

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30p.m.

Present: C Clark (CC), M Cunliffe (MC), P S Heggie (PH), S Edgar (SE) and TH Rudd (HR).

In Attendance: Clerk / RFO, A Dawes (AD). Unitary Authority Representative M Johnson (MJ)

022/09/24 Apologies for Absence:

None

023/09/24 Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

No requests for dispensations were received and no declarations of interest were made.

024/09/24 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1st July 2024

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

025/09/24 Public Participation

0 members of the public were in attendance.

Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

MJ reported to the Council on the deletion of the 93A Bus Route by Stagecoach together with the fact that a proposal was being put to the Unitary Authority to seek an alternative provision to Stagecoach.

CC and MJ discussed separate response received from Highways regarding the Speed Sign and MJ will take the issue up with the Assistant Director AD to also forward other response from Highways regarding signage.

MJ also outlined the issues regarding the changes at National Government level which may influence the planning application yet to be received regarding the Great Oaks Wind Farm. Ad indicated that he had been in touch with the Clerk at Aikton to consider a joint council(s) approach and will endeavour to reach out to Great Orton parish Council as well.

026/09/24 Administrative and Village Matters

Little Bampton

Play Area - SE reported that the National Lottery application had been submitted and we were awaiting a response. The timeline for this was 12 weeks (around 28th October). SE will also send AD details of the application form for the latest round of grants available from the Police. Council rejected the ideas of a clothes bank or charity box in relation to additional funding, although went on to declare it's intention of looking at a modest amount of increase in the 2025/2026 Precept to be made available to ring-fence for the Play Area

CPR Training – AD indicated that NHS First Responders had sent a request for a donation towards the cost of the 2 events they were attending. **RESOLVED** council will determine an amount at the next meeting.

Studholme – AD updated Council on the position and members expressed their disapproval of the fact that the perpetrator had not attended the meeting despite being informed that Council will not meet “on site” as requested declaring that **ALL** Council business must be conducted at a formally constituted venue and meeting.

RESOLVED AD to seek legal advice and instruct lawyers to act on behalf of the Council in this matter.

Blood Trauma Kits – RESOLVED AD to place the 3 kits in the Defibrillators when they are received and inform council.

Programme of meetings

The calendar of meeting dates for the council year 2024/25 was amended back to the 1st Monday of the Month

Monday 4 November 2024

Monday 6 January 2025

Monday 3 March 2025

Monday 6 May 2025 (New Council Year)

027/09/24 Highways matters – no further matters other than those reported above.

028/09/24 Finance Matters – AD had presented Council with the Statements of Income and Expenditure for July and August together with Bank reconciliations and these were noted by members.

Donation requests – Little Bampton £150 agreed, Kirkbampton Village Hall for procurement of a replacement commemorative bench (in exceptional circumstances) £500 agreed.

029/09/24 Grass Cutting Contract - AD gather together maps and invitation to tenders in preparation for next year's Tender. Tender documentation to be for all the areas of land requiring cutting for the council and would be discussed at the next Council meeting. Members to bring forward names to be included.

030/09/24 United Utilities – AD to invited UU to a future Council meeting to discuss sewerage discharge from additional homes in Thurstonefield, no response as of yet.

031/09/24 Fibrus – AD reported that a complaint had been logged and followed-up but no formal response as of yet.

032/09/24 Notice Board – AD had misinterpreted Council instructions and would replace the new locks with a simple hinge mechanism, subject to PH being able to sort by the 13th September.

033/09/24 Correspondence – AD confirmed that he had written to the MP but had received no response. **RESOLVED** AD to write again with schedule of all dates of future meetings. AD reported that he had written to United Utilities regarding increased pressure on services in Kirkbampton due to adjoining villages property developments, no response.

034/09/24 Police matters – no officers in attendance **RESOLVED** AD to contact CSPO again with invitation to future meetings.

035/09/24 Date of Next Meeting

Trees – this item to be included on the next agenda.

Resolved that the next meeting(s) of the Parish Council will be held in Kirkbampton Village Hall on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

