

## KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 8.45 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs H Barraclough, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, A Cruden, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, G Hickey, B Moreton, J Myers, J Paxton, M Sykes and J Taylor.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Heward, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, J Myers and P Rock, the reasons for which were accepted by the Council.

**E1 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Members noted the minutes of the Environment Working Party meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**E2 Minutes**

Members were asked to let the Clerk have details of the schools' choices for trees/bushes as soon as possible, so that an order could be placed.

**E3 Trees/Bushes for  
Schools**

A verbal report was made on the tree planting in Farnley Tyas project. Further information is awaited on the project. The Clerk was asked to include the matter on the next agenda.

**E4 Tree Planting in  
Farnley Tyas**

The Clerk reported information sent to the Council by Mr Windett, KMC Countryside Officer. One member reported that he had recently visited the site and had found that the paths were seriously overgrown and needed to be trimmed back.

**E5 Dogley Nature  
Reserve**

**Resolved:** To write to Mr Windett requesting that work is carried out on the paths.

The Clerk reported on updates on the situation at Healey Greave Wood & Meadow and Thunderbridge Meadow received from Mr Windett.

**E6 Healey Greave/  
Thunderbridge**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk writes to Mr Windett to thank him for the actions taken.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received the waymarker discs and that the copy for the Farnley Tyas walk leaflet had been approved by Council, subject to accuracy being checked. However, there had been problems with regard to landowners at certain sections, which were being dealt with, but had delayed the production of the leaflet.

**E7 Waymarkers &  
Footpaths**

Members noted the current Environment budget position.

**E8 Budget**

It was reported that the Shepley Bird Group had made enquiries about applying for funding. The member was advised to ask the Group to make a written application for consideration at the next meeting.

**E9 Shepley Bird Group**

**Resolved:** That the Environment Group would undertake another round of bulb planting in two wards per year over the next four years, the choice of bulbs will be left to the various villages. Also that the cost of the bulbs will be taken from the full Council budget and not the Environment budget.

**E10 New Projects for  
2007-08  
a) Bulb Planting**

A member reported that the Kirklees Way in Flockton was becoming overgrown and impassable due to overgrown vegetation and trees. It was agreed that before funding improvements at this location, the KMC Public Rights of Way is notified of the problems and asked to deal with the situation.

**E11 b) Kirklees Way**

Members noted that the daffodil bulb planting was taking place in Grange Moor, Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas/Stocksmoor and Shelley. The Clerk explained that members needed to notify her of the exact locations so that she could ensure the necessary permissions and Licences to Cultivate were in place. Some locations were identified in the meeting and the remainder are to be sent to her as soon as possible.

**E12 Bulb Planting**

Members of those wards were also to give thought to the dates for the bulb planting in order that the various communities could be invited to take part and publicity organised. These must be notified to the next full Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November to follow the Council's Planning and General Purposes meeting.

**E13 Date of Next Meeting**

The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Windett to the next meeting and to contact representatives of the Burton Environment Group and invite a representative to attend the meeting to speak on any projects, with which it is currently involved.

**E14 Items for next meeting**

The meeting then closed.