

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (PLANNING/GENERAL PURPOSES) MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, Highburton ON THURSDAY, 17th JUNE 2010 AT 7.30 pm

The following minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the next meeting on 15th July 2010.

PRESENT: Cllr J Hirst in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, B Moreton, M MacDonald, A Munro, J Paxton, M Sykes and C Whittingham.

Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Burton, J Heward, G Hickey, P Rock and J Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted. Cllr Dunn apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

**P1 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Absent: Cllrs A Cruden, A Murphy and S Murphy.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Cunnington in Planning Appl 91676 at Blakeman Hill Farm in Lepton as the applicant is known to him; Cllr Dunn and Cllr Hutchinson in Planning Appl 91623 at 2 The Paddock in Kirkheaton as the applicant is a neighbour; Cllr Holroyd in Planning Appl 91657 at Flockton First School as she is a Governor; Cllr Paxton in K & C Morritt as he knows the person concerned and was involved in organising the work carried out at Grange Moor allotments.

Cllr Hardcastle entered during the following item.

A crime report was received from Kirkburton Police Officers.

P2 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Dr Margaret Faull, Director & Company Secretary of the National Coal Mining Museum to the meeting. She gave a very interesting and detailed presentation on three projects which were currently underway at the Museum. After answering questions, Dr Faull was given a vote of thanks for attending the meeting. Dr Faull then left the meeting.

**P3 National Coal
Mining Museum**

Resolved: To hold all items in public session.

**P4 Admission of the
Public**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Council (Planning/GP) meeting on 18th March 2010 as a true record.

P5 Minutes

91676 *Erection of 10 dwellings and demolition of existing farm buildings at Blakeman Hill Farm, Tinker Lane, Lepton.* The Council is concerned about the impact on the surrounding Green Belt land and requests the Planning Authority to ensure that the spacing between the dwellings is of an acceptable level.

P6 Planning

91623 *Erection of conservatory at 2 The Paddock, Kirkheaton.* It was agreed to defer comment on this application to allow ward members to make a site visit and to authorise the Clerk to submit comment to the Planning Authority under delegated authority after consulting with the ward members.

No comment was made on the following applications:

91109 Kirkburton; 91110 Kirkburton; 91480 Lepton; 91501 Kirkheaton; 91514 Fenay Bridge; 91550 Fenay Bridge; 91556 Fenay Bridge; 91590 Lepton; 91638 Lepton; 91653 Thurstonland and 91657 Flockton.

There were no planning appeals before the Council.

P7 Planning Appeals

Members noted that the Variation Order to Footpath Kirkburton 24 at Whitley Willows would be decided at Committee.

**P8 Variation Order
Kirkburton 24**

Resolved: To request that the Committee considers looking at ways of reinstating the original route of the footpath, which is not now blocked because this would be more beneficial for its use.

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Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

Resolved: To bring the following item forward on the agenda.

P9 Order of Business

Members noted the urgent application for an environment grant from Farnley Tyas Community Group for £250 to purchase evergreen shrubs to be planted on the recreation ground.

**P10 Farnley Tyas
Community Group**

Resolved: To award £250 to Farnley Tyas Community Group to purchase evergreen shrubs to be planted on the recreation ground.

Resolved: To approve the accounts as presented (£1,577.75).

P11 Accounts

Resolved: To refer the Council's policy on which items should be discussed in private to the Management & Finance Committee for review.

**P12 Council Policy on
Private Session**

Members noted the written report on the SLCC West Yorkshire Branch Training Day. The Clerk commended the training which had been provided and thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend.

**P13 SLCC West Yorks
Branch Training
Day**

Members noted the new system for the area committees in the Kirklees area and various aspects were discussed.

**P14 Kirklees Area
Committees**

Resolved: To submit comments in favour of providing ward forums to continue the engagement with the public on local issues in each of the Kirklees wards, as the larger area committees will afford less opportunity for the public to make their views heard.

Resolved: To elect Cllrs Atkinson and Paxton as representatives on the Denby Dale, Kirkburton & Mirfield Area Committee, and Cllrs Cunningham and Munro as representatives on Huddersfield Area Committee.

Members noted the NALC one-day training conference "Localism in Action" to be held in York on 9th September.

**P15 NALC Localism in
Action Conference**

Resolved: To nominate Cllrs R Barraclough and L Holroyd to attend.

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

**P16 Correspondence &
Information**

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the hanging baskets had been delivered. She explained that the new system was that the Council paid in advance for the baskets. Members were therefore asked to check their villages to ensure that the baskets had been delivered as ordered, and to notify the Clerk as soon as possible if there were any missing, so that a refund could be obtained.

P17 Hanging Baskets

The Clerk informed members that Kirkheaton Parish Church were due to put in their first grant application to the Landfill Trust and had requested the Council to send in a letter of support. The letter needed to be received by the end of the month, so if there was a consensus, it could be dealt with under the Clerk's delegated authority. All members were in favour of submitting a letter of support.

**P18 Kirkheaton Parish
Church**

- Services of lengthsman in all villages

P19 Future Agenda Item

The meeting then closed.