

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 Wednesday 17th January 2018

Councillors present

Beverly Didsbury
Philip Ashcroft – Chair and Acting Clerk
Ken Granger
Liz Webster

1. Apologies for absence

Carl Jones, Lesley Cairns and Vicky Bell – Kirkburn Parish Council

2. Declarations of interest

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

3. Welcome to other attendees

The Chair welcomed Police Sergeant Chris Whitehead, PC Martin Phillips and PCSO Chris Webster.

Before continuing the meeting the Chair asked that the meeting spend some time to reflect on the terrible events that had occurred in Southburn on Friday and to think of those affected.

4. Humberside Police

There had already been a standing invitation to Humberside Police to attend this scheduled meeting. Following the tragic events in Southburn on the evening of the 12th January the Chair had contacted Humberside Police to request that they attend the meeting. Humberside Police confirmed that representatives would attend.

PS Whitehead confirmed he had been in charge of local operations in Southburn. He explained to the meeting that he was unable to speak about last Friday's tragic incident as investigations were continuing. He was able to give an overview of how incidents of this nature are handled by Humberside Police.

The Chair referred PS Whitehead to the requests for information that the Parish Council had received in the hours following the attack on the young couple at Southburn, particularly when part of the community had been cordoned off. He explained how he had been instructed to contact the Humberside Police media team by an officer on duty at the cordon. This instruction was acted on but he was told by the 101 contact centre there was no one on duty in the media team until Monday morning but to send in an e-mail.

Additional requests for information were received on Saturday evening. The Chair again contacted Humberside Police to seek advice on how to deal with the requests for information, including rumours circulating via social media. This time his call was referred upwards within the contact centre and advice was provided regarding posting links on the Parish Council's social media sites to Humberside Police's relevant social media links.

The Chair asked PS Whitehead why the Parish Council were not formally informed of the incident or provided with appropriate advice as to how to handle requests for information. It is appreciated that at the time that Humberside Police were dealing with an ongoing incident, but advice from the media team, or a member of the incident team, would have helped to ensure any requests received by parish councillors from residents were handled appropriately. He explained that as the incident had been ongoing Humberside Police were limited as to what information could be provided. The Chair stated that this was understood but what had been asked for was how to handle enquiries and were to direct the correspondents, not details of the incident itself. PS Whitehead stated he would take this feedback back as a point of learning for future incidents.

The Chair moved the discussion onto general local policing questions and parish council members were invited to ask questions of the officers present. In response to a question on rural crime PC Phillips and PCSO Webster informed the meeting they were happy to meet with local farmers, businesses and residents to discuss crime prevention. They also explained about the Farm Watch scheme and would encourage farmers in the Driffield area to join the scheme. For information and advice it was requested that residents contact the Driffield Neighbourhood Policing Team, by calling the non-emergency 101 number, and ask for PCSO Chris Webster.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council also have information on preventing rural crime on their webpages at:

<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/living/crime-and-community-safety/preventing-crime/>

In response to a question about reduction of police services provided via Driffield Police Station PS Whitehead stated there was no truth in any rumours of a reduction in services.

In response to a question on the Crime Reduction Fund PS Whitehead asked PCSO Webster to obtain more information and liaise with the parish council.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and they left the meeting.

5. Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2017

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

6. Matters arising and not covered by the Agenda

Kirkburn Memorial Cross – The Clerk is to undertake a Land Registry search to help determine if the cross is within the boundaries of neighbouring properties.

Theatre event to raise money for the village hall and join in with the spirit of Hull 2017 – Phil & Lynne Ashcroft, along with help from David Tite to provide a stage, had put on the John Godber play, Happy Jack, performed by the Library Theatre Touring Company in November. The evening had been a success with a full village hall and an enjoyable evening had by all. The costs were covered and over £90 profit was able to be donated to the village hall.

Government Transparency Code – A grant application to the Transparency Code grant application final scheme is to be submitted. All future costs thereafter will need to be met from the Precept.

Auchinleck Play Area – The Clerk contacted ERYC's Paul Palmer and has been advised that if residents wish to undertake a fund raising project to purchase new play equipment ERYC will adopt the equipment if procured from an approved list of play equipment installers.

Joining the ERNLLCA – As requested the Clerk has enquired on membership costs for joining the ERNLLCA and has been informed the cost is £372.86 per annum.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council - Review of Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) - Following receipt of report from ERYC the Parish Council has written to large riparian owners with a view to a meeting being held to discuss the report's recommendations.

Winter salt/grit box maintenance work – Work to be undertaken shortly by Ben Hepworth.

7. Determination of precept for 2018/19 financial year

The Clerk presented a budget model spreadsheet for discussion of the new precept. The proposed budget reflected the additional costs the Transparency Code will bring in the coming years and the assumption that Transparency Code grants may not be forthcoming.

Based on the modelling undertaken and the discussions on the various options it was unanimously agreed to submit a request to ERYC for a precept for the 2018/19 financial year of £3945.00

8. Unscheduled removal of telephone boxes in Kelleythorpe and Southburn and disconnection of Kirkburn by BT

BT have now, after several e-mails, re-instated a phone line to the telephone box in Kirkburn. They have yet to re-instate the power to the lighting circuit. They have assured the Parish Council this will be repaired soon.

ERYC are procuring a red telephone box of the same type as the one removed in error to be reinstalled in Southburn. BT have reiterated they will not re-instate the phone line to the replacement telephone box, once installed, despite requests from the Parish Council.

9. Cuts to EYMS bus services

Following the cuts to the bus services a request was made in June 2017 to ERYC 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 indicated that they would raise this request with EYMS. The Clerk chased up a reply from ERYC on this issue for a second time and was informed that EYMS had not replied to ERYC. EYMS stated they would write to EYMS again.

Bainton Parish Council held a meeting for all parishes affected by the cuts to the 45/46 bus services on the 22nd November 2017. Philip Ashcroft represented Kirkburn Parish Council at the meeting. Those present at the meeting shared how the cuts would affect their individual parishes and how it would create isolation and transport difficulties for those residents who relied on the services that have been cut. Bainton PC offered to continue to act as a central point in taking this issue forward for the various parishes. Further meetings are to be held.

10. Former MOD site

The Parish Council, Strawsons and ERYC's Director of Planning are striving to meet with the MOD to move forward the development of the former MOD site at Kelleythorpe. This has included the Parish Council and ERYC writing to local MP Sir Greg Knight. The MOD would appear to be prevaricating on the matter of overage between themselves and Strawsons. ERYC are to continue to request a meeting with the MOD as soon as possible.

11. Road Safety Issues related to the Parish

Carl Jones reported that ERYC are scheduled to install new signage and remove old faded signs in the coming weeks. The new signs will direct delivery vehicles along the bypass to help prevent them passing through Kirkburn en-route to the industrial units at Kirkburn Manor.

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

The Clerk has contacted ERYC's Paula Parker re update on outstanding issues and has been informed that dates for this year's parish walk round will soon be circulated. Outstanding matters to be covered during the walk round.

13. Planning Applications and East Riding and Hull Site Assessment Fact Check Document

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

The Parish Council received a "East Riding and Hull Site Assessment Fact Check Document" from ERYC on 27/10/2017 that was in effect a final opportunity to comment on proposed quarrying sites in the East Riding. One of the sites was on the parish boundary between Kirkburn and Garton. The Parish Council requested an extension to the response date in order that an Extra-Ordinary Meeting could be called for parishioners to discuss the proposals in the document. ERYC granted an extension until 24/11/2017.

An extra-ordinary parish council meeting was scheduled to be held on the 21st November at 8.00 pm at Kirkburn Village Hall with the purpose of the meeting to enable Cllr Symon Fraser and ERYC's Senior Planning Policy Officer James Durham to explain the purpose of the East Riding & Hull Joint Minerals Local Plan and the element that applied to the Parish of Kirkburn with regards to: **SG8 – Land South of A166, Garton on the Wolds.**

On 14th November ERYC's James Durham informed the parish council that "*W Clifford Watts has now withdrawn its 'land bid' for inclusion within the Joint Minerals Local Plan, of land near Garton for sand and gravel extraction. The site will therefore no longer be considered for inclusion within the plan.*"

The extra-ordinary parish council meeting was subsequently cancelled.

14. 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
- Response from Mr Adamson, re the proposed quarry, to bring to the attention of ERYC. This would have been raised at the extra-ordinary meeting but the meeting was cancelled (see above).
- Various advertisements for noticeboards and play equipment.

15. Accounts payable and council financial matters

Receipts since 24th October 2017 - None

Outgoings since 24th October 2017

£500.00	Contribution to ERYC for Auchinleck weekly bus service
£34.68	BT October invoice
£34.68	BT November invoice
£10.00	Daffodil bulbs
£34.68	BT December invoice
£34.68	BT January 2018 invoice
£103.38	Printer cartridges

16. Any other business

None.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th April at 8.00 pm in Kirkburn Village Hall after the AGM has completed.

Meeting closed at 09.20 pm