

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 3rd JULY 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Hickey in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, J Myers, B Moreton, J Paxton, and M Sykes.

Before the meeting opened the Chairman confirmed that the meeting was legal, despite the notices being received late for the reasons outside of the Council's control. It was noted that they had been sent out at the proper time. The majority of members present agreed the meeting should proceed as usual.

The Council was addressed by seven members of the public on the subject of the renovation of Highburton Cross and the removal of the adjacent telephone box.

Apologies were received from Cllr H Barraclough, A Cruden, J Heward, M MacDonald, A Munro, P Rock and J Taylor. The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Taylor and explained the circumstances surrounding his absence. Cllr A Cooper apologised for his late arrival.

**45 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in the proposed plaque for Farnley Tyas noticeboard, as he would be financing it.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Civic Sunday at Saddleworth Parish Council. He also confirmed that he had collected the trophy at the National Renewable Energy Award on behalf of the Council.

**46 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting on 5th June 2008 as a true record subject to the inclusion of Cllr Sykes in the attendance list. It was noted that the recommendation at Min MF2 had been adopted at the Council meeting of the same date.

**47 Management &
Finance Committee
Minutes**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th June 2008 as a true record.

48 Council Minutes

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Management & Finance Committee meeting on 12th June 2008 as a true record. It was noted that the recommendation at Min MF4 had been adopted at the Extraordinary Council meeting of the same date.

**49 Management &
Finance Committee
Minutes**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 12th June 2008 as a true record.

**50 Extraordinary
Council Meeting**

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting on 19th June 2008. It was noted that the recommendation at Min CG4, was adopted at the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 19th June.

**51 Grants &
Community
Projects Committee**

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 19th June.

**52 Environment
Committee Minutes**

08/91938 *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 agreed to defer comment on this application to allow the ward members to consult.

53 Plans

08/92155 *Use of land to form recycling and waste transfer station at Temple Quarry, Holgate Aggregates Ltd, Liley Lane, Grange Moor.* The Council strongly objected to this application on the grounds of highways and road safety both in respect of Grange Moor village and the wider surrounding villages and on the grounds of having a detrimental impact on the people of Grange Moor and the wider area, and would result in a deterioration in the quality of life of the people in this area.

08/92176 *Outline application for residential development (16 units) on Ings Way/Ings Way West, Lepton.* The Council deferred comment on this application to allow the ward members time to read the detailed documents. **53 Plans (Cont'd)**

08/92251 *Change of use of land to extend garden areas on Meadowlands & 3 The Paddock, Flockton.* The Council objected to this application on the grounds of encroachment into the Green Belt. Additionally, the proposed development passed over the existing building line, and if approved, would set a precedent.

08/92252 *Use of land to extend turning and manoeuvring facility in association with stables/ equestrian use at Meadowlands, The Paddock, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds of encroachment into the Green Belt.

There was no comment made on the following applications:
91756 Shepley; 91863 Lascelles Hall; 92052 Flockton and 92164 Kirkheaton.

The following comments were submitted by the Clerk under delegated authority after consultation with the ward members:

91893 Erection of single storey extension at 11 Dob Royd, Shepley: No comment.

92038 Erection of detached dwelling and detached garage at the rear of 103 Marsh Lane, Shepley: The Parish Council objected to this proposed development principally due to the destruction of the local character of Marsh Lane by creating a secondary line of development down the back of properties in Marsh Lane, in parallel to the existing long established linear development. This would create piecemeal, by a series of planning applications, an over development of the area and a destruction of the character and environment of that part of the village. Objections were also made on access as it would be through the properties of 105 Marsh Lane, and four properties would be served by the existing driveway, which was considered insufficient.

92079 Erection of single storey extension and detached double garage at 11 Jos Lane, Shepley: No comment.

92217 Extension to existing staff car park and erection of store at Shelley First School, School Terrace, Shelley: No objections.

92214 Erection of prefabricated building for Far Bank Pre-School: No objections.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:
92247 Kirkheaton and 92312 Grange Moor.

There were no planning appeals before the Council

53 Planning Appeal

Resolved: To bring Item 11 on Highburton Cross to this point of the meeting.

54 Order of Business

Members noted the information and opinions expressed by the members of the public before the meeting, as well as background information on the subject supplied by the Clerk. Members were anxious both to retain the public phone box and also to allow the renovation of the Cross. The two aims were in conflict, but it was suggested that perhaps if all interested parties could meet together, there may be a way of funding the relocation of the phone box as well as the renovation of the Cross.

55 Renovation of Highburton Cross

Resolved: To seek to bring together representatives of British Telecom, English Heritage, Kirklees, the Civic Society, Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association and the Parish Council to explore the possibilities of finding appropriate funding for both sections of the project. The above was conditional on progress being made within 3 months, if that proved not to be possible it was agreed the matter would be raised again at the Council.

Resolved: To consider the following item at this point of the meeting in order to agree representation at the conference prior to approving the cheque schedule.

56 Joint Training Conference

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Hirst to attend the conference in Scarborough from 26th to 28th September.

Resolved: To settle the accounts as presented (£6,755.43).

57 Accounts

Members noted the Annual Return 2008, including the statement of accounts, annual governance statement, assets schedule and variance report. The Clerk made a verbal report on the Internal Audit. She informed members that although the Internal Auditor was satisfied with the Council's accounting procedures for the previous year, he was unable to sign the accounts off due to the non-receipt of confirmation of a community project grant. She was asked to refer the matter to the ward members.

58 Annual Return 2008

Resolved: To adopt the statement of accounts, annual governance statement, assets schedule and variance report for the financial year ending 2008.

Resolved: To award £431.42 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to cover the outstanding VAT element of the installation.

59 Solar Panels on Burton Village Hall

Members noted plans for a proposed plaque to be inserted in the Farnley Tyas noticeboard.

60 Farnley Tyas Noticeboard

Resolved: To approve the insertion of the plaque in the Farnley Tyas noticeboard.

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

61 Clerk's Report

The Chairman notified members that provisional enquiries regarding Kirklees funding for the Environment Committee's walks project had been made and that it would be included on a future agenda.

62 Walks Project

- Proposal to consider making a contribution to the charity Help for Heroes. The member was asked to provide the Clerk with full information about the charity.

63 Item for a Future Agenda

A query was raised about the reasons council houses did not appear to be eligible under Kirklees Warm Zone. The Clerk undertook to look into the matter and report back to the member.

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:-

It was reported that £30,000 funding had been secured from Kirklees Council to be used for water butts in the Parish Council area in addition to the Parish Council's existing budget. It was further reported that it was now not necessary to consider the appointments of suppliers and fitters for the water butts or to increase the Council's budget, and that all the requests so far received would be fulfilled.

64 Water Butts

Resolved: To accept the £30,000 funding from Kirklees Council, to organise the logistics of the deliveries/fitting of the water butts and to re-open the offer to residents of the Parish.

The meeting then closed.