



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 19:30h

At Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0QT

Present: Cllr Cowan in the Chair.

Cllrs: B Armer, R Barraclough, R Bray, C Bright, P Brook, R Burton, D Hardcastle, D Knight, A Munro, W Rowlands, B Smith, M Sykes, J Taylor, C Voyce, M Wheelhouse.

Officers in attendance: Ms A Greenwood

MIN 67: Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs I Carthy, M Carthy, A Cooper, P McGleenan, D Pearson, P Taylor, E Voyce, C Walters,

MIN 68: 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 the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee, and a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee. 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 Munro declared an interest in all planning applications as she is a substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee and member of the Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee. 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 substitute member of the Kirklees District-Wide Planning Committee and Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee. 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 Armer declared an interest in planning application 92594.

Cllr Barraclough declared an interest in planning application 92482.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in planning applications 92594, 92640, and 92321.

Cllr Cowan declared an interest in planning application 92579.

Cllr Munro declared an interest in planning application 92482.

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in planning application 92594, and 92579.

MIN 69: Public participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

MIN 70: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in the public session.

MIN 71: Civic appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended Meltham Town Council's Civic Service on 14 September 2025, and was to attend a fund-raising afternoon tea with the Kirklees Mayor in Shelley on 4 October 2025.

MIN 72: Kirklees Governance Review

Resolved: to note the report on the informal Kirklees Governance.

MIN 73: Minutes

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2025.

MIN 74: Committee minutes

Resolved: to agree and adopt the minutes of the Land and Property Committee meeting on 18 September 2025, with the addendum regarding LP28 whereby work has been carried out on the plot since the resolution has been made.

MIN 75: Accounts

Resolved: to authorise the accounts for October 2025.

Resolved: to note the accounts for September 2025.

MIN 76: Slant Gate bench – Cllrs J Taylor and P Taylor

MIN 77: Gift of a bench – Cllr P Taylor

Resolved: to authorise the re-siting of the Parish Council-owned bench at Slant Gate initially to the community field if necessary, and to accept, from the Chima family, the gift of a bench to be placed at the top of Slant Gate, dedicated to the late Mr Chima of Highburton under the LGA 1972, s139.

MIN 78: Parish post box provision – Cllr D Knight

Resolved: to write to Royal Mail to request the reinstatement of the withdrawn post box on Storthes Hall Lane, and to write to both the CEO of Kirklees Council and the MP of the area to notify them of this action.

MIN 79: Speed signage legislation and its impact in the parish area – Cllr J Taylor

Resolved: to write to the four local MPs to request legislative change to allow for 30 mph speed limit repeater signs in semi-urban areas, and notify Kirklees Highways Department and the West Yorkshire Mayor Tracey Brabin of this action.

MIN 80: Street naming request from Kirklees

Resolved: to note the request from Kirklees Council.

MIN 81: Plans

Councillors considered the plans of 01 September to 28 September 2025, as well as any other urgent applications.

Resolved: to object to planning application 92321 on the grounds of the protection of biodiversity on public land and to strongly support planning application 92594 on the grounds that the property has been in a state of disrepair for some time.

MIN 82: Correspondence and information

Resolved: to note the correspondence from the Secretary of State of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Notice of the Community Governance Review.

MIN 83: Clerk's report

The Council received a report from the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:22h.