

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 7th AUGUST 2008 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Hickey in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, M MacDonald, A Munro, S Murphy, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and J Taylor.

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| <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Cruden, Heward, Hutchinson and Moreton, the reasons for which were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.</p> | <p>65</p> | <p>Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest</p> |
| <p>The Chairman reported that he had attended the Scissett Youth Band's Summer Concert.</p> | <p>66</p> | <p>Chairman's
Appointments</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd July 2008 as a true record.</p> | <p>67</p> | <p>Council Minutes</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Grants & Community Projects Committee meeting on 17th July 2008. It was reported that the amount awarded excluded the VAT element of the fencing.</p> | <p>68</p> | <p>Grants &
Community
Projects Committee</p> |
| <p>Resolved: To refer consideration of the VAT to the Grants & Community Projects Committee for consideration.</p> | | |
| <p>Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.</p> | | |
| <p>Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Kirkheaton Committee meeting on 17th July 2008.</p> | <p>69</p> | <p>Kirkheaton
Committee Minutes</p> |
| <p>2008/91524 <i>Demolition of health centre and erection of 10 apartments at Shepley Health Centre, Field Head, Shepley.</i> Although the Council had no objections to the demolition of the old health centre or introducing housing onto the site, it did object to the design of the development, which it felt inappropriate, as the height of the new buildings would be much taller than the neighbouring properties, being mainly bungalows and low rise buildings. Access would also be onto a narrow part of the lane and there could be a problem of overlooking into the existing properties.</p> | <p>70</p> | <p>Plans</p> |
| <p>2008/92223 <i>Erection of extensions and alterations to convert existing coach house to form dwelling with integral garage and construction of linked dwelling with integral garage (within a conservation area) at the Former Coach House, adj 20 Marsh Lane, Shepley.</i> The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the house had never been a dwelling and so a change of use was also required, and also on highways grounds. The comments on Appl No 92223 also apply.</p> | | |
| <p>2008/92224 <i>Erection of extensions, alterations and part re-building of dwelling (within a conservation area) at 20 Marsh Lane, Shepley.</i> The Council strongly objected to this development on the grounds that it would have a detrimental impact on the historic character of the area due to its size, and also on highways grounds. The Council also asked that the application is considered in conjunction with Appl No 92223, as approval of one would create issues for the other. It was noted that the ward members had already requested via the Kirklees Councillor that both these applications are considered by the Planning Committee.</p> | | |
| <p>2008/92274 <i>Erection of replacement 18m monopole at Cinder Hill, Hill Top Farm, Penistone Road, Shelley.</i> The Council objected to this proposed development on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the visual amenity, since it would be visible and distinctive from all angles. As there were already other masts in this area, the Council asked that the possibility of mast-sharing be investigated, and if permission was granted, Council also asked that the mast be suitably disguised to lessen the visual impact.</p> | | |

2008/92391 *Erection of rear extensions at 48 Cherry Tree House, Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The following comment was submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority: An objection was lodged on the grounds that the proposed development was highly visible from 3 footpaths, and due to its elevated position resulting in detrimental visual impact; it intrudes into the Green Belt and encroachment of the footpath has already taken place, but it is not indicated on the submitted plans.

70 Plans (Cont'd)

2008/92460 *Erection of 2 storey extension and formation of off-road parking on 143 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council objected to this proposed development on highways grounds, as it is by the school and at the narrowest section of the main road. The proposed development also encroaches onto the highway.

2008/92499 *Erection of detached dwelling and associated car parking adjacent to 18 Rowley Lane, Lepton.* The Council objected on highways grounds as the proposed development is situated at the bottom of the hill and in close proximity to Rowley Lane School (opposite to the Junior School), where there are already serious congestion problems, which the development would only worsen.

2008/92618 *Demolition and replacement of existing barn with dwelling at Cockley Hill Farm, 112 Cockley Hill Lane, Kirkheaton.* The Council objected to the proposed development on the grounds that demolition of the barns to provide residential accommodation is not permitted under PPG2. Also, the basement of the proposed dwelling is larger than the original.

Applications 2008/92634 and 2008/92635 for advertisements on bus shelters outside 624 and 585 Wakefield Road respectively, were outside of the Parish Council boundary.

There was no comment made on the following applications:

92218 Shepley; 92247 Kirkheaton; 92297 Flockton; 92367 Kirkheaton; 92390 Grange Moor; 92403 Farnley Tyas; 92404 Kirkheaton; 92418 Thurstonland; 92459 Shepley; 92469 Highburton; 92500 Lepton; 92505 Cumberworth; 92510 Flockton; 92535 Lepton; 92552 Lepton; 92567 Shepley; 92568 Kirkburton; 92584 Shepley; 92611 Shelley; 92612 Kirkburton; 92643 Lascelles Hall; 92643 Thurstonland; 92652 Shepley; 92661 Shelley; 92685 Lepton; 92689 Shelley; 92701 Thurstonland and 92722 Lepton.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans: 92655 Highburton; 92737 Shepley; 92745 Lepton; 92746 Shelley; 92753 Grange Moor and 92760 Kirkburton.

The appeal at 2 Lascelles Hall Road, Lascelles Hall in respect of two applications for the erection of first floor extension (listed building) was considered.

71 Planning Appeal at Lascelles Hall

Resolved: To support the objections raised by Kirklees Council

Resolved: To settle the accounts as presented (£7,395.80, including £15 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

72 Accounts

Resolved: To nominate Cllr MacDonald to attend the Conference and Annual General Meeting of Yorkshire Rural Community Council on 29th November.

73 YRCC Conference & AGM

Members noted the right to nominate individuals onto the Trustee Board of the YRCC.

74 Nomination to YRCC Trustee Board

Resolved: To agree the hire agreement between Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association and the Parish Council.

75 User Group Contract

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the training event, which she had attended with some Council members. Information given covered issues on the Code of Conduct, Standards Committee referrals and information on the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, such as the power of wellbeing.

76 Training Event Report

Resolved: To nominate Cllr Hickey and Cllr Sykes to attend the Picture of Kirklees Conference on 20 th November at the Cedar Court Hotel, Ainley Top.	77	Picture of Kirklees Conference
Members reviewed the rules for small grants and noted the information supplied by the Clerk. Resolved: To increase the 3-year limit available to groups to £750 and to retain all the other existing rules.	78	Small Grants Rules
Resolved: To order 10 Christmas trees to be placed in Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Shelley, Shepley, Stockmoor and Thurstonland, on the terms and conditions notified.	79	Christmas Trees
Members noted that it was not possible to increase the Christmas tree order further.		
Resolved: To refer consideration of the Council's need for a business plan to the Management & Finance Committee.	80	Business Plan
Members noted the information on allocated reserves, including the current list. Resolved: To refer the consideration of the list to the Management & Finance Committee.	81	Allocated Reserves
Members noted the information on the Council's procedures for dealing with capital projects. Resolved: To refer consideration of the procedure and possible improvements to the Management & Finance Committee.	82	Procedure for Capital Projects
Members noted the information on Kirklees Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.	83	Strategic Housing Land Availability
The Clerk reported that improvements and additions had been made to the Council's website, which had resulted in it being used more extensively by the public. Members noted various suggestions she put forward for further improvement of the site and asked that Council give the matter some consideration. Members noted the draft leaflet the Clerk had written which briefly explained the role of the Council.	84	Council Website
Resolved: To refer consideration of improvements to the website and the leaflet to the Management & Finance Committee for consideration.		
The Clerk was thanked for her efforts in this respect.		
Cllr Taylor reported that he had withdrawn the complaint, so this item was no longer required.	85	Substitute on S&G Committee
Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting.	86	Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported there would be a special meeting of the Public Rights of Way Forum and that the meeting notice had been given to the Council's representative.	87	PROW Meeting
The Clerk reminded members of the dates for her August leave.	88	Clerk's Leave
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of temporary road signs after completion of the work. The Clerk undertook to report the problem to Highways. 		Item 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:-		
A report was given on the contract. The Clerk undertook to keep in regular contact with the contractor and keep everyone updated with the situation.	89	Contract at the Rear of Shelley VH
The Clerk informed members of tenant's request. Resolved: To agree to the request. The Clerk reported problems regarding access to the Shepley allotments and the water pressure on the tap. She informed members that it was hoped to appoint a contractor to address both problems at the next meeting.	90	Request from Tenant

Updates were given on the water butt scheme and on Kirklees' involvement. It was agreed to appoint contractors for the supply and fitting the water butts at the next meeting.

91 Water Butts

The meeting then closed.