

Kirkburn Parish Council

Smithy Cottage, Main Street, Kirkburn, YO25 9DU

Minutes of the Kirkburn Parish Council AGM Meeting held at
Kirkburn Village Hall, 7.30 pm Tuesday 24th May 2016

Councillors present

Vicky Bell
Barry Brook
Liz Webster
Lesley Cairns
Carl Jones
Philip Ashcroft

Others present

Cllr Symon Fraser (ERYC)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Beverly Didsbury (Kirkburn PC) and Cllrs Temple and Hall (ERYC)

2. Declarations of interest

Philip Ashcroft declared an interest as an elected member of the Kirkburn Village Hall Committee.

Barry Brooks declared an interest as the Chair of Gott Close Resident Company Ltd

Lesley Cairns declared an interest as a member of the Auchinleck & Southwood Residents' Association

3. Election of councillor to act as Chair for the council

Philip Ashcroft formally stepped down as chair.

Carl Jones proposed that Philip Ashcroft be re-elected as Chair. Seconded by Liz Webster and supported by the other Parish Council members.

4. Election of councillor to act as Deputy Chair for the council

Liz Wester proposed that Carl Jones should be elected as Deputy Chair. This was seconded by Lesley Cairns and supported by the other Parish Council members.

5. Election of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Since the last AGM Philip Ashcroft has continued to act as Clerk in addition to role as Chair. It has been estimated that, based upon other local Parish Councils costs, to employ a Clerk would be in excess of £4000. As the precept will only be £2990 for 2016/17 this continues to be beyond the Parish Council's financial means.

In the absence of available funds the Chair asked for volunteers from those present to take on the role of Clerk. As none were forthcoming he offered to undertake the role again. This was supported the other Parish Council members.

The Chair advised the meeting that there was a requirement to formally nominate a Responsible Financial Officer. Liz Webster has undertaken this role previously when the Audit Commission Report has been submitted but best practice would be for Liz Webster to be formally appointed, if she was willing to undertake the role. Liz Webster indicated that she was willing to undertake the role. Carl Jones proposed her appointment, seconded by Vicky Bell. This was supported the other Parish Council members.

6. Chair's report

The new Chair reported that the last year had again been a challenging but successful year for the Parish Council .

It began with the late objections to the wind turbine proposals, after the Parish Council had held well advertised open meetings at which there had been little attendance, the General Election and our own elections.

The General Election had led to a policy change and Npower withdrawing their application for the wind turbine project. We still don't know if EnergieKontor will proceed but it now seems unlikely.

The General Election also led to the green light for fracking. I'm afraid that those who voted Conservative voted for fracking, and the end of carbon reduction projects such as wind projects and the Carbon Capture and Storage project which was due to pass near our parish.

We have also had the delights, yet again, of Peter Ward Homes and Broadland Properties Estates and their continued attempts to gain planning permission, aided and abetted by ERYC planning officers. Went await the national Planning Inspectorate's decision

On a more positive note we now know the old RAF Drifffield/Alamein Barracks site will be developed under the new Local Plan.

Carl Jones also got his new litter bins, along with poop signs!, installed.

We also have an Emergency Plan in place, thanks to ERYC's assistance. We received a grant for procuring IT equipment and IT services t be able to comply with the new Transparency Code and our website is up and running thanks to Carl Jones.

Saving the best until last we also have a new bus service for Kelleythorpe, again thanks to ERYC, especially Chris Mottershaw.

He thanked all the Parish Council members for their help and support over the past year in assisting with the heavy and varied workload.

7. Financial Report

Philip Ashcroft circulated a copy of the accounts. The accounts have been independently audited by Mrs Penny Armitage, formerly the Clerk for many years. He asked for thanks to Mrs Armitage for undertaking this role to be minuted.

The precept for 2016/17 has been increased by £390 to £2990 from the 2015/16 level. The main expenditure for the previous year was £500 - Kirkburn Village Hall and a donation of £200 to the British Red Cross towards a Rescue Vehicle for use in East Yorkshire. We await the invoice for the new litter bins in Kelleythorpe.

The Audit Commission return was approved by the meeting and signed off by the Clerk, Deputy Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

8. Any other business

There was no other business.

9. Meeting closed at 8.05 pm