

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Hickey in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, M MacDonald, B Moreton, A Munro, S Murphy, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and J Taylor.

Before meeting, the Council was addressed by Mr Hewitson and Mr Doyle of the Kirklees Localities Team for Denby Dale and Kirkburton. They spoke on the draft Locality Plan and gave an insight about how it had been produced. The Parish Council was encouraged to become involved with the Localities Team on this initiative and welcomed members' views on the Plan. Various members of Council raised issues during the discussion. The Chairman thanked both gentlemen for attending the meeting before they left.

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Cruden, K Dunn, J Heward, E Hutchinson, and J Myers, the reasons (where provided) were accepted by the Council.

**P18 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008 an accurate record.

**P19 Minutes**

The Clerk reported that the tree shredding had now been completed and that she had received thanks from the Kirkheaton PCC for the Council's agreements to cover the costs.

**P20 Kirkheaton  
Churchyard  
(Min P9)**

The Chairman reported that many of the plans were not available due to the strike, but that the Clerk would liaise with Planning Services to try and have the decisions deferred until after the next Council meeting. If that were not possible, the Clerk undertook to inform ward members if urgent comments were required, which could be submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority.

**P21 Plans**

2008/91938 *Demolition of existing farmhouse and agricultural building, erection of new dwelling and conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation (modified proposal) at Cockley Hill Farm, 112 Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.* The Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds that although modifications had been made to the original application, but it was still too large and was inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

2008/92176 *Outline application for residential development (16 units) on Ings Way, Ings Way West, Lepton.* Since was a difference of opinion between ward members on this application a vote took place.

**Resolved:** That the Council lodge objections to the application and submit the following comments: Lepton and in particular this area of Lepton, is overdeveloped. Although the Council agreed with affordable housing, in this case it appeared there was no way of limiting the ownership of these dwellings to a particular group of people, and there would be no priority given to people in this local community. Additionally, the plot was too small for the number of proposed dwellings, sited very close to old people's bungalows and the number of car parking spaces was very low in relation to the number of people, who would be living in the accommodation.

There was no comment made on the application of 92312 Grange Moor.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans: 92218 Shepley; 92224 Shepley; 92225 Shepley; 92247 Kirkheaton; 92274 Shelley; 92367 Kirkheaton; 92390 Grange Moor; 92391 Flockton; 92418 Thurstonland; 92459 Shepley; 92469 Highburton and 92510 Flockton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

**P22 Planning Appeal**

Members discussed some of the issues raised at the start of the meeting with the Kirklees officers, and undertook to supply the Clerk with a list of community groups, who would welcome being consulted on the Locality Plan.

**P23 Locality Plan for Denby Dale & Kirkburton**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk writes to the officers thanking them for their attendance and expressing an interest in being involved with this initiative. Also to submit in writing the issues raised verbally with the officers.

It was agreed that should members have further issues and/or points to raise, they would contact the Locality Team directly.

Members noted the problems being experienced with broadband both in the Parish Council office and in the general area. The Clerk reported information received from British Telecom.

**P24 Broadband Coverage**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk looks into the matter and takes appropriate action to try and improve the situation area-wide. Also to look into changing from BT to cable.

**Resolved:** To approve the draft copy of Issue 18 subject to the amendments notified.

**P25 Newsletter**

Cllr Holroyd was thanked for her work in producing the newsletter.

Members noted the written report from the Clerk on the conference she had attended in June.

**P26 SLCC Regional Conference**

**Resolved:** To agree the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC National Conference from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October in Reading.

**P27 SLCC National Conference**

The Clerk informed members of the rules covering the award of grants for clock maintenance.

**P28 Clock Grant**

**Resolved:** To approve the grant of £200 to All Hallows Church, Kirkburton for the maintenance of the clock.

Members noted the report on the Bus Tour of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**P29 Bus Tour**

**Resolved:** To accept the report as an accurate record and to thank Sandra Harling for organising the tour.

The Clerk reported advice received from the Council's insurers regarding the changing of the Council's policy to allow the village hall to open during the forthcoming building contract. She informed members that after careful consideration of the situation in conjunction with advice received, her professional advice to the Council was that the original policy of closing the building during this contract should remain unchanged and that Council should review it for future contracts. It was confirmed that Shelley Community Association would not be charged rent by the Council for the period the hall was closed. The Chairman wished it minuting that he regretted the inconvenience to the user groups, but supported the Clerk's advice and urged members to do the same.

**P30 Shelley Village Hall – Work on the Rear Porch and Ramp**

Members discussed the situation, considering both health & safety issues and the problems for the user groups, who were due to meet in the hall at the time of the building contract. The proposal that the hall is closed during this building contract and that the policy is reviewed for the future in order to minimise disruption for all concerned was proposed and seconded, and a recorded vote was taken with the following result:

For: Cllrs Atkinson, R Barraclough, Bottomley, Burton, Cooper, Cunnington, Dunford, Harcastle, Hickey, Hirst, Holroyd, Moreton, Munro, Paxton, and Rock.  
 Against: Cllrs H Barraclough and Cllr Taylor.  
 Abstentions: Cllrs MacDonald, Murphy and Sykes.

As there were no further amendments, a recorded vote was taken with the above becoming the substantive proposal. The result was as follows:

For: Cllrs Atkinson, R Barraclough, Bottomley, Burton, Cooper, Cunnington, Dunford, Hardcastle, Hickey, Hirst, Holroyd, Moreton, Munro, Paxton, and Rock.

Against: None

Abstentions: Cllrs H Barraclough, MacDonald, Murphy, Sykes and Taylor.

**Resolved:** That the hall is closed during this building contract and that the policy is reviewed for the future in order to minimise disruption for all concerned.

**Resolved:** That the Council offers financial assistance to those groups scheduled to meet at the village hall during the building contract to allow them to use other venues, up to a maximum of £1,000 in total to be taken from the Council's general reserve.

**Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because the following section of the item involved disclosing contractual details, which were confidential, the discussion below would be conducted in private:-**

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with the contractor at which both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were also present. A written report of the meeting was distributed. Both the Chairman and Vice Chairman confirmed the report was accurate, with the inclusion that the gatepost be returned to site after completion of the works. The Clerk also reported on information regarding the cost of providing the external door.

**Resolved:** That the cost of providing and fitting the external door is to be included in the agreed price.

The Chairman reported on the grant funding available from Kirklees to cover the production costs of the walks leaflets and the CD's. Detailed costings were to be obtained.

**Resolved:** That the Council proceeds with the application and the additional paperwork required for the grant is signed by Cllr R Barraclough and Cllr MacDonald on behalf of the Council.

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

- Capital Projects – To review the Council procedure and assess its effectiveness.

The meeting then closed.

**P30 Shelley Village Hall  
– Work on the Rear  
Porch and Ramp  
(Cont'd)**

**P32 Kirklees  
Environment Grant**

**P33 Clerk's Report**

**P34 Agenda Item**