

## **KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7.30 pm at Burton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr B Smith (in the Chair)

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

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle.

#### **Min 123 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Cooper, R Smith and E Voyce. Cllr C Voyce was absent.

#### **Min 124 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 other 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 an interest in Planning Application 21/92527 as it may be dealt with at one of the Planning Committees.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in Stocksmoor Village Hall Management Committee as he is a Trustee.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93480 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr Bright declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93365 as she knows the applicant.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/92475 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.

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. He also declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/93388 as the applicant has spoken to him about the application.

Cllr Walters declared an interest in Planning Appl 23/92527 as her property overlooks the land.

#### **Min 125 Public Participation**

Two members of the public addressed the Council on the subject of biodiversity.

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.

**Min 126 Admission of the Public**

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

**Min 127 Civic Appointments**

The Chairman reported he had attended a 'Soup Day' at Lepton Junior School.

**Min 128 Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2023.

**Min 129 Grants & Community Projects Committee Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants and Community Projects Committee meeting held on 23 November 2023.

Cllr Wheelhouse entered the meeting.

**Min 130 Land & Property Committee Minutes**

A proposal was made to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 with the exception of Min No LP19, which would be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration following receipt of the NALC model Biodiversity Policy. An amendment was tabled to adopt the minutes of the meeting in full. A recorded vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:

For: Cllrs B Armer, R Bray, C Bright, I Carthy, M Carthy, J Cowan, P McGleenan, W Rowlands, B Smith, J Taylor and M Wheelhouse.

Against: Cllrs R Barraclough, D Black, P Brook, R Burton, D Hardcastle, D Knight, A Munro, J Paxton, P Taylor and C Walters.

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Land and Property Committee meeting held on 30 November 2023.

**Min 131 Plans**

Members considered the Kirklees Weekly Plan Lists for weeks commencing 30 October, 6, 13, 20 and 27 November 2023.

2393268 *Work to TPO trees at 46 Orchard Road, Kirkheaton.* The Council had concerns as those trees are an important feature of the landscape.

23/93293 *Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear and side extensions and formation of undercroft garage with associated engineering works to form access from Cockley Meadows.* The Council had concerns that the new development may be exceeding the original footprints.

23/93296 *Conversion and alterations of existing office into living accommodation (within a Conservation Area) at 75A North Road, Kirkburton.* The Council had concerns that the amount of office space in the village was being reduced.

**Min 131 Plans (Cont'd)**

*23/93335 Change of use of agriculture barn to domestic, internal and external alterations at 25 Hallas Road, Kirkburton.*

It was reported that this application could no longer be located on Kirklees Council's website. Cllr Taylor agreed to look into the matter on behalf of the Parish Councillors in the Kirkburton ward.

*23/93388 Change of use from domestic to commercial, demolition of existing workshop and erection of three storey office building (within a Conservation Area) at Dene End Funeral Home, 50 North Road, Kirkburton.* Members were urged to look at the application and to comment if they wished.

There was no comment on the following applications:

23/93133 Kirkheaton; 23/93136 Lepton; 23/93139 Kirkheaton; 23/93247 Farnley Tyas; 23/93281 Highburton; 23/93305 Shepley; 23/93316 Upper Hopton (GM ward); 23/93321 Kirkheaton; 23/93329 Shelley; 23/93337 Shepley; 23/93347 Lepton; 23/93365 Kirkburton; 23/93366 Kirkheaton; 23/93401 Kirkburton; 23/93422 Shepley; 23/93428 Highburton; 23/93429 Farnley Tyas; 23/93454 Highburton; 23/93475 Shepley; 23/93480 Shelley; 23/93481 Kirkheaton; 23/93488 Farnley Tyas and 23/93489 Farnley Tyas.

**Min 132 Planning Application No 21/92527 in Kirkheaton**

Members considered the modified application for the erection of 29 dwellings, formation of access, public space, attenuation and associated infrastructure on land off Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.

**Resolved:** To object on the grounds of highways safety due to excess water run-off along Cockley Hill Lane at present, which is worse in the winter months and the proposed development will further exacerbate the problem.

**Min 133 Accounts**

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts as presented (£33,746.89 including £16,240.47 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

**Min 134 Parking Issues on Riley Lane in Kirkburton**

Members noted the information received from a Kirkburton resident in respect of parking problems along Riley Lane. Cllr Armer reported that he had already made the relevant Kirklees Council department aware of the situation.

**Resolved:** To note the information and to request that Cllr Armer keeps the Council updated on any developments.

Cllr Brook left the meeting.

**Min 135 Stocksmoor Noticeboard**

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers with regard to the need for a new noticeboard in the village, and the detailed quote provided.

**Resolved:** To purchase a new noticeboard from Fitzpatrick Woolmer to be funded from the Noticeboard Allocated Reserves and Village Improvement Funding.

**Min 136 SLCC Practitioners Conference**

Members noted the information circulated with the meeting papers. A proposal was made to nominate the Clerk to attend the conference in Kenilworth on 31 January and 1 February. An amendment was tabled proposing that the matter is referred to the Staffing Committee. The vote on the amendment was lost.

**Resolved:** To nominate the Clerk to attend the SLCC Practitioners Conference in Kenilworth on 31 January and 1 February.

**Min 137 YLCA Training Opportunities – January to March 2024**

Members noted the information supplied with the meeting papers.

**Resolved:** To delegate the Clerk to make bookings for all members who wished to attend any of the sessions.

**Min 138 Correspondence and Information**

Members noted the written report, which had been emailed to members before the meeting. The Clerk drew particular attention to her annual leave arrangements and the Christmas closure.

**Min 139 Agenda Items**

No items were requested:

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.