



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 4 September 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, D Hardcastle, D Knight, A Munro, D Pearson, B Smith, M Sykes, J Taylor, P Taylor, C Voyce, C Walters, M Wheelhouse.

Officers in attendance: Ms A Greenwood

MIN 56: Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs W Rowland, E Voyce, A Cooper, P McGleenan.

MIN 57: 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 Bray declared an interest in planning application 922890 and 92290# as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr J Taylor declared an interest in planning application 92266 as the applicants were known to him.

Cllr C Voyce and Wheelhouse declared an interest in planning application 92303 as the applicants were known to them.

Cllr C Walters declared an interest in planning application 92234.

MIN 58: Public participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

MIN 59: Admission of the Public

Resolved: to hold the meeting in the public session.

MIN 60: Civic appointments

The Chairman reported that he had attended no events as Chairman of the Parish Council over the prior month but was due to attend the Meltham Civic Service on 14 September 2025.

MIN 61: Minutes

Resolved: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 August 2025 with the amendment of the removal of Cllr E Voyce's name from the list of councillor attendees at the meeting as he had formally given his apologies.

MIN 62: Accounts

Resolved: to note the accounts for August 2025.

Resolved: to authorise the accounts for September 2025.

MIN 63: Addressing local concerns over HM Government's commitment to protecting allotments – Cllr J Taylor

Resolved: to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the CEO of Kirklees Metropolitan Council to request a clear commitment that allotment land will not be sold for housing or other purposes.

Resolved: to refer the matter of writing to all allotment tenants within the parish to reassure them that the Council has no intention of selling any allotment land, regardless of recent media speculation, to the Land and Property Committee.

MIN 64: Plans

Councillors considered the plans of 4 August to 31 August 2025.

Resolved: to ask whether planning application 2025/70/92234/W, Land off Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, HD5 0HH had filed an ecological assessment since 2018, and to ask what the requirement for biodiversity net gain may be.

MIN 65: Correspondence and information

The Council considered the letter from the Planning Inspectorate requesting information the Council considers should be provided in the environmental statement for the application by Calderdale Wind Farm for an order granting development consent for the Calderdale Energy Park.

Resolved: to request that the Planning Inspectorate consider the landscape impact of the development in the environment statement.

MIN 66: Clerk's report

The Council received a report from the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:07h