

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

Mr G Cliffe, Mr T Scott (KHCA & Civic Society), Cllrs R Barraclough, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, B Moreton, A Munro, J Paxton and M Sykes.

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| <p>Apologies were received from Mr Windett, Cllrs Bottomley, Burton, Cruden, Holroyd and Rock, the reasons for which were accepted.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Members noted the minutes of 20th November 2008.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Jane Fowden of Kirklees Environment Unit. She gave a presentation to members on the various initiatives currently ongoing within the Unit, and answered questions. Ms Fowden left a number of publications with the Parish Council for information. The Chairman thanked her for attending before she left the meeting.</p> <p>No further amendments were received to the Plan. Members were informed of a problem with the autumn crocus bulbs in Flockton (Objective 4).</p> <p>Resolved: To refer the matter to the Management & Finance Committee to investigate.</p> <p>Members noted that there was only a voluntary bus service available in this area on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.</p> <p>Cllr Hickey reported that the CD for the Shelley walk was almost ready. However, waymarking of the route had been delayed due to the weather. Cllr MacDonald reported that work was ongoing on the other walks, and he distributed copies of the Thurstonland walk leaflet.</p> <p>It was reported that the seat purchased in memory of the late Cllr Webster had now been installed and the plaque fixed to the seat. Mrs Webster's thanks were also noted.</p> <p>Members noted the current budget statement.</p> <p>Members noted the updated costings and information with regard to school pupil numbers. It was agreed that the equipment would be distributed to schools before the Easter holidays. Cllr Hirst was thanked for organising the gift vouchers as prizes.</p> <p>Resolved: That there would be a winner from each school, who would receive a £20 gift voucher for use at any Kingsgate store.</p> <p>Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to purchase the equipment at the best price and to finalise all further details in consultation with the Chairman.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Environment Unit was researching the nesting areas and the species of bats in the Parish area, in order to advise on the best places for the boxes to be sited. It was agreed to delay this project pending receipt of that information.</p> <p>The Clerk distributed information on the prices and types of bird boxes available.</p> <p>Resolved: To delegate the Clerk to purchase two boxes of different sizes for each school and other contacted organisation at the best prices available.</p> | <p>E51 Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>E52 Minutes</p> <p>E53 Kirklees Environment Unit</p> <p>E54 Environmental Plan</p> <p>E55 Parish Walks</p> <p>E56 Memorial Seat</p> <p>E57 Budget</p> <p>E58 Project Proposals
a) Sunflower Competition</p> <p>E59 b) Bird/Bat Boxes</p> |
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Members noted the application for £700 towards the cost of gardening equipment for the school garden.

E60 c) Grant Application from Farnley Tyas First School

Resolved: To request a breakdown of the costings and to reconsider the application at the next meeting.

Members considered the proposal of running the spring bulb planting programme again.

E61 d) Spring Bulbs

Resolved: To obtain prices for daffodils and bluebells and to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

Members noted the CPRE's campaign "Stop the Drop" aimed at reducing litter and flytipping in the area. A discussion took place on the road sweeping/drain clearance operations in the area. It was reported that Kirklees now had a Ranger for each ward. It was agreed to discuss litter campaigns in the next meeting.

E62 e) Stop the Drop

Members noted the donation of 39 horse chestnut saplings and 1 elm tree sapling, which were to be planted within the Parish area. Members were asked to make suggestions of suitable places. Suggestions were made that some could be planted in Flockton and at Dogley Nature Reserve. Members were asked to notify the Clerk of any further suggestions.

E63 f) Donation of Saplings

Members were informed that Burton Environment Group would be submitting a grant application for the purchase of electric grass cutting equipment to be used at Burton Dean, Shelley College 'Eco' Park, as well as various other sites within the Parish.

E64 New Projects

A suggestion was made that the Committee could look into obtaining gauges which clip on electricity meters to increase efficiency, with community buildings in mind.

Members noted the date for the next meeting as 19th March 2009.

E65 Date of Next Meeting

- Dog fouling
- The number of footpaths blocked in the Sands Lane area of Houses Hill

E66 Agenda Items

Members were asked to provide full details for all requested agenda items by 6th March 2009.

The Clerk reported that the YRCC's publication "Country Air" had been received and was on the table.

E67 Correspondence

The meeting then closed.