

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 7th JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

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

Before the meeting commenced the Council was addressed by a number of members of the public on the subject of changes to the bus timetables and routes.

The Clerk indicated the three fire exits from the building and advised members of the fire procedures.

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Cruden, J Heward, E Hutchinson and S Murphy, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council. 25 **Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr H Barraclough in Planning Appl 92079 as she is acquainted with the applicant; Cllr R Barraclough in the grant application from the Farnley Tyas Community Group as his wife is on the committee; Cllr Cunnington in Planning Application No 91919 as he is acquainted with the applicant; and Cllr Hardcastle in Planning Appl 91399 as he is acquainted with the applicant.

The following prejudicial interests were declared: Cllr Dunn in Planning Appl 91502 at Storthes Hall in Kirkburton as he is employed by David Storrie, and Cllr Seymour in Planning Appl No 91815 in Kirkburton, as it is his neighbour. The members left the meeting when these planning applications were discussed and the comments decided upon.

Resolved: To accept the Parish Council minutes of 19th April 2007 as a true record. 26 **Council Minutes**

Resolved: To accept the Annual Parish Council minutes of 17th May 2007 as a true record subject to the removal of Cllr Scott's name from the attendance list and the inclusion of Cllr Hardcastle's declared interest in Planning Appl 91431, as he is a friend of the applicant. 27 **Annual Parish
Council Minutes**

The Clerk advised members of the normal procedure for committee minutes. However, it was not possible to take a resolution on the accuracy of the minutes, since none of those in attendance were now on the Council. 28 **Grants/Community
Projects Committee
Meeting**

Resolved: To adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting of 19th April 2007.

Cllr Taylor entered the meeting.

07/91080 *Erection of 24 apartments and associated parking (adj to a listed building and within a conservation area) on the site of former Springfield Park Hotel, The Park, Penistone Road, Kirkburton.* Members noted that the application had been withdrawn. 29 **Plans**

07/91502 *Erection of 318 student bed accommodation and extension to arboretum to provide ancillary facilities at Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Park, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton.* **Resolved:** To defer comment on the application to allow ward members more time to read the extensive documents, and to invite a Planning Officer to attend a meeting to give further details on the application.

07/92061 *Telecommunications notification for the prior approval of details for erection of 15m lattice tower, 4 antennae and 2 dish links and associated equipment at Tib Netherend Farm, Wood Lane, Colne Bridge (Kirkheaton ward).* The Council approved the application conditional on the company having considered the possibility of mast sharing with other companies.

There was no comment made on the following applications:

91151 Flockton; 91154 Lascelles Hall; 91399 Kirkburton; 91657 Kirkburton;
91674 Highburton; 91693 Lascelles Hall; 91740 Upper Cumberworth (Shepley ward);
91815 Kirkburton; 91818 Shelley; 91850 Lepton; 91903 Flockton; 91904 Flockton;
91905 Flockton; 91906 Kirkheaton; 91913 Shelley; 91927 Kirkheaton; 91932 Shelley;
91937 Shelley; 91944 Lepton; 91975 Shepley; 91996 Kirkburton; 91997 Kirkburton;
92058 Lepton; 92062 Shepley; 92069 Shepley; 92079 Shelley; 92085 Grange Moor;
92113 Shepley; 92126 Thurstonland and 92157 Highburton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:

91536 Fenay Bridge; 91692 Fenay Bridge; 91759 Fenay Bridge; 91873 Highburton;
91919 Lepton; 91947 Flockton and 92036 Fenay Bridge.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspector had informed the Council that the date for the full decision had been postponed until 2nd August. Further information had been requested from the appellant, copies of which would be supplied to the Council and it would be given the opportunity of commenting on the responses. The Clerk was asked to supply the reference number to members.

The consultation documents on the installation of micro-generation equipment on domestic properties were noted.

Resolved: To defer comment to the next meeting to allow members more time to read the documents.

Members noted the dates of the meetings of Kirkburton Area Committee. It was reported that the next meeting of Huddersfield South Committee would be on 26th June at 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall.

The Clerk gave a background of the problem with the wall and outlined the actions taken to date. She reported that two of the three members elected to meet with the contractor and KMC Planning were no longer on the Council.

Resolved: To elect a new committee at the next meeting to progress the matter.

Resolved: To agree that Cllr Holroyd and Cllr Paxton attend the Local Council Advisory Service health and safety seminar in South Kirkby on 12th June.

Resolved: To agree Cllr Rock's attendance at the University of Gloucestershire summer seminars on 11th and 12th July.

Cllr Rock informed members he would not be claiming travelling expenses on this occasion.

Cllr Scott left the meeting.

Members noted that the 5-year lease for the photocopier was coming to an end, and they were now required to decide whether to continue with the present model at the same cost or to change machines.

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee for consideration and to make a recommendation to Council.

29 Plans (Cont'd)

30 Planning Appeals

31 Croftlands Nursing Home, Kirkburton

32 Consultation

33 Area Committees

34 Kirkheaton Churchyard

35 LCAS Seminar

36 Summer Seminars

37 Photocopier

Discussion took place on whether or not the Clerk should attend the meetings between the Council and Shelley Community Association's Shelley Village Hall Committee.

38 Shelley Village Hall Meetings

A recorded vote was taken on the proposal that the Clerk may attend the meetings between the Parish Council and the Shelley Community Association's SVH Committee.

For: Cllrs H Barraclough, R Barraclough, Bottomley, Burton, Cooper, Cunnington, Dunford, Dunn, Hardcastle, Hickey, Hirst, Holroyd, Moreton, Myers, Paxton, Rock, Scott, Seymour, Sykes and Taylor.

Against: Cllr MacDonald

Resolved: That the Clerk may attend the meetings between the Parish Council and the Shelley Community Association's SVH Committee.

Members noted progress on the requests for additional bus shelters and those requested to be upgraded with 'real time' displays.

39 West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership Kirklees

Resolved: To submit the following additional items for the budget 2008/09:

- The bus shelter by the zebra crossing at Abbey Road in Shepley to be replaced by a cantilevered one, as the new one does not provide adequate protection against the weather for the passengers, and forces them to stand quite close to the passing traffic.
- Modern shelter at Towngate in Highburton (by the Co-op).
- Shelter opposite the Sun Inn in Lepton.
- Hardcastle Lane in Flockton (direction Wakefield)

Problems with youths skateboarding on the roof of the bus shelter by the doctors' surgery in Kirkheaton were reported. A query was raised whether this fund could be used to provide facilities such as CCTV by the bus shelter to prevent such behaviour.

The Clerk was asked to raise the issue of a passenger count being undertaken at the stop by the Sovereign on Holmfith Road in Shepley, since members were given to understand that a minimum number of passengers would not be required for shelters provided from this particular budget.

The Clerk reported that KMC Leisure Services reimbursed clubs for the use of their electricity to light the Christmas trees, and that to receive the refund, the Club needed to write to Leisure Services making a request and giving its bank details. Cllr Rock agreed to help with the application, if required.

40 Electricity Payment re Christmas Tree

Resolved: To reply to Kirkheaton Liberal WM Club with the above information and to inform them that Cllr Rock would be able to help with the application, if required.

Members noted that to date there had been no volunteers to take over the editorship of One Voice.

41 One Voice

Resolved: To refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee to consider and make a recommendation to Council.

Resolved: To agree the following attendances on the YLCA training courses:

42 YLCA Training Seminars

Cllrs Bottomley, Dunford, Myers, Seymour and Sykes to attend the seminar on 11th July at Denby Dale.

Cllrs H Barraclough and Hirst to attend the seminar on 6th September at Hebden Bridge.

It was agreed that if other members wished to attend any of the seminars listed, they should contact the Clerk to enable her to make the bookings, which would be dealt with under her delegated authority.

- Resolved:** To organise a coach to tour the Parish Council area. **43 Tour of the PC Area**
- The Clerk was asked to consult members on their availability and obtain quotes for the coach.
- Members noted the Order regarding Public Footpath Kirkburton 74 (Part) – Rowley Hill, Lepton. **44 Public Path Extinguishment**
- Resolved:** Not to lodge any objections to the Order.
- Resolved:** To loan the old office computer to the Chairman until she had organised her own IT facilities. **45 Loan of Old Computer**
- Resolved:** To refer to the Management & Finance Committee the proposal that a laptop is purchased for the use of the Chairman to be passed on each year, and also to consider the possibility of selling the old computer to the Chairman, if she wished.
- The Clerk reported that Kirklees was receiving a visit from the Audit Commission to undertake a CPA and it had requested each of the Parish Council clerks to attend a meeting to discuss the success or otherwise of partnership arrangements with Kirklees. **46 Comprehensive Performance Assessment**
- The Clerk was thanked for informing members of the request and members expressed agreement with regard to her attendance on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Members noted the Clerk’s Report as distributed at the meeting. **47 Clerk’s Report**
- The Clerk drew members’ attention to the item in the report on the provision of trees or bushes to schools, who had been asked to decide which species they required. Members in wards where the schools had not yet replied were asked to follow up the matter and inform the Clerk as soon as possible. **48 Provision of Trees/Bushes to Schools**
- The following members volunteered to be keyholders for the village noticeboards: Grange Moor (& Post Office): Cllr Myers; Kirkburton: Cllr Hickey; Shepley: Cllr Taylor; Shelley: Cllr H Barraclough; Stocksmoor and Thurstonland: Cllr R Barraclough. **49 Noticeboards**
- The Clerk reported that she was in the process of sorting out the handover of the keys from the last Council. It was suggested that she should keep a spare copy of all the keys.
- To consider the Planning Officers’ comments on applications and their implications for the Council. **50 Items for Future Agendas**
 - To circulate the responses from KMC regarding the consultation on the traffic calming in Kirkheaton and ask that the problems in the rest of the village are addressed.
 - To consider establishing a renewable energy fund for community buildings. The item is requested in approx 2 months’ time when consultation with members has taken place.
 - Members were informed that a community grant application from Yetton Roots in Kirkheaton was forthcoming, and its decision was time-sensitive.
- The Clerk was asked to organise the varnishing of the seat in Stones Wood Lane in Shepley under delegated authority. **51 Varnishing of Public Seat**
- The meeting then closed.