

## Planning for the Future

The Parish Council has set out some of its plans for the forthcoming year:

There will be new noticeboards in 6 villages: Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Highburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall and Lepton.

Community grants and small grants will continue to be provided to groups, and further improvements are also planned at Shelley Village Hall. There are several environmental projects in under consideration, including planting autumn crocus in Lepton & Shepley, undertaking a biodiversity audit of the hedges and countryside as well as the possible provision of subsidised water butts to residents.



The Council has set aside £10,000 for its new microgeneration policy. The first project will be the installation of solar voltaic panels on the roof of Burton Village Hall.

### Kirkheaton Churchyard

The Council has also undertaken essential work to some of the trees. "We are grateful to Kirkburton Parish Council for all they do," says Rector, the Revd Richard Steel, "to keep the graveyard in a good state, for the benefit of all those walk through or come to investigate their family history. Some of the trees, which have been pruned or removed had grown very close to both the church and the well-known Colne Bridge Mill Fire Monument. They were blocking a lot of light and could have damaged the monument, so we're delighted this work has taken place."

"We have a number of volunteers who do extremely valuable work too and we're always looking for more help. If you're interested contact the church office on 01484 531449."

The Parish Council regrets the need to remove mature trees, but there was unfortunately no alternative.

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# One Voice Kirkburton Parish Council Newsletter

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## Almost £11,000 awarded in Small Grants

The Parish Council has approved £10,752 in small grants to 60 organisations, covering all interests and age groups, from toddler groups, to Over 60's, from bell ringers to croquet clubs. The Chairman, Cllr Holroyd, said "It's the best part of being on the Parish Council – being able to lend a welcome hand to all the very numerous voluntary groups, who work so hard all the time and provide such good service and help to all sections of their communities."

The cheques will be issued in April, at the beginning of the Council's next financial year.

### Environment Grants

Added to that, two more environment grants have also been issued – £500 to Shepley's Bird & Wildlife Group to purchase a new digiprojector, to be used by speakers at their regular meetings, and the second one to Shelley College for £1,735. This will be used to finish off the Eco park with waymarkers and information boards, giving people full information about the routes and what can be found on the Park.

Cllr Holroyd said, "Both are very worthwhile projects and hopefully the grants will play a small part in supporting the wildlife and environment in our area."

## Solar Powered Bus Shelter in

**Thurstonland:** We have the first one in Kirklees! Huge thanks are due to the staff of Metro, who put it up. They took out the bench and then reassembled it further along Marsh Hall

Lane, as it collapsed when it was removed from the old shelter.

## Allotments

**Grange Moor:** The Parish Council is grateful to Cllr Robert Barraclough, who has



donated some topsoil in an effort to try and solve the drainage problems there. Thanks are also due to John Peters for donating the gate.

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## New Parish Councillors

**The Parish Council extends a warm welcome to Michelle Atkinson and Alison Munro, representing Kirkburton and Kirkheaton respectively.**

We hope that both members will settle in and make their own contributions to the Council.



Views of Burton Dean project supported by the Parish Council

## Approved Contractors List

The Council is putting together an approved contractors list. We are interested in plumbers, electricians, builders, CORGI engineers, joiners, etc. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk with your details.

## Other News in Brief:

- ❖ The Parish Council has increased its annual maintenance grant for church clocks to £200.
- ❖ £657 was awarded as a community project grant to Stocksmoor Village Hall to contribute towards the cost of resurfacing the car park.
- ❖ £3,361 has been awarded to Lepton Highlanders Junior Football to part-fund the refurbishment of the sports ground and football pitches.
- ❖ New timetables have been introduced by Stagecoach, and 6 new buses are expected on routes 80, 81 & 82. Let us know whether or not these changes help you. We are hoping to hold a follow-up meeting with Stagecoach and Metro when it's clear what the public's reactions to the changes are.
- ❖ The Parish Council has received a request from a number of residents for an allotment garden on vacant land in Hallas Road, Kirkburton. We are currently looking into the viability of this and will keep you posted.

**Meeting Dates: All at Burton Village Hall at 7.30 unless otherwise stated**

**Parish Council** on 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Planning/GP** on 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Annual Parish Council** on 15 May at 7.30 followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at about 9.00 pm.