

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cruden, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, G Hickey, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, B Moreton, A Munro, S Murphy, J Myers, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and J Taylor

The Council was addressed by a member of the public on the subject of bus services. Representatives from John Popham Consulting provided additional information on their report and answered questions on the subject. Kay Thursby also addressed the Council on the subject of the RDPE and the newly-formed Innovation Group.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Heward and from Cllr Dunn (after the meeting).  
Cllr Dunford apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

**296 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

Cllr Myers declared a prejudicial interest in the item on the proposed community centre at Grange Moor, as he is the Vice Chairman of the Action Group. He left the meeting when the Council made the decision on the issue.

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

**297 Order of Business**

**Resolved:** To elect Cllr Sykes and Cllr Taylor to the formal Innovation Group in addition to Cllr R Barraclough, who was elected as the Council's representative at a previous meeting.

**298 Rural Development  
Programme for  
England**

The Chairman reported that she had attended a Civic engagement at Denby Dale Parish Council.

**299 Chairman's  
Appointments**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 as a true record.

**300 Council Minutes**

The Clerk was thanked for her work in organising the Council's application to the Big Green Challenge outside of her normal hours.

**301 Big Green  
Challenge (Min 285)**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Staff & Grievance Committee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 as a true record.

**302 Staff & Grievance  
Committee Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**303 Management &  
Finance Committee**

It was reported that the work to the trees in the Churchyard had been satisfactorily carried out.

**304 Trees in Kirkheaton  
Churchyard  
(Min MF30)**

2008/90487 *Erection of 1 no detached dwelling with off-road parking to 1 Abbey Drive on land adjacent to 1 Abbey Drive, Shepley.* The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the site is too small for the proposed development and there are concerns with regard to the space available around the buildings.

**305 Plans**

There was no comment made on the following applications:  
90321 Stocksmoor; 90400 Lepton; 90468 Kirkburton; 90477 Lepton; 90497 Shepley;  
90568 Shepley; 90621 Kirkheaton; 90625 Fenay Bridge; 90666 Shepley; 90676 Shelley  
and 90723 Kirkburton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:  
90380 Shepley; 90609 Flockton Moor; 90675 Kirkheaton; 90688 Lepton and 90693  
Lepton.

**The following minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008.**

- The Clerk reported that the planning appeal regarding 57 Long Tongue Scrog Lane in Kirkheaton would be dealt with by the written representatives procedure and not a hearing as previously advised. The Clerk reported that the Council's views had already been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. **306 Planning Appeal in Kirkheaton**
- Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented (£4,926.55). There were no payments approved under LGA 1972 s137. **307 Accounts**
- A verbal report was given on the most recent meeting of Huddersfield South Area Committee. **308 Huddersfield South Area Committee**
- Resolved:** To adopt the specification for the grass cutting contract at Kirkheaton Churchyard. **309 Grass Cutting at Kirkheaton**
- Members noted the Local Transport Bill currently under discussion in Parliament. **310 Local Transport Bill**
- Resolved:** To write to the 5 West Yorkshire Members of Parliament requesting their support of the Bill.
- Resolved:** To approve the copy of Issue 17 of One Voice subject to the notified amendments. **311 One Voice**
- Members noted the correspondence from Kirklees Planning & Building Control Services in respect of the legal requirements for disabled fire exits. **312 Shelley Village Hall – Disabled Fire Exit**
- Resolved:** To refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee to look into the requirements in detail and report back to Council.
- Reports were made on a meeting members had attended with Metro and Stagecoach, and also on the Metro Road Show. **313 Bus Services**
- Resolved:** To accept Cllr Munro as the Liberal Democrat representative on the Staff & Grievance Committee. **314 Staff & Grievance Committee**
- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Munro onto the Environment Committee. **315 Environment Committee**
- Members noted the comments drawn up by a group of members on the consultation on the new Planning Policy Statement 4 on sustainable economic development. The members of the working party, who had written the response were thanked for their efforts. **316 Consultation on the New PPS4**
- Resolved:** To submit the comments as presented.
- Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting. **317 Clerk's Report**
- The Clerk reported that she had recently been elected to the position of Vice Chairman of the West Yorkshire branch of the SLCC. **318 SLCC**
- No items requested for future agendas. **Items for Next Agenda**
- 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 discussion on the following items of business would be conducted in private:-**
- Members noted the revised boundary at Shepley allotments. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her extensive work on the issue. **319 Shepley Allotments**
- The Clerk advised members regarding the new owner of Grange Moor allotments. **320 Grange Moor Allotments**

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Members noted the second interim report prepared by John Popham Consulting, and discussed the survey results.

**321 Proposed Grange Moor Community Centre**

**Resolved:** To approve the second grant for £5,875 conditional on the following conditions being fulfilled:

- a) That a Community Group be established in Grange Moor, which is broadly based and that 'buy in' is sought from the school and the church.
- b) That the Community Group has a constitution, elected officials and a widely advertised AGM and meetings in a public venue.
- c) That the genuine concerns of people regarding the site on Back Lane are recognised and that alternative sites are investigated.

The meeting then closed.