

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 19th MARCH 2009 AT 8.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Barraclough in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, B Moreton, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Heward, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, B Moreton, A Munro, J Paxton, P Rock and M Sykes.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cooper, G Hickey and J Taylor. The Council accepted the reasons for the absences.

**P84 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr R Barraclough in Planning Appl No 09/90641 as he knows the applicant; Cllr Cunnington in Planning Appl No 09/90472 as he knows the applicant; Cllr Hardcastle in Planning Appl No 09/90623 as he knows the applicant. All members declared a personal interest in Planning Appl No 90552 as the applicant is known to them.

Cllr Holroyd declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Appl No 09/90419 as it is a neighbour and she has sent a comment to Planning Services in a personal capacity.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting on 22nd January 2009 an accurate record.

P85 Minutes

There was no comment made on the following applications:
90426 Shepley; 90472 Houses Hill; 90476 Highburton; 90487 Shepley; 90489 Shepley;
90490 Shelley; 90535 Kirkburton; 90547 Shelley; 90567 Lepton; 90586 Highburton;
90587 Kirkburton; 90608 Kirkburton; 90623 Kirkburton and 90641 Farnley Tyas.

P86 Plans

Comment on the following application was deferred pending receipt of the plan:
90552 Highburton.

Resolved: To raise Standing Order No 35 as it is less than six months since the following two plans were considered and decided upon.

90367 *Erection of conservatory at 67a Station Road, Fenay Bridge.* After consideration of additional information from Kirklees with regard to the size and siting of the conservatory, It was agreed to amend the Council's comment to object to the proposed development on the grounds that as the extension will come in front of the building line, it would be too close to the road.

Cllr Holroyd left the meeting.

Members reconsidered the application for the erection of replacement garage/workshop with mezzanine storage area. It was reported that following a site visit, it had come to light that the plans and photographs were inaccurate, with the plan dating back to 1972, and thus not showing a lot of development, which has taken place since that time.

**P87 09/90419 at
9 Hardcastle Lane,
Flockton**

Resolved: To object to the proposed development on the following grounds a) a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties, b) need to remove a TPO'd ash tree; c) proposed development is too close to neighbouring properties, d) inaccurate/misleading photographs and outdated plans, which omitted several developments which had taken place after 1972. Additionally, the need for a 2-storey building for a workshop was queried, given that the upper floor included plans for velux rooflights, patio doors and a bathroom.

In addition, the Council expressed its serious concerns that an application can be submitted and accepted when it contains so many serious inaccuracies within the plans and photographs.

Resolved: To reinstate Standing Order No 35

Cllr Holroyd re-entered the meeting.

Members noted the appeal at Site at Cogri Ltd, Dene House, North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0RW.

P88 Planning Appeal in Kirkburton

Resolved: To support Kirklees Council's refusal of permission on the grounds that the cladding and re-roofing detrimentally impacts on the visual amenity, especially as the development is in a conservation area and in an historic area of the village, thus contrary to UDP Policies BE13, BE14 and PPG13.

Members noted the latest consultation on the Local Development Framework and the 4 identified options for the area.

P89 Local Development Framework

Resolved: To submit a response covering the following issues:

- a) Overdevelopment in Kirkheaton in Options 1, 2 and 4 and in Lepton in Option 3.
- b) Objections to building on the flood plain
- c) Future developments should have more emphasis on employment opportunities rather than housing
- d) As the country is in recession it seems an inappropriate time to plan for expansion, and the Council questions the need for additional shops.
- e) All options should be aimed at addressing climate change and not just Option 3.
- f) A properly managed programme of improvements to the infrastructure should be rolled out before the development takes place.
- g) The soundness of the procedure is questioned.

Members noted the problems with the bus services in this area, and in particular the fact that low loading buses had still not been introduced on the Wakefield corridor.

P90 Bus Services

Resolved: To write to the Huddersfield Bus Company to ask when the new buses would be introduced along the Wakefield corridor, and to ask Metro how much money will be spent on new buses in this area.

Members also addressed the points raised in public question time a few weeks' ago about the unreliability and infrequency of the services covering this area.

Resolved: To write to Metro to ask what proportion of services is commercial/subsidised and request that the service to be restored to its previous level.

Members noted the conference reports compiled by Cllr Atkinson. She gave a more detailed verbal report on the events. Cllr Atkinson was thanked for her attendance and the reports.

P91 Rural Action Yorkshire Conference Reports

Resolved: To agree to the installation of the noticeboard at the agreed location outside the library at Fields Rise, on the understanding that it may have to be moved when the PCT take the final decision on the location of the new health centre.

P92 Kirkheaton Noticeboard

The request from Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to share the Parish Council's broadband was noted.

P93 Shared Use of Broadband

Resolved: To agree to the request on condition that an extractor fan can be installed in the office to solve the lack of ventilation problem, at the cost of the Parish Council. Any costs for the CCTV will be covered by the Community Association.

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

P94 Clerk's Report

The Clerk read out a letter sent to the Vice Chairman and copied to the Chairman and the Clerk from Cllr H Barraclough and Cllr MacDonald requesting the calling of an extraordinary Council meeting.

P95 Request for Extraordinary Council Meeting

The Vice Chairman and the Clerk reported that information from the Council's solicitors in respect of the outreach post office at Shelley Village Hall indicated that matters were already progressing and the issue of costs would be dealt with at the end of the process. Members agreed that the requested agenda item could be satisfactorily dealt with at the April Parish Council meeting.

Cllr MacDonald requested a reply to a question he had previously given notice of and which had been addressed in the meeting on 5th March 2009. He gave notice of a further question about the 3 clear days' notice required for agendas and expressed concerns

P96 Questions

regarding this meeting. The Clerk gave a verbal explanation and confirmed that the requisite notice had been given for the meeting this evening.

There were no items requested.

P97 Agenda Item

The meeting then closed.