

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

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

The Council was addressed by three members of the public on the subjects of buses and the proposed community centre in Grange Moor.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Heward, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, J Myers and P Rock, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**P1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Moreton declared a personal interest in Planning Appl No 07/93786 at the Great Oak Barn in Little Lepton as the applicant is known to him.

**Resolved:** To move the following item to the start of the meeting.

**P2 Order of Business**

The Chairman reported the recommendation made by the Grants & Community Projects Committee at its meeting immediately prior to the Council meeting, which was that the Council makes an award of £5,900 to the Grange Moor Community Action Group to fund a feasibility study into the proposed community centre, and conditional on that report being positive, the second grant of £5,875 is made available.

**P3 Grange Moor CAG Application**

**Resolved:** To award Grange Moor Community Action Group £5,900 to fund a feasibility study into the proposed community centre, and conditional on that report being positive, the second grant of £5,875 is made available.

Cllrs Holroyd and Paxton abstained from the vote.

2007/92788 *Erection of food retail unit and 2 no non food retail units with associated parking, servicing, access and landscaping at the former Rugby Union Ground, Wakefield Road, Waterloo.* The Council felt that provision should be made for a riverside walk as part of this development. It objected to the design of the exterior of the building on the grounds that the buildings had a utilitarian appearance, and the Parish Council would like to see them replaced with buildings with more architectural merit.

**P4 Plans**

2007/93709 *Re-use of existing livestock building, adaptation and new extension to form single storey living accommodation (modified proposal) adjacent to 25 Hardcastle Lane, Flockton.* The Council objected on the grounds that the proposed development would encroach on the Green Belt and was inappropriate.

2007/93725 *Erection of local convenience store with associated car parking, landscaping and servicing (within a conservation area) on land adjacent to 40 North Road, Kirkburton.* The Council objected on the grounds that there was only one disabled parking space for which access had to be from the driver's door. Also Kirkburton already has serious parking problems and this development would only worsen the situation.

2007/93779 *Erection of 3 no terraced dwellings with amended parking for existing cottages at 7a Botany Lane, Lepton.* The Council objected as the size of the plot was insufficient for 3 houses, and also on Highways as there was very little parking available for any visitors and the access is close to a junction.

2007/93786 *Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as domestic garden at Great Oak Barn, Green Balk Lane, Little Lepton.* The Council had no objections to using the land as a garden, but would advise that approval is conditional on the land not being used for development in the future.

There was no comment made on the following applications:  
93263 Kirkheaton; 93463 Lepton; 93503 Stocksmoor; 93517 Kirkburton;

**P4 Plans (Cont'd)**

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93572 Kirkburton; 93632 Kirkburton; 93645 Flockton; 93664 Shelley; 93706 Grange Moor; 93707 Lepton; 93716 Shelley; 93727 Kirkheaton; 93739 Shepley; 93782 Shepley; 93783 Shepley and 93791 Kirkheaton.

Comment on the following application was deferred pending receipt of the plan:  
93540 Lascelles Hall

Members noted the planning appeal at Lepton Grange, 317 Wakefield Road, Lepton for the change of use of existing outbuildings consisting of stable block and garage to form one dwelling. **P5 Planning Appeals**

**Resolved:** To maintain the Council's original objections and to support the objections made by Kirklees regarding the intensification of an already unsatisfactory access onto the A642 Wakefield Road (contrary to UDP Policy T10).

The Clerk reported that there were a number of problems with the brackets on particular lamp posts in various villages, and that two of the four brackets in use on Shelley Village Hall had previously been notified as unsafe. Members also noted the request from Stocksmoor residents for hanging baskets. **P6 Hanging Basket Brackets**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk would organise the provision of 5 double hanging basket brackets in Stocksmoor, 2 new replacement brackets at Shelley Village Hall and sort out any other notified problems with the brackets elsewhere in the Parish under her delegated authority.

Members noted the information on the reassessment of conservation area boundaries in connection with Farnley Tyas. **P7 Conservation Area Status in Farnley Tyas**

**Resolved:** To express the wish that the conservation area status does not limit people's opportunity to use renewable energy.

**Resolved:** To support the name of Jenkyn Gardens. **P8 Street Naming in Shepley**

Members noted the response from Highways. **P9 Speed Limit Reductions Outside Schools**

**Resolved:** That Thurstonland and Farnley Tyas First Schools are added onto the list requesting a reduced speed limit of 20 mph outside schools; that the Council accepts the invitation to be involved in the development of measures to address the safety problems and to invite Mr Ramsden to a meeting to explain the reasons it is not possible to implement a lower speed limit in these cases.

Members discussed the ongoing problems at this site. **P10 Footpath KB172 – Whitley Willows**

**Resolved:** To raise Standing Order No 35 as it was less than six months since the following item was discussed and a decision taken. **P11 Footpath KB157 – Benroyd, Kirkheaton**

Members discussed the proposed diversion of the footpath for the implementation of a planning permission.

**Resolved:** That the Council would not support the proposed diversion as notified.

**Resolved:** To write to the Cabinet Member with the Highways Portfolio to register the Council's concerns that due process had not been followed in this case.

**Resolved:** To reinstate Standing Order No 35.

Cllr Dunn made a verbal report about the problems currently being experienced in Kirkheaton due to problems on the site and action. It was agreed to include this item on the next agenda. **P12 Matrix in Kirkheaton**

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**Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Holroyd and Cllr MacDonald (subject to his agreement and availability) to attend the Kirklees Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Cedar Court Hotel, Ainley Top.

**P13 Picture of Kirklees Conference**

Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.

**P14 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk drew members' attention to the grants forms and posters now available. More copies were available from the Clerk on request.

**P15 Grants**

The Clerk also drew members' attention to the posters produced to advertise the bus meeting.

**P16 Bus Posters**

- Replacement gate at Shepley allotments – to report on progress.
- Varnishing of the seat in Shepley – to report on progress.
- Thurstonland seat – to consider the problems and report on information received.
- Noticeboards – to consider providing noticeboards in the villages of the Parish not yet served by a noticeboard

**P17 Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

The meeting then closed.