

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Barraclough in the Chair

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

Before the meeting opened, four members of the public spoke in support of Shelley Village Hall and one person raised the problem of bus reliability/frequency particularly in relation to the closure of Highburton Co-op. The Clerk confirmed that senior citizens receive a discount in the precept following a query at the previous meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Bottomley, S Dunford, J Heward, G Hickey and E Hutchinson, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**211 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Holroyd and Cllr MacDonald declared interests in the item on the use of Shelley Village Hall as a post office – Cllr Holroyd as one of the proposed solicitors is used by a charity, of which she is a Trustee; and Cllr MacDonald, as if the post office goes ahead, he will be a user of the facility.

Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Sykes and Cllr Taylor all declared prejudicial interests in the grant application from the Shepley Village Association as: the applicant is a neighbour and friend of Cllr Atkinson; Cllr Sykes has been heavily involved in the organisation of the visit by the Aurin Choir and Cllr Taylor is Chair of the Village Association and lodged the application. They all left the meeting whilst the matter was considered and decided upon.

**Resolved:** To bring Item 11 on the Shelley Committee to the start of the meeting for the benefit of the members of the public present.

**212 Order of Business**

Members discussed the issue of the future of the village hall and addressed the questions raised by the public at the start of the meeting.

**213 Shelley Committee**

**Resolved:** To elect 7 Parish Councillors (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs H Barraclough, A Cooper, A Munro, M Sykes and J Taylor) and 2 Shelley Community Association representatives with voting rights onto the committee, with the terms of reference: To establish a committee representative of the whole of the Parish Council as well as other interested parties in the vicinity of Shelley, to discuss and explore the various future possibilities of Shelley Village Hall, and to bring options with information back to the Council in two months' time.

**Resolved:** That the President of the Community Association will be informed of this decision and invited to put forward the names of two representatives from the Community Association to be elected onto the committee as full members with voting rights at its first meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice on whether Cllr MacDonald is able to sit on the committee, taking into account his position of Vice Chairman of the Community Association.

The members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting and for their contributions.

Cllr Taylor entered the meeting during the above item.

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

**214 Chairman's  
Appointments**

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 as a true record.

**215 Council Minutes**

The Clerk confirmed that she had been informed by Kirklees that the possibility of using land in Shelley for allotments was being investigated.	<b>216 Shelley Allotments (Min 194)</b>
The Clerk confirmed that the issue with the safety certification had been resolved.	<b>217 SVH Certification (Min 208)</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> To agree and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2009.	<b>218 Environment Minutes</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> To agree and adopt the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 and attached Action Plan, subject to an amendment in Min MF30 which should read "Flockton" and not "3 wards".	<b>219 Management &amp; Finance Committee Minutes</b>
2009/90124 <i>Demolition of existing house and stables and outline application for erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages and stable block at 119 Station Road, Shepley.</i> It was agreed to delegate the Clerk to submit the comments to allow the ward councillors to make a site visit.	<b>220 Plans</b>
2009/90271 <i>Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling with garage (within a conservation area) on land adjacent to 5 Garner Lane, Highburton.</i> The Council agreed with the Kirklees' comments, but also expressed concern in connection with the stability of the proposed development due to the steepness of the hill and the ground consisting of shale.	
There was no comment made on the following applications: 08/94427 Kirkburton; 08/94469 Highburton; 09/90086 Thurstonland; 09/90087 Thurstonland; 09/90097 Lepton; 09/90107 Shepley; 09/90151 Shelley; 09/90186 Kirkheaton; 09/90239 Shelley; 09/90245 Shelley and 09/90277 Shepley;	
Members noted two planning appeals at Dene House, North Road, Kirkburton and 21 Hall Lane, Highburton.	<b>221 Planning Appeals</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> To settle the accounts as presented (£9,520.71 including £6,446.71 agreed under Local Government Act 1972 s137).	<b>222 Accounts</b>
There were no reports from the Area Committee.	<b>223 Area Committees</b>
Members considered the proposal put forward at the Branch that the planning development control function for minor items (such as conservatories, small extensions, etc) should be delegated to the parish council for the area.	<b>224 YLCA South Pennine Branch</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> That the Council does not support the proposal.	
<b>Resolved:</b> To defer electing a representative for the Grange Moor ward onto the Grants & Community Projects Committee until after the co-option.	<b>225 Grants/CP Committee</b>
Members noted the draft copy for Issue 20 of One Voice.	<b>226 One Voice</b>
<b>Resolved:</b> To include details of where members of the public can obtain further details of the budget 2009/10 and for this to be included in all future newsletters. Also to include a summary of the budget in the next newsletter.	
Members noted the options put forward by Kirklees following the first consultation period. <b>Resolved:</b> That the Council's view is that:	<b>227 Community Governance Review</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The boundary at St John's Church in Lepton be extended to cover the burial ground, so that the whole of the property is within the same ward.</li> <li>• That the representation at Kirkburton be reduced to 4 members and increased to 3 members in Shelley.</li> <li>• That representation in Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas and Flockton remains at the existing level (2 members in each ward).</li> </ul>	
That the comments on the Council's level of precept and administration be referred to the Management & Finance Committee to make a response.	

- Resolved:** To invite representatives from Kirklees to speak to the Council on the issue.
- The Clerk informed members that responses to the next consultation need to be on the questionnaires provided to the Council for distribution amongst members of the public. They are also available from Kirklees' website.
- Resolved:** To nominate Cllr Cunnington to attend the Kirklees Rural Transport Partnership Conference in Leeds on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- Alterations/repairs required in Kirkheaton were notified to the Clerk. It was confirmed that Flockton's hanging basket brackets were now in order.
- Cllrs Atkinson, Sykes and Taylor left the meeting.
- Members noted the application for £2,500 to part-fund the visit of the Aurin Choir. The Clerk reported on the Grants & Community Projects Committee's recommendation, which was to award the grant in full, and that if this year's funding is insufficient to cover it, to make up the outstanding amount from next year's budget.
- Resolved:** To award the grant in full, and that if this year's funding is insufficient to cover it, to make up the outstanding amount from next year's budget, with the cheque being raised in April.
- Resolved:** To nominate Cllrs Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, Munro, Paxton and Mrs Royle to attend the SLCC West Yorkshire Branch training day at South Kirkby on 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- Resolved:** To set up a working party to organise the shows and to elect the members as Cllrs Atkinson, Holroyd, Paxton and Mrs Royle.
- Resolved:** To vire funds from/to the following budget headings: £200 from Training to Car Allowance/Travel Expenses; £700 from Rent to Noticeboards; £1,000 from Grants to Floral Displays.
- Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.
- The Clerk reported a theft of lead flashing from Shelley Village Hall roof, and confirmed that a repair was being actioned via delegated authority as quickly as possible.
- It was reported that although a request had been made for a legal challenge against the Planning Inspectorate's ruling granting permission for the Tesco store in Kirkburton, Kirklees Planning Services had confirmed there were no grounds for an appeal, and no further action could be taken.
- To receive a report from the Zurich Municipal health & safety seminar
  - Role of Councillors
  - Buses: Frequency of services and introduction of low loaders.
  - To consider a response to the Post Office consultation re Shelley Village Hall
- 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:-**
- Members were updated with information on the proposal of hosting a postal facility at the village hall for 9 hours per week.
- Resolved:** To support the proposal and progress all the legalities with due speed. To give delegated authority to the Clerk to work in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to progress the matter and to appoint an appropriate solicitor.
- The meeting then closed.

**227 Community Governance Review (Cont'd)**

**228 Rural Transport Conference**

**229 Hanging Basket Brackets**

**230 Shepley Village Association Grant Application**

**231 SLCC Branch Training Day**

**232 Honley & Emley Shows**

**233 Viring of Funds**

**234 Clerk's Report**

**235 Shelley Village Hall Roof**

**236 Tesco Store in Kirkburton**

**237 Items for a Future Agenda**

**238 Shelley Village Hall – Post Office**