

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 AT 7.30 pm  
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Holroyd in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, R Barraclough, R Bottomley, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, A Munro, B Moreton, P Rock and M Sykes.

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| <p>Apologies were received from Mr Scott and Mr Windett and Cllrs Burton, Hardcastle, Myers, Paxton and Taylor, the reasons for which were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.</p>  | <b>E47 Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b> |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b> To bring the following item to the start of the meeting.</p>  | <b>E48 Order of Business</b>                      |
| <p>Mr Geoff Keenleyside of the Kirkleese Environment Unit was welcomed to the meeting. He distributed a biodiversity map of the area, as well as a very detailed plan showing where the hedgerows had been mapped – a process that is still continuing. Particular reference was made to specific areas of interest in the area and the importance of various features to the natural wildlife and fauna.</p> | <b>E49 Biodiversity</b>                           |
| <p>Mr Keenleyside was thanked for attending the meeting before he left.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b> To note the minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.</p>   | <b>E50 Minutes</b>                                |
| <p>Cllr Hickey distributed a draft leaflet for the Farnley Tyas walk, and asked members to do the walk and notify any anomalies to him prior to printing. It was agreed that a charge of 50p per leaflet would be levied, which would go towards the cost of producing the walks on CD. Cllr Hickey and Cllr Barraclough were thanked for their work in the leaflet's production.</p>                         | <b>E51 Waymarkers &amp; Footpaths</b>             |
| <p>Cllr Hutchinson and Cllr Rock entered the meeting.</p>   |   |
| <p>A report on the view indicator in memory of the late Cllr Webster was deferred to the next meeting.</p>  | <b>E52 View Indicator</b>                         |
| <p>Members noted the current budget statement.</p>  | <b>E53 Budget</b>                                 |
| <p>Members noted the quotes received for autumn crocus.</p>   | <b>E54 Budget Proposals 2007-08</b>               |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b> To recommend the purchase of bulbs from the Colne Valley Garden Centre.</p>   | <b>b) Autumn Crocus</b>                           |
| <p>Members noted the information circulated regarding the supply of water butts.</p>  | <b>E55 c) Water Butts</b>                         |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b> To recommend the supply of up to 40 water butts to residents of the Parish free of charge with priority being given to allotment holders, and to investigate the possibility of obtaining some funding from Kirklees towards the scheme.</p>  |   |
| <p>Members noted the information circulated and a discussion followed on the proposal of planting living Christmas trees in some villages to replace those currently supplied by Kirklees each year. It was agreed that further investigation into this proposal was required before a recommendation could be made. It was agreed to include the matter on a future agenda.</p>                              | <b>E56 d) Living Christmas Trees</b>              |
| <p>Members noted the proposal of financing the additional trimming of identified grass verges in the Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas ward. However, further information was required before the Committee could consider the matter. It was agreed to include the matter on the next agenda.</p>  | <b>E57 e) Verge Trimmng</b>                       |
| <p>Members noted the information regarding National BikeWeek. A list of events was due to be published shortly. It was agreed to defer further discussion on the matter until the autumn.</p>   | <b>E58 f) National Bike Week</b>                  |

**Resolved:** To include the following items:

- Footpath creation: To provide green corridors and accommodate open spaces, as well as providing routes to schools
- Biodiversity: To work with the Kirklees Environment Unit and to provide bird boxes, ponds, bat boxes and fruit trees. Also to work together to develop policies to support the natural biodiversity of the area.
- To investigate the means of recycling energy-saving light bulbs

There was no correspondence to report.

The meeting then closed.

**E59 Future Strategy**

**E60 Next Agenda**

**E61 Correspondence**