) there are no measures proposed to mitigate additional peak hour traffic, unlike at the adjacent retirement home development.

Resolved: To request that the application is decided at the Planning Committee because of its significance.

Cllr Armer abstained from the vote.

Min 160 Accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£4,792.28)

Min 161 Receipts & Payments Statement / Payment Register

Resolved: To note the payment register and adopt the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1 April – 30 November 2023.

Min 162 Budget / Precept for 2024 – 25

Members debated the budget proposals put forward by the Management & Finance Committee, which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Resolved: To adopt the Management & Finance Committee's recommendations and levy a precept of £153,000 with a budgeted expenditure of £177,000.

Min 163 Venue / Date for the 2024 Annual Meetings

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers and considered the date and venue for the meetings.

Resolved: To hold the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings on Thursday 30 May at Burton Village Hall.

Min 164 Proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders

Members noted the proposed amendments to the Council's current Standing Orders.

Resolved: To adopt the amendments to the Council's Standing Orders as detailed on Appendix 1 with effect from the Annual Meeting 2024.

Min 165 Laneside Quarry in Kirkheaton

Members received a verbal report on the current situation at the site and the work being carried out by the developer.

Resolved: To request that Kirklees Planning Services ensure that all the planning permission conditions and the restoration of the site are complied with, and to copy the correspondence to the Kirklees Dalton Councillors.

Min 166 Casual Vacancy in the Shelley Ward

Members noted that there was a casual vacancy in the Shelley ward and the Clerk passed on information received from the Elections Officer.

Min 167 Village Improvement Funding Allocation

Members considered allowing Cllrs B Armer and R Bray to use the third Shelley allocation.

Resolved: To allow Cllr Armer and Cllr Bray to use the third Shelley allocation.

Min 168 YLCA Training Day

There were no nominations received to attend the Training Day taking place on 27 April in Selby.

Min 169 Footpath Kirkburton 256 Moor Lane, Farnley Tyas – DMMO

Resolved: To support the proposed Definitive Map Modification Order relating to the above footpath.

Min 170 Vacancy for Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

The Line Manager and other members paid tribute to the Clerk, who had recently announced her resignation.

Resolved: To grant delegated authority to the Staffing Committee to fill the vacancy.

Min 171 Correspondence and Information

Members noted the written report, which was distributed at the meeting. The Clerk drew particular attention to the fact that St Paul's Church had been refused permission by Kirklees Planning Services to fell the tree in St Paul's Churchyard, which was growing into the boundary wall with the allotments. Cllr Cowan volunteered to assist the PCC in lodging a planning appeal.

Cllr P Taylor reported that more packs of the new walks leaflets had been collated and were available at the meeting and from the Clerk.

Min 172 Agenda Items

The following item was requested:

- Adjustments to the Chairman's chain of office.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.