

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Burton A Cooper, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, B Moreton, J Paxton, P Rock and M Sykes.

The Council was addressed by several members of the public on the subjects of: bus services, proposed allotments in Kirkburton and the proposed removal of the telephone box from Highburton Cross. The Council was also thanked by one member of the public for grants awarded to Shelley College, Burton Environment Group and the Civic Society, some of which had led to support from lottery funding.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Bottomley, A Cruden, P Cunnington, J Heward, G Hickey, M MacDonald and J Myers, the reasons where given, were accepted by the Council. Cllr Burton apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

**269 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr Burton declared a personal interest in the item on Allotments, as he is a member of Huddersfield Allotment Society.

Cllr Sykes declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Appl 90356 in Marsh Lane, Shepley, as it is his own property. Cllr Sykes left the meeting whilst the Council discussed and agreed the comment on the application.

Resolved: To bring the following two items to the start of the meeting.

270 Order of Business

Members noted that the Council had been requested by a number of Kirkburton residents to consider the provision of allotments on vacant land in Hallas Road.

**271 Allotments
a) Kirkburton**

Resolved: To write to Kirklees Leisure Services in support of the group's request for bringing the allotments into use, and to request support in funding this if it should be available to cover both set-up costs and legal fees.

It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a reduction in the precept for the Council taxpayers.

Members noted the vacancies on the allotment gardens in Shepley and the need to clear them before re-letting.

272 b) Shepley

Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to organise the work and to authorise her to spend up to £500.

Members considered the proposal of supporting the removal of the telephone box currently located by Highburton Cross, due to its low usage and because it has been reported that funding is not available to refurbish the Cross until it is removed.

**273 Telephone Box at
Highburton Cross**

Resolved: To defer a decision on the matter pending receipt of further information.

The Chairman reported there had been no official engagements since the last Council meeting.

**274 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10th January 2008 as a true record.

275 Council Minutes

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee on 10th January 2008.

**276 Management &
Finance Committee**

Resolved: To accept and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 24th January 2008.

**277 Environment
Committee**

Cllr Burton left the meeting during the following item.

There was no comment made on the following applications: 07/ 94833 Kirkburton; 07/95368 Lepton; 07/95370 Grange Moor; 08/90045 Lascelles Hall; 08/90092 Shelley; 08/90152 Lepton; 08/ 90170 Shepley; 08/90193 Gawthorpe; 08/90220 Kirkburton; 08/90230 Shelley; 08/90231 Shepley; 08/90247 Shelley; 08/90248 Fenay Bridge; 08/90309 Lepton; 08/90347 Flockton and 08/90356 Shepley.	278 Plans
Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans: 07/95271 Shepley; 07/90370 Grange Moor and 08/90372 Grange Moor.	
Cllr Burton returned to the meeting.	
There were no planning appeals before the Council	279 Planning Appeals
Resolved: To settle the accounts as presented and including the payments at Min Nos 286 and 287 (£10,676.09, including £4,400 approved under LGA 1972 s137).	280 Accounts
It was reported there had been no Area Committee meetings since the last Parish Council meeting.	281 Area Committees
Resolved: To refer the proposal to replace the Council (Planning/GP) meetings with a Planning Committee to the Management & Finance Committee to put forward recommendations to the Council.	282 Planning Committee
Members noted the request for financial assistance from St Lucius' Church in Farnley Tyas.	283 St Lucius Church, Farnley Tyas
Resolved: To respond indicating that the Parish Council is unable to be directly involved, but will offer other assistance, including in identifying alternative sources of funding.	
The Big Green Challenge was explained to members of Council.	284 Big Green Challenge
Resolved: To develop an application to the first stage based on the Council's microgeneration action plan and for the Clerk to submit it after consultation with Cllr Cooper.	
Members discussed the possibility of part-funding the installation of solar panels on the roof of Burton Village Hall.	285 Solar Panels on Burton Village Hall
Resolved: To consult with representatives of Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association, and to support the scheme if KHCA agrees to it.	
Cllr Burton left the meeting.	
No further nominations were made. It was agreed to allow Cllr MacDonald to choose which workshops to attend.	286 YRCC Parish Government Conference
Resolved: To nominate Cllr Paxton and Mrs Royle to attend the SLCC West Yorkshire Branch training event on 7 th March.	287 SLCC Branch Training Day
No nominations were made for the NALC Conference on 20-22 May in Eastbourne.	288 NALC Conference
Members noted the Consultation on Planning Application Validation Checklists.	289 Planning Consultation
Members noted the Consultation on Orders & Regulations regarding the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.	290 Members' Conduct Consultation
The Chairman reported that the tendering process for the trees contract was underway and that the Management & Finance Committee would be recommending a contractor at its meeting on 14 th February.	291 Trees Contract at Kirkheaton Churchyard
Resolved: To delegate the Management & Finance Committee to make the final decision on the contractor to be appointed.	
Members noted the latest Analysis of Budget vs Spending Statement, as distributed at the meeting. The Clerk advised members to vire funding from the training budget to the	292 Virement of Funds

car/travelling expenses budget in order to comply with the Financial Regulations.

Resolved: To vire £300 from the training budget to the car allowance/travelling expenses budget.

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

293 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that her application to the Institute of Council Management had been successful, on which members congratulated her.

294 Institute of Council Management

- Local Transport Bill
- The proposal to introduce a service charge at the allotments to cover the costs of removing sheds and outhouses, if required at the end of a tenure.

295 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting then closed.