

Kirkburn Parish Council

Smithy Cottage, Main Street, Kirkburn, YO25 9DU

Minutes of the Kirkburn Parish Council Meeting held
at Kirkburn Village Hall, 7.30 pm Tuesday 18th July 2017

Councillors present

Beverly Didsbury
Carl Jones
Philip Ashcroft – Chair and Acting Clerk
Lesley Cairns
Liz Webster

Others present

Geoff Tullock

1. Apologies for absence

Ken Granger, Vicky Bell – Kirkburn Parish Council

2. Declarations of interest

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

Beverly Didsbury declared an interest as a member of the Driffeld Navigation Amenities Association.

3. Welcome to other attendees

The Chair welcomed Mr Tullock and thanked him for his interest in attending as a resident.

4. Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May 2017

The minutes of the meeting were taken as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising and not covered by the Agenda

Roll out of proposed additional seats in the parish – As requested the Clerk has written to GWE Biogas regarding the potential sponsoring of one of the additional seats.

Kirkburn Memorial Cross – The Clerk wrote to Hull History Centre and has received a reply containing links to papers relating to the Sykes Family (Sledmere). This provision of information now needs to be followed up.

In addition the Clerk received an e-mail from a resident, and former member of the parish council, Mr Adamson. Mr Adamson has provided a summary of his understanding of the status of the cross, based upon information received from researchers of the Sledmere archives. This contradicts the research into the cross undertaken by Peter Hepworth, former member of the parish council and long term resident of the village. Mr Hepworth's research had led to the current assumption that the cross was erected on the site of the old elm tree circa 1907.

6. Humberside Police

Humberside Police had indicated a PCSO would attend the meeting if someone was available. In the event no one attended from Humberside Police.

7. Crime Reduction Fund

The Clerk had received information on a Crime Reduction Fund being administered by ERYC. It had been hoped to glean more information on the aims of the fund during the meeting from Humberside Police. It was agreed to hold over to a future meeting once more information has been obtained.

8. Visit to Witham St Hughs

Unfortunately the provisional date of 7th July was only suitable for two members of the parish council. One resident had also expressed an interest in attending following an article in the Driffield and Wolds Weekly. It had therefore been agreed to postpone the visit to Witham St Hughs.

The Clerk is to contact the Parish Clerk of Witham St Hughs, with regards to taking up the invitation to visit their community, once Strawsons have moved closer towards submitting their development plans for the former MOD site in Kelleythorpe.

9. FOI request: Contact with oil and gas companies

An FOI request from Friends of the Earth was received on 30th June 2017 requesting the following:

Please can you provide under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulations 2004, a schedule of communication and copies of such communication between the following companies and bodies and Kirkburn Parish Council since 1st December 2015 until the present day in relation to the licensing, appraisal (including seismic surveys), exploration and production of onshore oil and gas.

This information should include all references to community engagement on these matters.

(i) Cuadrilla Resources Ltd and their agents and representatives

(ii) Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

(iii) Department for Energy and Climate Change

(iv) UK Oil and Gas Authority

(v) UK Onshore Oil and Gas (UKOOG)

The Clerk has provided copies of all correspondence to date as detailed by the FOI request.

10. Cuts to EYMS bus services

The Chair reported that EYMS have cut the bus services to the village with no notice. This has to come to the attention of the parish council following instances when residents in Kirkburn and Kelleythorpe had waited for bus services that had not arrived. The parish council had received information from ERYC that they were cutting subsidies to EYMS after the Government had cut ERYC's finances. This cut in subsidies has meant EYMS have had to rationalise services.

An e-mail was sent to ERYC asking them why no notice was received regarding the cuts to services and to request that EYMS divert the remaining services from the Kirkburn by-pass through the village to at least provide some service to enable residents to access bus services safely. ERYC have indicated that they will raise this request with EYMS.

11. Kelleythorpe Community/Village Boundary Road Signs

Carl Jones advised the new signs are to be manufactured with ERYC scheduling an installation date in October.

It had been highlighted earlier that Driffield Town Council's "Welcome to Driffield" sign was located in Kirkburn parish and that was not covered by our liability insurance. The Clerk has written to the parish council's insurance brokers for advice on this matter and been advised that as the asset is not Kirkburn Parish Council's it is not an issue for our parish council. However the broker advised the parish council may wish to ask Driffield Town Council to confirm it is on their list of assets and covered by their insurance.

12. Road Safety Issues related to the Parish

The Clerk wrote to ERYC to establish if the identified work will be undertaken under this year's budget allocation. ERYC have indicated that the only work to be undertaken will be the signage to route HGVs correctly. Request that ERYC contact Carl Jones prior to work being undertaken to be submitted.

13. Outstanding issues related to the Parish walk round with ERYC village task force

The Clerk wrote to ERYC's Rob Brown, to establish if any outstanding work will be done under this year's budget allocation. Rob Brown, telephoned to inform the Clerk it was not his responsibility and the parish council should contact a Paula Parker.

14. Planning Applications

No planning applications were received from ERYC since the last meeting.

Applicant and Ref No.	Description	Comments
Yorkshire Greens Ltd C/o GWE Biogas Sandhill Garton Road Kirkburn East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 9HD 17/01614/STPLF	Erection of a Vegetable Processing and Freezing Factory and associated works including re-alignment of existing access road, formation of service yards, car park, water ponds and landscaping	See text below. This is a precis of that submitted to ERYC.

In addition to the open event on the 4th July the Parish Council received a detailed presentation from the applicant on the 7th March 2017 at a scheduled parish meeting. The applicant has taken into account the points raised by parish councillors at this meeting.

The only continuing concern that remains is that of provision of safe egress and access from the site onto Garton Road and the A614. A representative from the parish council has discussed this in detail with the applicants. From the response from Highways they also share the view that more information is required on this point.

We note the points raised by other consultees, for example in regards to safe disposal of waste water, environmental and archaeological studies, etc.

Subject to the applicant successfully meeting the requirements of ERYC's planning officers in respect of these outstanding issues, the Parish Council is very much in support of the proposal submitted by the applicants and the sustainable generation of employment it will bring to the community and the economic opportunity it will also bring for local farming

Planning decisions made by ERYC since the last meeting

Applicant and Ref No.	Description	Decision
None	None	None

15. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received as follows:

- ERVAS – fortnightly bulletin (circulated by e-mail to Members as received by Clerk)
- Community Partnerships regular e-mails
- Updated electoral role lists
- Humberside Police – crime updates (circulated by e-mail to Members as received by Clerk)
- Various grant information circulars
- Mr David Adamson re Memorial Cross and Parish Boundaries

16. Accounts payable and council financial matters

Receipts since 23rd May 2017

VAT repayment of £162.16 was received from HMRC on 13th July 2017.

Outgoings since 23rd May 2017

£550.00 Annual grant to Kirkburn Village Hall

£828.00 Installation of the two hardwood memorial seats for Kelleythorpe by Mike Clark Civil Engineering

£1357.78 Supply and installation of litterbins in Kelleythorpe and Kirkburn by ERYC

No June invoice from BT after submitting a complaint for overcharging to BT.

17. Any other business

Resident bitten by dog – Vicky Bell had informed the Chair that a female resident in Auchinleck Close had been bitten by a loose dog when she had tried to prevent it attacking her own dog which was on a lead. The Police have been informed by the person that was bitten.

Theatre event to raise money for the village hall and join in with the spirit of Hull 2017 –

Philip Ashcroft raised the potential of booking a small theatre group with a view to hosting a play in the village hall to tie in with the Hull 2017 City of Culture year and hopefully raise money for the village hall. It was unanimously agreed that this should be investigated.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 7.30 pm in Kirkburn Village Hall

Meeting closed at 09.15 pm