

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

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

Before the meeting started a member of the public addressed the Council on the subject of the local bus services.

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| <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Heward, Myers and Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.</p> | <p>197</p> | <p>Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest</p> |
| <p>The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Cunnington in Planning Appl No 94123 at 13 Lydgate, Lepton, as the applicant is known to him and Cllr Hutchinson in Planning Appl No 94202 at the Former Parish School in Kirkheaton, as he is a member of Kirkheaton Methodist Church, which works closely with Kirkheaton PCC, the applicant.</p> | | |
| <p>The Chairman thanked everyone, who had attended her Civic Sunday on 14th October, and also reported that she had received a number of thank-you letters from the Civic Dignitaries, who had attended.</p> | <p>198</p> | <p>Chairman's
Appointments</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To accept the Parish Council minutes of 4th October 2007 as a true record.</p> | <p>199</p> | <p>Council Minutes</p> |
| <p>It was reported that the new gate at Shepley allotments had now been installed.</p> | <p>200</p> | <p>Gate at Shepley
Allotment (Min 175)</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting of 3rd October 2007.</p> | <p>201</p> | <p>Kirkheaton
Committee Minutes</p> |
| <p>2007/94194 <i>Use of dwelling to operate 2 private hire vehicles (within a conservation area) at 3A Marsh Lane, Shepley.</i> The Council agreed with Kirklees' comments: "Subject to residential amenity, environmental health, conservation design issues and Highways' consideration." Additionally, it noted concerns with regard to the difficulty of parking at this location in the village, due to tight bends in both directions.</p> | <p>202</p> | <p>Plans</p> |
| <p>2007/94202 <i>Renewal of previous permission for demolition of former school premises and erection of 4 dwellings including access improvements at the Former Parish School, School Lane, Kirkheaton.</i> The Council objected to the proposed development due to the new policies adopted since the original permission was granted, namely PPS1 and PPS3. The demolition of the attractive old building is contrary to PPS1. Additionally, there are traffic concerns if the development goes ahead at this location.</p> | | |
| <p>There was no comment made on the following applications:
90485 Kirkburton; 94123 Lepton; 94137 Fenay Bridge; 94161 Kirkheaton; 94175 Fenay Bridge; 94182 Grange Moor; 94233 Shepley; 94252 Shelley; 94260 Highburton; 94282 Shepley; 94284 Shelley; 94297 Lascelles Hall; 94300 Fenay Bridge; 94312 Fenay Bridge; 94334 Farnley Tyas and 94341 Lascelles Hall.</p> | | |
| <p>Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:
94340 Lascelles Hall; 94370 Kirkburton and 94396 Kirkburton.</p> | | |
| <p>There were no planning appeals before the Council</p> | <p>203</p> | <p>Planning Appeals</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To settle the accounts as presented (£3,072.03).</p> | <p>204</p> | <p>Accounts</p> |
| <p>There was no report on the Huddersfield South Area Committee meeting. It was reported that the key to the Grange Moor noticeboard had been recovered from Member Services.</p> | <p>205</p> | <p>Huddersfield South
Area Committee</p> |

- Members noted the responses from both Planning and Environmental Health Services with regard to the problems at the Matrix site in Kirkheaton. **206 Matrix Site in Kirkheaton**
- Resolved:** To respond to Planning Services and Environmental Health (cc Janet Russell and Cllr Bolt) registering the Council's ongoing concerns with particular reference to the noise nuisance to residents and requesting action is taken to address the problems.
- It was reported that members of the public are still notifying problems with the local bus services, many of which had been notified to Stagecoach prior to the public meeting. **207 Bus Problems**
- Resolved:** To forward on all the complaints received to Stagecoach (cc Cllr Bolt, Cllr Hussain and Cllr McBride), and also to enquire what action has been taken since the meeting to ensure that the improvements promised in six months' time will materialise. Also to enquire of the date Stagecoach will take delivery of the new low loading buses.
- Members noted the recent problems at the allotments and the request for an increase in security at the site. The Chairman reported that she had met the contractor on site and that the gate would be installed within the next two weeks. Members discussed possible improvements to address the problems, such as fencing around the perimeter and installing signs to deter trespassers. **208 Grange Moor Allotments**
- Resolved:** To identify the critical parts of the allotments where fencing would be beneficial and put together some costings, to enable a grant application to be made to Kirkburton Area Committee. Also to install some signs, the wording for which will be notified to the Clerk after the tenants have been consulted.
- Members noted the application from Kirkburton PCC for funding to clean, renovate and install the Kirkburton Parish Council stained glass into the church. **209 Stained Glass Windows**
- Resolved:** To award Kirkburton PCC £3,500 in order to clean, renovate and install the stained glass windows into the church according to the method identified in Option 1 in the email received from the Kirkburton PCC.
- Members repeated their concerns with regard to the unacceptable speeds on roads through the villages, particularly at school times. **210 Highways Warning Signs Outside Schools**
- Resolved:** To write to Highways asking that the issue of safety outside schools is investigated and the possibility of installing flashing speed lights as a first measure to address the problem is looked into. The Council would prefer the speed limit to be 20 mph at these locations.
- Members considered the issue of the Staff & Grievance Committee's delegated powers. A proposal was made to remove the powers. An amendment was also tabled that the powers remain in force for a further six months, when the issue will be reviewed again and the Committee will put forward a considered recommendation on the matter. A recorded vote was taken on the amendment with the following result: **211 Staff & Grievance Committee's Delegated Powers**
- For: Cllrs H Barraclough, Bottomley, Cunnington, Dunn, Hirst, Hutchinson, MacDonald, Rock and Sykes.
 Against: Cllrs Burton, Cooper, Cruden, Hardcastle, Hickey, Holroyd and Paxton
 Abstentions: Cllrs R Barraclough, Dunford and Moreton
- The amendment was carried, which became the substantive proposal. However, when this was voted upon, it was lost. Therefore there was no change made to the existing arrangements.

- Members noted the draft job description for the Line Manager as supplied by the YLCA. **212 Line Manager's Job Description**
- Resolved:** To adopt the presented job description with the following additions/amendments and subject to any changes recommended by the Management & Finance Committee:
- To undertake training in equal opportunities and risk assessment
 - To carry out staff appraisals
 - At 4a) to replace the words "on track" with "as specified".
 - To carry out the staff appraisals.
- It was reported that recommendations from the Working Party had not yet been received and that a meeting had not yet taken place. **213 Working Practices Working Party**
- Resolved:** That the Working Party's duties and responsibilities are transferred to the Line Manager and that the Management & Finance Committee bear that in mind when considering the job description.
- Members considered the implementation of the Council's microgeneration/energy conservation policy. **214 Microgeneration/ Energy Conservation Policy Implementation**
- Resolved:** That the terms of reference for the working party will be as follows:
That the working party will elect a Chairman, who shall report on all actions taken to promote the policy and present any proposals that require funding to the whole Parish Council. The working party is authorised to liaise with external bodies to promote the policy, but may not commit the Council to any expenditure or take any decisions on behalf of the Council.
- Resolved:** That 3 members are elected to the working party at this meeting, with the possibility of electing additional members at a later date, and that Cllrs H Barraclough, R Burton and A Cooper be elected as members of the working party.
- The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr Jim MacDonald, KMC's Trees Officer, held at the Churchyard with members of Kirkheaton PCC. **215 Kirkheaton Churchyard**
- Resolved:** To approve the copy for Issue 16 of One Voice with the notified amendments. **216 One Voice**
- Concerns were raised about the tipping at the quarry. Members were also informed that it was now possible to submit finance applications for projects within a certain radius of the site. **217 Kirkheaton Quarry**
- Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting. **218 Clerk's Report**
- Leaflets on the forthcoming Kirkburton Area Committee were made available. **219 Leaflets**
- Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following :-**
- Following a member's query, the Clerk gave background information with regard to the repair of the wall bounding Kirkheaton Churchyard and details of progress on the matter. **220 Kirkheaton Churchyard**
- The Clerk informed the Council of Shelley Community Association's response to the Council's proposed rent increase at Shelley Village Hall. **221 Rent Increase**
- The meeting then closed.