

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2009 AT 8.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Hickey in the Chair

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

Before the start of the meeting a member of the public asked questions about the casual vacancy and was given information on the procedures to be followed.

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cruden, L Holroyd, P Rock and J Taylor. The Council accepted the reasons for the absences.

**P74 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Heward in Planning Appl No 08/94446 at 8 Hall Lane, Highburton as he is acquainted with the owner. All members present declared a personal interest in Planning Appl Nos 08/94375 and 08/94376 at the Smiths Arms in Highburton.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting on 20th November 2008 an accurate record.

P75 Minutes

08/94408 *Regrading of land to facilitate turning facilities for large agricultural vehicles on land at Beaconsfield Farm, off Paul Lane, Emley Moor.* The Council objected on the grounds of highways – the access is inadequate and the road is too narrow to accommodate large HGV's. There is also a history of accidents on this particular stretch of road.

P76 Plans

There was no comment made on the following applications:
08/94306 Lepton; 08/94311 Kirkburton; 08/94375 Highburton; 08/94376 Highburton;
08/94429 Grange Moor; 08/94446 Highburton; 09/90012 Kirkheaton; 09/90021 Shepley;
09/90032 Shelley and 09/90049 Lepton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plan:
08/94377 Shepley; 09/90008 Waterloo; 08/94427 Kirkburton; 08/94469 Highburton and
08/94471 Highburton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council. The Clerk reported that nothing had been received with regard to the appeal at 15 Marsh Lane, Shepley and had been unable to reach the Planning Officer concerned.

P77 Planning Appeal

Members considered the consultation being carried out by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly on the Regional Spatial Strategy for Housing.

**P78 Consultation
Regional Spatial
Strategy by YHA**

Resolved: To respond to the effect that the Council believes the levels of growth are not sustainable in terms of land and space and would like the focus for development to be concentrated on previously developed brownfield land, thus restricting development in the main from the open spaces to protect the greenfield and Green Belt areas. There should also be an emphasis on social and "eco-friendly" housing.

The Clerk formally notified the Council of the casual vacancy in the Lepton and Whitley Upper ward of the Council and notified members of the deadline for requesting an election.

P79 Casual Vacancy

Members noted the NALC Advice Note on the consultation being carried out by the Ministry of Justice into the publication of candidates' addresses at UK Parliamentary elections.

**P80 Publication of
Candidates'
Addresses**

Resolved: To respond to the effect that the candidates' addresses should appear on the ballot paper, but once elected the Member of Parliament's address should not be publicised, just the details where constituents can contact him/her.

Members noted the consultation being carried out by Kirklees into the updated Sustainable Community Strategy.

**P81 Kirklees Sustainable
Community
Strategy**

Resolved: That members make their own individual responses directly to Kirklees.

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

P82 Clerk's Report

There were no items requested.

P83 Agenda Item

The meeting then closed.