

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 18th MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

Mr G Cliffe and Mr T Scott (Kirkburton Civic Society & KHCA).
P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, A Munro, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and C Whittingham.

Apologies were received from Mr N Windett (Kirklees Countryside Officer),
Cllrs R Barraclough, R Burton, A Cooper, G Hickey, M MacDonald and B Moreton.

**E62 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following declarations of interest were declared: Mr Scott in KHCA (BEG) as he is a member of the group and made the application; Cllrs Atkinson and Sykes in Walkers are Welcome as they are members; Cllr Holroyd in Flockton 1st School as she is a School Governor.

Members noted the minutes of 21st January 2010.

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Members noted the latest version of the Environment Plan as distributed with the agenda. Objective 2, No 4: Dogley Nature Reserve: It was reported that ponds had been installed but further work was still required on the paths and access.

E64 Environment Plan

Objective 5, No 9: It was reported that a Network Group was being set up and would be addressing the village green project. A request had been made that the sign prohibiting ball games be removed from the site.

Members noted the current financial statement for 2009-10.

E65 Environment Budget

Members noted the Project Form (No 2010-03) and discussed the detail for both the competition and the Environment Fayre.

**E66 Budget Proposals
2009-10
a) Sunflower
Competition /
Environment Fayre**

Resolved:

To hold the Environment Fayre on 18th September at The Hub in Kirkburton.

To invite Graham Porter to judge the competition entries

To award a £20 voucher to the entry from each school with the sunflower with the widest flower. The Chairman to look into the most suitable shop to use.

To invite the Mayor of Kirklees to open the event.

To investigate the possibility of inviting a local celebrity and a local artist/craftsman to attend the event and work with the children.

To invite community groups and relevant Kirklees Units to have an exhibition stand.

To approve the competition rules as amended.

Members noted the application from Farnley Tyas Community Group for £200 to purchase evergreen shrubs on a section of Farnley Tyas Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the Countryside Unit had indicated that they may be able to supply the shrubs free of charge.

**E67 b) Grant to Farnley
Tyas Community
Group**

Resolved: To approve the grant of £200 (£160 from allocated reserves) to purchase the shrubs if the Countryside Unit are unable to provide them, subject to receipt of written permission from the landowner.

Members noted the application from Thurstonland Village Association for £1,803.35 for the purchase and installation of a picnic table, litter bin and gate on Thurstonland Recreation Ground.

**E68 c) Grant to
Thurstonland Village
Association**

Members noted the application for £297.42 for the insurance premium for members to cover them when working in public areas.

Resolved: To award £297.42 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association for the insurance premium giving cover to members when working in public areas.

Resolved: To defer this item.

Members noted the report distributed at the meeting and a verbal update was also given.

Resolved: That the Kirkburton Sub-Committee of the Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group will report progress of the project to the Environment Committee on a quarterly basis and will consult the Environment Committee on the project's major decisions. The Sub-Committee will acknowledge the contribution of the Parish Council towards the creation of the walks.

Resolved: To nominate additional members to the Kirkburton Sub-Committee making a total of 5. Cllr E Hutchinson and A Murphy were nominated to join Cllrs Atkinson, R Barraclough and Sykes, who were already members.

No new projects were notified at this time.

Resolved: To hold the next meeting on Thursday 15th July 2010.

The Clerk read out a thank-you card made by Highburton First School and sent to the Committee for the grant recently issued.

The meeting then closed.

E69 d) Grant to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Assn

E70 Compost Bins

E71 Parish Walks

E72 New Projects

E73 Next Meeting

E74 Correspondence/ Information