

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 AT 7.30 pm  
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

Cllrs R Barraclough, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, G Hickey, L Holroyd, M MacDonald, B Moreton, A Munro, J Paxton, P Rock, M Sykes and C Whittingham.

- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Atkinson Environment Committee Chairman for the year 2009-10. **E1 Election of Chairman**
- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Whittingham Environment Committee Vice Chairman for the year 2009-10. **E2 Election of Vice Chairman**
- Resolved:** To elect Mr G Cliffe, Mr T Scott (KHCA & Civic Society) and Mr N Windett (Kirklees Countryside Officer) onto the Committee as co-optees. **E3 Election of Co-optees**
- Cllr Burton entered the meeting.
- Apologies were received from Mr Cliffe, Mr Windett, Cllrs Dunford, Dunn, Heward, Hirst and Hutchinson, the reasons for which were accepted. Cllrs Burton and Hardcastle apologised for their late arrivals. **E4 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**
- The following declarations of interest were declared: Cllr Cooper in the parish energy packs, as he works for the company which provides them; Cllr Holroyd in Flockton First School as she is a School Governor; Cllr MacDonald in Shelley First School as he lives in Shelley.
- Members noted the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009. **E5 Minutes**
- Members discussed the Environment Plan and noted the proposed amendments. The following issues were raised: **E6 Environment Plan**
- Christmas tree socket at Burton Cross – The Clerk reported that BEG had suggested asking Kirklees to replace the litter bin with a small plaque engraved with the name ‘Highburton Cross’ and the approximate date of its erection.
- Resolved:** To write to Kirklees making the above request.
- Recycling Plastic & Glass – Members discussed the current situation and how improvements could be made.
- Resolved:** To write to Environmental Services requesting that glass recycling facilities are made available at shops and schools.
- Healey Greave Wood & Meadow – Cllr MacDonald reported on the Wildlife Forum he had attended. A written report was expected soon.
- Resolved:** To accept all amendments to the Plan.
- Cllr Hardcastle entered the meeting.
- Resolved:** To defer consideration of the returned Questionnaires to the next meeting. **E7 Questionnaire Responses**
- Members noted the current budget was £15,000 and the proposed system to divide it up into four categories, with all projects being subject to meeting at least one objective of the Plan. **E8 Environment Budget 2009-10**
- Resolved:** To agree the proposed budget system (attached) and to review the system at the November committee meeting.

The Chairman reported on progress of the preparations for the competition and presented a paper detailing tasks still required. It was confirmed that the prize-giving would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September and the entries would be judged by Graham Porter, Gardening Expert at the Examiner.

**E9 Project Proposals  
a) Sunflower  
Competition**

**Resolved:** To hold an Environment Fayre to run simultaneously with the prize-giving and to elect a Working Party to make all preparations required for both events.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be given delegated authority to take any decisions necessary for the Day in consultation with the Environment Committee Chairman and the Working Party.

The Chairman reported on her meeting with Geoff Keenleyside and presented information on biodiversity in the Parish. Various suggestions for projects had been made, which would be more effective in improving the biodiversity than bulb planting.

**E10 b) Planting  
Programme**

**Resolved:** To suspend the bulb planting programme in favour of the schemes suggested by Mr Keenleyside, full details of which would be included on the next committee agenda.

Members considered the application from Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association (BEG) for £3,615.42 (plus VAT) for the purchase of a Trackmaster flail machine.

**E11 c) KHCA (BEG)**

**Resolved:** To award £3,615.42 (plus VAT) to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association (BEG) to purchase a Trackmaster flail machine.

Cllr Cooper gave information on parish energy packs, which will help people to cut down on energy use, thereby reducing fuel bills and carbon emissions at the same time. He reported that he could obtain a certain amount free of charge.

**E12 d) Parish Energy  
Packs**

**Resolved:** To distribute the packs free of charge at the Environment Fayre.

Members considered the application from Shelley First School for £300 to cover the costs of a school trip and workshops at the National Coal Mining Museum.

**E13 e) Shelley First  
School**

**Resolved:** To award £300 to Shelley First School to cover the costs of a school trip and workshops at the National Coal Mining Museum.

Members considered the grant application from Flockton First School for £350 to contribute towards the costs of establishing and maintaining the school's vegetable garden and flowerbeds.

**E14 f) Flockton First  
School**

**Resolved:** To award £350 to contribute towards the costs of establishing and maintaining the school's vegetable garden and flowerbeds.

The Clerk made a report on progress on renovating the guidestoops.

**E15 Guidestoops**

It was reported that Mr Windett had offered to make a presentation on the work of the Kirklees Countryside Unit at the November committee meeting. Members welcomed this idea.

**E16 New Projects for  
2009-10**

It was also reported that the brewery had given permission to lease the blacksmiths at the George Inn to a community group to be used as a museum. Further information will be supplied as it becomes available.

Members noted the meeting dates for the Council year as follows: 17<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**E17 Meeting Dates for  
2009-10**

Members were requested to let the Clerk have full details for any further agenda items by 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**E18 Agenda Items**

It was reported that Kirklees had felled a black poplar in the Parish. It was agreed to include the matter on the Parish Council agenda subject to receipt of full information. The Clerk reported that the publications Country Air and Fieldwork were available on the table.

**E19 Correspondence &  
Information**

The meeting then closed.