

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY 2010 AT 8.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Barraclough in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, A Cooper, A Cruden, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, A Munro, J Paxton, P Rock, J Taylor and C Whittingham,

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton, K Dunn, B Moreton and M Sykes. The Council accepted the reasons for the absences.

P46 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Hirst & Cllr Dunford in Planning Appl Nos 93284 and 93310 as they had submitted comments in a personal capacity; Cllr Taylor & Cllr Atkinson in Planning Appl No 93354 as they know the applicants; Cllr Taylor in Planning Appl 93454 at Armitage's Pennine Garden Centre as they supply spring bulbs to Shepley Village Association, of which he is Chairman; Cllr R Barraclough as he is a payee of one of the cheques on the cheque schedule.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 19th November 2009 as a true record.

P47 Minutes

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Metro, which indicated that an extension of the service for Boxing Day 2010 would be considered when the passenger numbers for 2009 were available. The Clerk was asked to send the information to the member of public who had raised the issue.

P48 Boxing Day Bus Services (Min P41)

09/93310 *Use of premises for private hire cars at 54C Highgate Lane, Lepton.* The Council objected on the grounds of: 24 hour operation in a residential area; too many vehicles for a residential area; the land shown for parking included the area used by visitors to the 2 takeaways, the paper shop and the library. Also, the operation of taxis in this area would cause congestion and be unsafe as it is an area where people wait for the bus and has heavy pedestrian use. The comment was submitted by the Clerk under delegated authority.

P49 Planning

09/93334 *Certificate of lawfulness for existing change of use of part of grocers shop to takeaway at 202 Barnsley Road, Flockton.* The Council strongly objected to this proposed development due to serious inaccuracies within the application, full details of which were supplied. It was also reported that professional business advice had been received by a member in a personal capacity, confirming that the property did not have a C2 certificate and that it would be unlikely one would be issued for the premises. Also, there were serious highways issues should this development be considered. The Council requested has one of the Kirklees members to refer the application to the Planning Committee for the final decision, should the Officer be minded to approve it, for the above reasons.

09/93406 *Conversion of bakery/shop/dilapidated dwellings to 2 dwellings & flat. Erection of 3 townhouses with associated parking and alterations to widen public footpath (within a conservation area) at 95/97/99 Lane Head Road, Shepley.* The Council had no objections to the conversion of the bakery/shop and adjacent dilapidated dwellings, but did object to the proposed erection of the 3 townhouses on highways grounds - there were still serious highway safety concerns regarding Firth Street and an inadequate turning facility, resulting in cars reversing into this narrow street, at the end of which is Shepley First School.

09/93430 *Erection of two storey extension porch and garage at 90 Rowley Lane, Lepton.* Council deferred comment on this application as only the coversheet for the plan had been supplied. It was agreed that if the deadline was imminent the Clerk could submit comments under her delegated authority.

09/93668 *Application for approval of reserved matters for erection of continuing care retirement community of 300 units, residential care home and central community facilities at the former Storthes Hall Hospital site, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton.*

P49 Planning (Cont'd)

Resolved: That Council's initial comments of : a) that the requirement to provide social housing is ensured; b) that community heating systems are looked into at a greater depth; and c) that additional public transport is provided, and to defer submission until the next meeting when the members will have had more time to read through the detailed documentation, unless the deadline date for comment is before the meeting. In this case, the Clerk is authorised to submit the above comments by delegated authority.

The following application was approved: 09/93454 Shelley.

There was no comment made on the following applications:

09/93144 Lascelles Hall; 09/93279 Farnley Tyas; 09/93284 Lepton – members had submitted their comments individually; 09/93284 Lepton – members had submitted their comments individually; 09/93301 Farnley Tyas; 09/93302 Farnley Tyas; 09/93353 Highburton; 09/93354 Shepley; 09/93405 Shepley; 09/93413 Lepton; 09/93429 Kirkburton; 09/93481 Kirkburton; 09/93487 Kirkburton; 09/93502 Fenay Bridge; 09/93503 Grange Moor; 09/93536 Shelley; 09/93580 Kirkheaton; 09/93601 Highburton and 93597 Stocksmoor.

Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plan:

09/93379 Grange Moor; 09/93402 Fenay Bridge; 09/93458 Stocksmoor; 09/93598 Shepley; 09/93621 Flockton and 10/90045 Kirkburton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

P50 Planning Appeals

Members noted the consultation from the Department for Transport on the revision of the Speed Limit Circular, which included proposals to change the regulations governing 20 mph zones and limits.

P51 Consultation: 20 mph Speed Limits

Resolved: To submit the following comments: To welcome the proposed changes, but to request that the highways authorities are required to introduce 20 mph zones around schools, rather than just encourage them to do so. Also, that the zone includes the street on which the school is located rather than just the entrance, if possible.

Standing Orders were raised in order to receive a report from two PCSO's who entered the meeting at this point. The Standing Orders were reinstated at the end of the report and the PCSO's left the meeting.

P52 Report from the Police

In answer to a query, the Clerk reported that there had been an increase in the costs for the external audit due to additional work following receipt of electors' questions. The Chairman reported that the Council had again received a clear audit report.

P53 Accounts

Resolved: To settle the accounts as presented (£9,511.45 including £3,320 agreed under LGA 1972 s137).

It was reported that there were several serious drainage problems in Flockton, which had been ongoing for some time.

P54 Drainage Problems in Flockton

Resolved: To contact Kirklees Highways Service requesting the causes of the problem are looked into, and to ask that the Flockton members are notified when the site visit is planned, so that they can attend and give additional information.

Members noted the proposed Council project (Numbered 2010-01) aimed at clearing the first section of Grange Moor allotments in order to bring them back into a cultivatable condition.

P55 Grange Moor Allotments Project (No 2010-01)

Resolved: To approve the project and to grant delegated authority to the Clerk to proceed with the required works.

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

P56 Clerk's Report

- Traffic problems on St Mary's Lane in Kirkheaton

P57 Future Agenda Item

The meeting then closed.