

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2007 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs H Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, M MacDonald, J Paxton and P Rock.

Prior to the meeting the Council was addressed by a member of the public on the subject of the buses.

Mr Giles Cheetham, Definitive Map Officer at Kirklees, gave the Council information on the proposed diversion of Public Footpath Kirkburton 157 at Benroyd, Liley Lane, Hopton, and also discussed the existing access problems with Public Footpath Kirkburton 172 at Whitley Willows.

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| <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs R Barraclough, A Cruden, S Dunford, E Hutchinson, B Moreton, J Myers, H Seymour, M Sykes and J Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that she had attended the summer concert performed by Scissett Youth Band and the Civic Sunday at Mirfield Town Council.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To accept the Parish Council minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 as a true record.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To accept and adopt the minutes of the Grants &amp; Community Projects Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007, with the exception of Minute CG7, which was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.</p> <p>It was reported that the Kirkheaton Scouts &amp; Guides had already raised the remaining funds, and so the Parish Council grant had been paid out. The Clerk reported that the Group had written thank you letters to the Council for their help.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management &amp; Finance Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007.</p> <p>2007/92633 <i>Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage on land adj to 15 Shelley Woodhouse Lane, Shelley Woodhouse.</i> The Council objected on the grounds that it was inappropriate development in the Green Belt.</p> <p>2007/92755 <i>Erection of extension to roof and alterations to form first floor accommodation to existing bungalow and erection of detached recreational den at Springfield, Heaton Lodge, Bog Green Lane, Colne Bridge.</i> The Council objected on the grounds that the extension is too large and that it is contrary to UDP Policy BE11.</p> <p>2007/92774 <i>Erection of detached double garage (modified proposal) at 7 Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.</i> The Council objected on the grounds that the materials were inappropriate.</p> <p>2007/92931 <i>Erection of two storey extension at 2 Willowbank Grove, Kirkheaton.</i> The Council objected on the grounds that the proposed development was out of character with the existing and the design of the windows was inappropriate.</p> <p>2007/92971 <i>Change of use from disused agricultural barn to B8 (small storage of general items) at 2 Wakefield Road, Grange Moor.</i> The Council objected on the grounds of highways – there are already serious highways problems in this location and such a development would worsen the situation.</p> | <p><b>116 Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p><b>117 Chairman's Appointments</b></p> <p><b>118 Council Minutes</b></p> <p><b>119 Grants/Community Projects Committee</b></p> <p><b>120 Kirkheaton Scouts &amp; Guides (Min CG6)</b></p> <p><b>121 Management &amp; Finance Committee</b></p> <p><b>122 Plans</b></p> |
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There was no comment made on the following applications:  
92508 Kirkheaton; 92615 Lascelles Hall; 92905 Highburton; 92912 Flockton;  
92953 Shepley; 93033 Kirkburton; 93046 Shepley; 93046 Shepley and 93049 Shepley.

**122 Plans (Cont'd)**

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:  
92788 Waterloo and 93117 Kirkheaton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**123 Planning Appeals**

**Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented (£6,854.82, including £150 agreed under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972).

**124 Accounts**

**Resolved:** To refer the matter of issuing the cheque schedule twice to the Management & Finance Committee to make a recommendation to Council.

**125 Cheque Schedules**

Members discussed the present position with regard to the use of the land of the old Turnshaws Special School.

**126 Site of Turnshaws Special School**

**Resolved:** To make a Freedom of Information request asking for full details of any pre-application discussions relating to this site, which have taken place between the Services of Licensing, Highways, Planning, Leisure, Estates and Education in the last two years. Also that the Clerk obtains an update of the situation.

Members noted the additional points made with regard to problems with using the bus services. It was agreed to leave the list open and for the Clerk and Chairman to collate the information prior to submission to Stagecoach.

**127 Buses**

Members noted the information supplied by Mr Cheetham at the beginning of the meeting, and his undertaking to take action following the closure of the footpath.

**128 Footpath KB172 – Whitley Willows**

**Resolved:** To await progress on the matter and defer further discussion to the next meeting.

Members noted Cllr MacDonald's written report on the training event. Cllr MacDonald and Cllr Paxton gave additional verbal reports on the event.

**129 Yorkshire Planning Aid Information Event**

**Resolved:** To submit a response to the 2007 Planning White Paper including the following points:

- The democratic rights of elected members with detailed local knowledge, is being eroded by the increased number of decisions being taken by officers.
- Building on the flood plain must not be permitted.
- The balance is swinging in the favour of developers and away from the concerns of the local population.
- The existing planning powers of local councils must not be eradicated.
- There is a concern that in streamlining the system and reducing the need for planning permission for small alterations and additions, will result in inappropriate changes to buildings as there will be no-one to police what is suitable and inkeeping in terms of design and materials.
- Will the existing protection of the area surrounding listed buildings be retained, or perhaps strengthened?

Concerns were expressed about the manner in which Matrix were operating on the site and the problems they were causing to the community. It was reported that there was to be a public meeting on the subject. It was agreed to include this item on future agendas and that the ward members would monitor the situation and keep the Council informed.

**130 Matrix in Kirkheaton**

**Resolved:** To place an order for 9 trees on the terms notified (one tree will be supplied free of charge by Kirklees) to be sited in Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Lascelles Hall, Kirkheaton, Shelley, Shepley, Stocksmoor and Thurstonland, and also to cover the cost of a new time clock for the Christmas lights in Lepton centre.

**131 Christmas Trees**

The Clerk reported that the cost of the trees excluded the costs for new sockets, but provision was made in the general reserve, if it should prove necessary.

<b>Resolved:</b> To request that Leisure Services investigate a suitable location for a tree in Farnley Tyas for next year, and that the Council looks at other possible sites for additional trees elsewhere in the Parish for next year.	<b>131</b>	<b>Christmas Trees (Cont'd)</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> To congratulate Cllr Holroyd on the production of the first newsletter in the new format and to approve the draft copy for Issue 17 with the notified amendments.	<b>132</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
The Council welcomed the proposed changes to parking in parts of Hallas Road, North Road and Brookfield in Kirkburton.	<b>133</b>	<b>New Parking Regulations</b>
The suggestions of Greenwood Close and Greenwood Lane were put forward as suggestions for street names for the development off Jenkyn Lane in Shepley.	<b>134</b>	<b>Street Names</b>
Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.	<b>135</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>
The Clerk reported her annual leave.	<b>136</b>	<b>Annual Leave</b>
Cllr Cunningham made a verbal report on the YLCA Annual Meeting he had attended on behalf of the Council.	<b>137</b>	<b>YLCA Annual Meeting</b>
Cllr MacDonald made a verbal report on the YRCC transport meeting he had attended at Stocksmoor Village Hall.	<b>138</b>	<b>YRCC Transport Meeting</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hanging baskets in Stocksmoor</li> <li>• Proposed diversion of Public Footpath Kirkburton 157 at Benroyd, Liley Lane, Hopton</li> <li>• Kirkburton Footpath 172 at Whitley Willows</li> </ul>	<b>139</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Future Meetings</b>
<b>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 :-</b>		
The Clerk reported that Building Control had issued building regulations approval for the proposed works, and that planning permission was still awaited. A brief update on the contract was given and members noted the list of possible contractors	<b>140</b>	<b>Contract for Ramps/Porch at Shelley Village Hall</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> That the Council obtains further quotes for the work and initially writes to all the contractors on the list, supplying a copy of the architectural drawings to those interested in submitting a quote.		

The meeting then closed.