

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 AT 8.00 pm  
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

**The following minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy at the Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010.**

Present: Cllr Sykes in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA and Civic Society), Mr A Wickham (Kirklees Countryside Officer), Ms K Woolley. Cllrs R Barraclough, A Cooper, S Dunford, K Dunn, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, M MacDonald, A Munro, J Paxton and C Whittingham.  
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, G Hickey, B Moreton and P Rock. Mr Scott apologised for his late arrival.

**E39 Apologies and  
Declarations of  
Interest**

Not present: Cllr J Taylor.

No declarations of interest were made.

There were no members of the public present.

**E40 Public Participation**

**Resolved:** To hold all the items in the public session.

**E41 Public Admission**

Members noted the minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**E42 Minutes**

Cllr Sykes reported that he had attended a meeting with Environmental Health Services, who had advised that when installing dispensers for waste bags, it was most effective if the dispenser was at one end of the route and the bin at the other. The Clerk reminded members that she was waiting for suggestions as to where the dispensers could be sited. Two suggestions were made: the games area to the rear of Lepton Methodist Church and the recreation ground on Denby Lane, Grange Moor – the exact location details to be supplied. Other members were asked to give details to the Clerk as soon as possible.

**E43 Dog Fouling  
(Min E29)**

Mr Scott entered the meeting.

The Committee received a very interesting and informative presentation from Mr Andy Wickham on his role, which gave information on how the post was jointly funded by Denby Dale Parish Council and Kirklees and the scope of work undertaken in that area. Members raised a few questions at the end of the presentation, and then Mr Wickham left the meeting following a vote of thanks.

**E44 Countryside Officer**

Members noted the latest budget statement available for the current financial year.

**E45 Budget 2010-11**

Cllr Sykes reported that a new allotment site in Shepley had been identified but further consideration of various aspects was required before it could be progressed.

**E46 Proposed New  
Allotment in Shepley**

Members considered the grant application from Farnley Tyas Community Group for £240 towards the purchase of picnic tables and seating on the recreation ground.

**E47 Farnley Tyas  
Community Group**

**Resolved:** To award £240 to Farnley Tyas Community Group towards the purchase of picnic tables and seating on the recreation ground.

It was reported that Cllr Atkinson had enquired of Kirklees the possibility of holding one of their vegetable growing courses in the Parish area to be sponsored by the Parish Council.

**E48 Course in Vegetable  
Growing**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk pursues this and grants her delegated authority to organise the course.

Members considered the additional information provided by the Group in support of the grant application. However, it was noted that the report had already been produced and paid for.

**E49 Grange Moor  
Against Turbines  
Group**

**Resolved:** To reject the grant application on the grounds that it was a retrospective application.

Cllr Sykes gave a very interesting update on the Parish Walks project and showed members a mock-up of a leaflet being produced for the Thurstonland walk. He also had a model guidestop, similar to those being produced for the walks. He reported there would shortly be another meeting of the Kirkburton Walkers are Welcome sub-group when the project would be progressed further. Cllr Sykes was thanked for the information.

**E50 Parish Walks**

The following projects were suggested:

**E51 Items for the Next Agenda**

- A new allotment site in Farnley Tyas.
- Creation of a wetland/wildlife area at Grange Moor allotments, which would also address the drainage problem currently being experienced by the Council's tenants.
- Grant application for a community field walkway by North Road from Burton Environment Group.
- Grant application for the creation of community pond dipping facility at Shelley College.
- Grant application to produce a plaque to be installed over the Christmas tree electricity socket at Burton Cross, which would enable the litter bin to be moved away.

It was agreed to put these items on the next Committee agenda for discussion.

Members considered the environment budget for 2011/12.

**E52 Budget for 2011/12**

**Resolved:** To recommend the Management & Finance Committee includes £15,000 for the environment in its budget proposals.

Members noted that the next meeting would be held at 8pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**E53 Date of Next Meeting**

Members were requested to inform the Clerk of any further agenda items by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January. She explained the reason for the deadline being so far in advance of the despatch of the agenda to the Councillors, which was accepted by the members.

**E54 Items for the Next Agenda**

An update was given on the Parish Energy Training project, which was expected to take place in February. It was also reported that funding from the European Social Fund was available for a 3-month training course in environmental skills.

**E55 Correspondence and Information**