

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

Mr G Cliffe, Mr T Scott (KHCA & Civic Society), Mr N Windett (KMC Countryside Officer), Cllrs R Barraclough, Bottomley, Cooper, Cruden, Cunnington, Dunford, Dunn, Hickey, Hirst, Holroyd, MacDonald, Moreton, Munro, Paxton and Rock.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardcastle and Sykes, the reasons for which were accepted.

**E35 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Mr Scott declared an interest in the grant application from Highburton First School, as he would be involved in the project if the money is awarded; Cllr R Barraclough and Cllr Dunford declared personal interests in the memorial seat, as Cllr Barraclough knows the installer and Cllr Dunford knows the manufacturer.

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meeting on 18th September 2008.

E36 Minutes

Members noted the omission of Public Transport from Objective 3 – Climate Change. A discussion followed on the best course of action open to the Parish Council to maintain and improve existing services.

E37 Environmental Plan

Resolved: To include public transport with the agreed action of: To liaise with the Passenger Transport Executive on bus services, promote volunteer and alternative bus services in the area and to keep a watching brief on public transport, notifying Metro and the relevant bus companies as appropriate.

Resolved: To accept the other notified amendments to the circulated Plan.

Members noted the draft form aimed at encouraging input into the Plan from community groups.

Resolved: To accept the form and to add photographs.

It was agreed the form would be sent out with the grant letters in January, and members would also distribute it to any other groups in their area. It was also agreed to put out a press release on the issue.

It was reported that Cllr R Barraclough had reinstated the waymarker signs on the Farnley Tyas walk.

E38 Parish Walks

It was reported that the seat purchased in memory of the late Cllr Webster had now been installed. Cllr Hickey read out the wording Mrs Webster had suggested for the plaque.

E39 Memorial Seat

Resolved: To accept the wording for the plaque.

Members noted the current budget statement.

E40 Budget

Cllr Atkinson reported that delivery of the water butts was almost complete.

**E41 Project Proposals
a) Water Butts**

Resolved: To keep the outstanding budget for any outstanding orders.

Members noted the information on the sunflower competition.

**E42 b) Sunflower
Competition**

Resolved: To accept the proposals in principle. It was agreed that the competition would be primarily aimed at Year 3 children, but the Chairman would liaise with teachers on the exact number from each school. Also agreed to invite Graham Porter to judge the competition.

The Clerk reported that the project had been broadly welcomed, but she was still waiting to hear from some organisations. She agreed to update the Committee at the next meeting.

E43 c) Bird/Bat Boxes

Members considered the two applications from Highburton First School.

E44 d) Grant Applications from Highburton First School

Resolved: To award Highburton First School a total of £1,960 to restore and develop the school pond in line with the new health & safety guidance and to develop a disused and dangerous play area into a school garden for use by children and staff to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs and plants.

Members reported on a scheme to have an open space designated as a village green in Kirkheaton. The Clerk reported the CPRE had sent information on litter campaigns.

E45 New Projects for 2008/09

Resolved: To look into both as possible projects.

Resolved: To make a recommendation to be put forward into the Council's budget proposals for 2009/10 that the Environment budget remains at £15,000.

E46 Budget Recommendation

Members noted the proposals for the refurbishment of the memorial garden in Kirkburton.

E47 Memorial Garden in Kirkburton

Resolved: To welcome the proposals, and to ask that consideration be given to having some means of securing the poppy wreaths after they have been laid on Remembrance Sunday.

Members noted the date for the next meeting as 22nd January 2009.

E48 Date of Next Meeting

There were no additional suggestions for agenda items.

E49 Agenda Items

There was no further correspondence/information to report.

E50 Correspondence

The meeting then closed.