

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr G Hickey in the Chair

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

Apologies were received from Cllr H Barraclough, R Bottomley, E Hutchinson and M MacDonald, the reasons were accepted by the Council. Cllr Hardcastle apologised for arriving late.

**159 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Atkinson in the grant application from the Denby Dale Centre as she is a member of the Management Committee and had helped with the application; Cllr R Barraclough in Thurstonland Village Association, as he had helped the members with the funding application.

Cllr Dunford entered the meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had had no further Civic Engagements since the last report.

**160 Chairman's  
Appointments**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as a true record.

**161 Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as an accurate record.

**162 Corporate  
Governance Mins 1**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Staff & Grievance Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as an accurate record.

**163 Staff & Grievance  
Committee**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as an accurate record.

**164 Corporate  
Governance Mins 2**

**Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**165 Grants/Community  
Projects Minutes**

**Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**166 Environment  
Committee**

The Chairman showed members the engraved plaque to be installed on the memorial seat.

**167 Plaque (Min E39)**

**Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**168 Grants/Community  
Projects Minutes 2**

**Resolved:** To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**169 Management &  
Finance Committee**

2008/94060 *Demolition of existing farmhouse and agricultural building and erection of new dwelling with detached garage (modified proposal).* The Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds that it was materially larger than the farmhouse it replaced, and therefore contrary to policies PPG2 and UDP D8.

**170 Plans**

2008/93952 *Erection of 2-storey side extension at Holly Cottage, Bog Green Lane, Colne Bridge.* As there was no history of any previous development at this site contained within the application, it was not possible to see if other extensions had already taken place. The Council approved the proposed development if this was the first extension of the property. If not, the Council objected on the grounds that further extensions would be contrary to policies D11 and PPG2.

The following applications were approved: 94033 Shepley and 94070 Shepley.

**170 Plans (Cont'd)**

There was no comment made on the following applications:  
93868 Kirkburton; 93883 Lepton; 93909 Kirkburton; 93936 Stocksmoor;  
93947 Kirkburton; 93950 Shepley; 93951 Lepton; 93999 Lepton and 94092 Lepton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:  
94023 Kirkheaton and 94069 Fenay Bridge.

There were no appeals before the Council.

**171 Planning Appeals**

**Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented £4,527.74 including £352.50 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137.

**172 Accounts**

**Resolved:** To receive the Receipts & Payments Statement covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**173 Receipts & Payments Statement**

There were no reports from either Kirkburton or Huddersfield South Area Committees.

**174 Area Committees**

It was reported that Highburton Cross and the surrounding area had been repaired in accordance with English Heritage's standards.

**175 Highburton Cross**

The Clerk gave a brief background on the updated Publication Scheme.

**176 Freedom of Information Act – Publication Scheme**

**Resolved:** To adopt the Model Scheme and to agree a charge of 10p per sheet plus postage, with the right to waive charges of less than £25.

Members considered the correspondence from All Hallows Church, outlining the difficulties encountered in preparing and installing the Council's stained glass window into All Hallows Church and the resulting costs.

**177 Stained Glass Window**

**Resolved:** To award All Hallows Church in Kirkburton a further £4,430 to cover the additional costs of cleaning and installing the Council's stained glass window.

Members considered the proposal to allocate up to £6,000 for applications for village green status at 2/3 locations in Kirkheaton.

**178 Village Green Applications in Kirkheaton**

**Resolved:** To support the submission of application/s for village green status in the Kirkheaton area, but without financial assistance.

Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

Members considered the application for a special grant from Thurstonland Village Association towards the costs of funding a new noticeboard in the village.

**179 Thurstonland Village Association – Noticeboard**

**Resolved:** To award a special grant of £500 towards the purchase of a new noticeboard as well as covering the costs of all fees from the Council's legal/professional fees budget, and lodging the planning application on the Association's behalf.

Members considered the environment grant application for £1,960 to restore and develop the school pond in line with the new health & safety guidance and to develop a disused and dangerous play area into a school garden for use by children and staff to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs and plants, etc.

**180 Highburton First School**

**Resolved:** To award £1,960 to Highburton First School for the purposes outlined above.

Cllr Atkinson left the meeting.

The Chairman reported that the Grants/Community Projects Committee had considered the application for £2,371.28 to cover the cost of a structural survey, plans and valuation prior to the possible purchase of the Salvation Army Hall at the meeting immediately prior to Council, and that the Committee had recommended awarding the grant in full

**181 Denby Dale Centre**

**Resolved:** To award a community project grant of £2,371.28 to the Denby Dale Centre for the purposes outlined above.

Cllr Atkinson returned to the meeting.

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

**182 Clerk's Report**

No items were requested.

**183 Items for a Future Agenda**

**Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the discussion on the following items of business would be conducted in private:-**

**Resolved:** To defer the discussion on the future of the building to the next meeting.

**184 Shelley Village Hall**

Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting during the debate on the following item.

Members discussed the draft budget proposals. A proposal was tabled that deductions are made to the following items: Advertising; Car Allowance/Travelling Expenses; Conferences; Newsletter/Annual Report; Postage & Petty Cash; Renewable Energy and Stationery & Copier, resulting in a budgetted expenditure of £154,992 and a precept of £127,000.

**185 Budget/Precept for 2009-10**

An amendment was tabled that deductions be made to the following items: Allotments Maintenance; Car Allowance/Travelling Expenses; Chairman's Allowance; Civic Functions; Community Projects; Conferences; Elections; Kirkheaton Churchyard; Office Equipment; Postage & Petty Cash; Public Seats and Reference Books; with the precept being set at £102,750. The Clerk advised many of the proposed reductions were not feasible. The amendment was defeated.

**Resolved:** That the deductions outlined in the first paragraph are made to the original budget proposals, resulting in a budgetted expenditure of £154,992 and a precept of £127,000 for 2009-10.

The discussion on the different roles within the Council was deferred to the next meeting.

**186 Role of Council & Councillors**

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and wished them a Happy Christmas. He invited them to join him in a pre-Christmas celebration at The George Inn in Kirkburton.

**187 Thanks**

The meeting then closed.