

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr G Hickey in the Chair

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

Before the meeting opened, PCSO Hobson and PCSO Armitage gave the Council a report on the crime statistics over the Christmas period, and urged people to remove all objects from cars and vans, which would reduce vehicle crime dramatically. A member of the public also spoke on the subject of the New Year bus service and asked the Council to consider implementing a discounted precept for senior citizens.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Heward and M MacDonald, the reasons were accepted by the Council. Cllrs P Cunnington and J Taylor apologised for arriving late.

**188 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr H Barraclough in Shelley Village Hall as she is a user of the hall; Cllr R Barraclough in the RDPE as he is a director; Cllr Hardcastle in Howard Seymour, as he is a close family friend; Cllr Sykes in Planning Appl 08/94214 as the applicant is known to him. On the Clerk's advice, all members present declared a personal interest in Planning Appl 08/94397 at Burton Village Hall, as it is the location of the office and the venue for Council meetings.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Carol Concert.

**189 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th December 2008 as a true record.

190 Council Minutes

Cllr Rock requested further information on the budgets for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

191 Budget (Min 185)

Resolved: To bring the following two items forward for the benefit of the members of the public present.

192 Order of Business

Cllr Taylor entered the meeting during the following item.

Resolved: To raise the standing orders.

**193 Location of School
Bus Stops in
Kirkheaton**

Mr O'Brien, Deputy Head of King James School, gave information on what the school had been doing to try and resolve the problems being experienced by the residents in Moorside Road when the children were waiting for the bus in the mornings. It was reported that alternative routes were being looked into by Metro, and if a suitable one was found, it would be trialled for a period to see if it removed the problem without moving it elsewhere. Mr O'Brien was thanked for attending the meeting.

A member of the public gave background information about the request for an allotment garden in Shelley and the identified piece of land, which was currently being looked into by Kirklees.

**194 Request for
Allotments in
Shelley**

Standing Orders were reinstated. It was reported that the land was currently derelict but the public were keen to use it as allotments.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the provision of allotments in Shelley, and requests Kirklees to donate the land located between Shelley First School and Cleveland Way for this purpose. Should the Parish Council manage the allotments, it was agreed that it would endeavour to obtain a reduction in the Council tax to avoid double taxation.

- Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting on 4th December 2008 as a true record. It was noted that the decision to adopt this recommendation had already been taken at the Council meeting on 4th December 2008.
- 2008/94297 *Erection of outbuilding to house biomass boiler (within the curtilage of a listed building) at Heights Farm, Hall Ing Road, Thurstonland.* The Parish Council strongly supported this application, as it was in line with the Council's policy on microgeneration.
- There was no comment made on the following applications:
94023 Kirkheaton; 94123 Shelley; 94134 Highburton; 94146 Kirkburton;
94151 Kirkheaton; 94152 Kirkheaton; 94165 Houses Hill; 94188 Farnley Tyas;
94199 Kirkburton; 94200 Kirkburton; 94204 Kirkburton; 94214 Shepley; 94237 Shelley;
94268 Lepton; 94300 Shepley; 94307 Shelley; 94346 Kirkburton and 94397 Highburton.
- Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:
94223 Lascelles Hall; 94250 Kirkheaton; 94311 Kirkburton and 94406 Flockton.
- There were no appeals before the Council, although it was noted that a notice had been erected outside 15 Marsh Lane in Shepley. The Clerk agreed to look into the matter.
- It was reported that the decision to refuse planning permission for the Tesco express store in Kirkburton had been overturned on appeal.
- Resolved:** To issue a press release highlighting the Parish Council's and public's concerns.
- Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented (£10,442.06 including £6,390.00 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).
- There were no reports from either Kirkburton or Huddersfield South Area Committees. It was reported that the next Kirkburton Area Committee meeting was on 13th January at Shelley Methodist Church.
- Cllr Cunnington entered the meeting.
- Members noted the draft specification for the fencing of the area previously known as the sensory garden at Shelley Village Hall.
- Resolved:** To take advice from Kirklees on the matter and to adopt the draft subject to any suggested changes. To delegate the Clerk to progress the matter in consultation with the Chairman.
- Cllr R Barraclough gave a verbal update on the EPIP and reported that the next meeting was on 13th January, when applications for funding would be considered.
- Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Atkinson and the Clerk to attend the NALC Northern Regional Conference in York on 21st February.
- Members noted the flowchart illustrating the proposed changes to the Council's procedures. It was suggested that, if agreed, the system is piloted with one project to ensure the system works efficiently.
- Resolved:** To receive the flowchart as a working document and to refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee for further discussion before adoption.
- Members discussed how to commemorate the late Cllr Seymour.
- Resolved:** To agree to commemorate the late Cllr Seymour and to consider the best way of doing this, in consultation with his widow.
- Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.
- 195 Grants/Community Projects Minutes**
- 196 Plans**
- 197 Planning Appeals**
- 198 Accounts**
- 199 Area Committees**
- 200 Fencing of Garden Area at Shelley Village Hall**
- 201 EPIP Project Funding Applications**
- 202 NALC Regional Conference**
- 203 Council Procedures**
- 204 Commemoration**
- 205 Clerk's Report**

No items were requested.

206 Items for a Future Agenda

Members acknowledged that there were a number of options available at the village hall in the future.

**207 Shelley Village Hall
a) The Future of the Building**

Resolved: To establish a committee representative of the whole of the Parish Council as well as other interested parties in Shelley, to discuss and explore the various possibilities, including the transfer of ownership, and to bring options back to the Council in 3 months' time.

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:-

The Clerk reported problems with the safety certification at the village hall in respect of the gas appliances. The Council was advised that it was the legal responsibility of the Council

**208 Shelley Village Hall
b) Certification**

Resolved: To inform the Community Association of the problem, organise a new inspection and appropriate certificates as a matter of urgency, and agree the future procedures in due course.

Resolved: To defer discussion on this matter.

**209 Role of Council/
Councillors**

Members considered the situation of the grant allocated to the Grange Moor Community Action Group in respect of the proposed new community building.

**210 Grange Moor
Community
Building**

Resolved: To ask the Group to inform the Council of its intentions in respect of the grant by 6th March 2009. If the deadline is not met, to transfer the funds to the Council's Community Projects budget.

The meeting then closed.