

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 18th OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, G Hickey, J Hirst, M MacDonald, B Moreton, J Paxton and M Sykes.

The Council was addressed by a member of the public on the subject of parish plans.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton, A Cruden, J Heward, E Hutchinson, J Myers, P Rock and J Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. Cllr A Cooper apologised for his late arrival.

**P18 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr Cunnington declared a personal interest in Planning Appl No 94068, as it is sited close to Lepton Junior, Infant & Nursery School, where he is a Governor.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting on 20th September 2007 as an accurate record.

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2007/90585 *Erection of extensions at Freedom House, 25 Back Lane, Grange Moor.* The Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that it would have a detrimental residential impact on the neighbouring properties on Back Lane. Also, although modifications had been made to the design, it was still two-storey and would also cause problems of overlooking the neighbouring properties.

P20 Plans

2007/92989 *Variation of Condition 3 for continued extraction of mineral on previous permission 93/62/95383/E0 for extraction of shales and clays by opencast means as an extension to the current site and subsequent landfill using imported clean excavation waste at Peace Wood, Huddersfield Road/Mosley Lane, Shelley.* The Council queried the future land use when the extraction was complete.

2007/93678 *Demolition of existing farmhouse and agricultural building, erection of new dwelling and conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation at Cockley Hill Farm, 112 Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.* The Council objected to this proposal as the old buildings described by the agent as “unsightly” are the original buildings dating back to 1749, which should have been listed as they are of significant historical importance to the area. It is unacceptable that the buildings have been allowed to fall into such disrepair, resulting in a planning application for their total demolition

2007/93767 *Formation of equestrian manage for private use with 6 no light stanchions and fence at Lane End Farm, 366 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in the Green Belt and also on highways grounds.

2007/94023 *Erection of two storey extension at 77 Clough Park, Fenay Bridge.* The Council objected on the grounds of visual amenity – the design created an impression of being unplanned, particularly with regard to the sloping roof which slopes in the opposite direction to the existing.

2007/62/94068 *Erection of bungalow at 105 Station Road, Lepton.* The Council had no objections to the bungalow, but raised concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed development to the school. It was felt that the future owners may have noise problems with it being sited so close to the school.

2007/94096 *Agricultural notification for the prior approval of details for erection of agricultural machinery store at Little Croft, Healey Farm, Penistone Road, Shelley.* The Council requested a planning application for the proposal.

There was no comment made on the following applications:

93751 Kirkburton; 93913 Fenay Bridge; 93932 Kirkburton; 93934 Lascelles Hall; 93938 Lepton; 93956 Fenay Bridge; 93957 Gawthorpe; 93974 Lepton; 93980 Lascelles Hall; 94001 Lepton; 94035 Kirkburton; 94053 Shelley; 94063 Kirkburton; 94092 Kirkburton; 94124 Shepley; 94155 Lepton; 94157 Farnley Tyas; 94158 Farnley Tyas and 94159 Highburton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans: 94137 Fenay Bridge; 94182 Grange Moor and 94194 Shepley.

There were no planning appeals before the Council

Members noted the hearing of this appeal.

Resolved: Not to send a representative to speak at the hearing.

The Clerk and a member of Council reported the problems with this particular application, both in the scheduling of the application at the KMC Planning Committee for a decision before the notified earliest decision date had passed and also with regard to consultation of the people living in neighbouring properties. It was noted that the decision on the application had been deferred by the KMC Planning Committee.

Members noted the response from Planning Services regarding the replacement of paper planning applications with electronic ones. The Clerk outlined the implications to the Parish Council in terms of time and cost, if it were to receive plans only by electronic means.

Resolved: To reply indicating that the Parish Council would like to continue with the present system, and that Defra's Publication "Ways of Tackling Climate Change" puts the onus on parish councils to make good quality comments on planning applications, but they would not be able to do that unless they are provided with the facilities to do so.

The Clerk reported that despite encountering various problems, a gate had been ordered for Shepley allotments, for which she was thanked. The contractor had also been asked to provide and install two gateposts at the Grange Moor allotments.

It was reported that some residents would prefer the bus shelter to be repaired rather than replaced with one of a modern design. However, information received from Metro indicated that they no longer repaired such shelters.

Resolved: That Metro is asked if there is more than one design available, and they are informed that it is in a conservation area. Additionally, that the seat is used to replace the one near to the school, which is currently in a poor state of repair.

Resolved: To nominate Cllr MacDonald to attend the YRCC 21st Century Villages Conference and AGM on 3rd November at Riccall.

Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting and the Clerk reported her leave arrangements for the Christmas period.

Cllr Cooper entered the meeting.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Burton had been working on the staff appraisals, and would shortly be consulting members. Members were requested to complete and return the forms to Cllr Burton as soon as possible.

Cllr MacDonald made a verbal report on the Picture of Kirklees Conference.

Members reported on several village plans in various stages of development and currently under discussion with the relevant communities.

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- Proposal to send meeting papers electronically

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P21 Planning Appeals

P22 Appeal Hearing of Denby Hall Farm, Flockton

P23 Planning Appl No 07/90585 in Grange Moor

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The meeting then closed.