

Following the Parish Council elections in May there has been quite a change to Council membership , so please check the Contact List for details of your local councillors.

Cllr Lin Holroyd is the new Chairman, assisted by Cllr Howard Seymour as Vice Chairman.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- ❖ The Parish Council was very sorry to hear of the problems being experienced by Kirkheaton Scouts and Guides when storm damage showed up unexpected serious deterioration to the building. The Parish Council acted quickly in authorising a grant of £4,090 to cover the purchase of building materials for the repair. This was paid out almost immediately due to the remaining funds being available so quickly.

The Council would like to thank the organisers for all their efforts here. We wholeheartedly support the provision of young people's activities.

- ❖ Shelley Community Association has also benefited from a grant of £1,500 to part-fund new chairs in their newly refurbished meeting rooms.
- ❖ The Farnley Tyas Community Group is currently preparing a Village Design Statement, to which the Parish Council has contributed £450.

OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS:

- ❖ New bus shelters have been requested for some bus stops, and the new 'real time' display has been requested for some existing shelters. These will be funded via the Kirklees Rural Transport Partnership. All the sites are being inspected and we hope to hear soon which of them will be chosen as suitable.
- ❖ The Council has adopted the revised Code of Conduct, copies of which can be viewed at the libraries. It is also possible to purchase a copy at a cost of £1 on application to the Clerk.

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One Voice

Kirkburton Parish

Council Newsletter

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Tell Us About Your Bus Problems!

Stagecoach has recently caused difficulties for many passengers by making major changes to its services between Huddersfield and Barnsley.

A public meeting with Stagecoach and Metro is planned for early October (the date & venue will be confirmed as soon as possible). The public are asked to let the Parish Council know as soon as possible of the problems they are experiencing so that we can present the issues and questions to Stagecoach in advance and, thereby expect some replies at the meeting.

Many members of the public have attended recent Parish Council meetings to bring this matter to the Councillors attention. In an effort to try and resolve matters, it has been talking to both Metro and Stagecoach and it seems that some changes to the school services were put into place in July and more changes are being planned for September. The Council has also ensured that the Passenger Transport Executive is aware of the problem.

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It was thought that the Autumn was the best time for the meeting, since by then it will be clear whether or not the changes are working, and most people will have returned from their holidays and be available to attend the meeting if they wish.

So please do let us have as much information as possible about your travelling problems and continue to log your complaints with Metro regarding buses being late, or not turning up at all. It's only by logging them that we can get anything done.

Phone Metro on 0113 251 7272, or log it on-line at www.wymetro.com and follow the complaints/contact links.

Parish Council Meeting Dates	
6 th and 20 th September	4 th and 18 th October
1 st and 15 th November	6 th December

There will also be committee meetings, the dates of which will be notified when they have been set.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07

The Annual Report for last year is now published and available at libraries, post offices, village halls, medical centres, etc across the district. A summary is reproduced below:

Cllr Thornton's Civic Sunday was held at All Hallows Parish Church in Kirkburton. Cllr Thornton attended all the Civic Sundays of the Parish and Town Councils with which Kirkburton Parish Council is associated, and found her social contacts both stimulating and enjoyable. She raised £4,202.78 for her charity – a youth project in Kirkburton. She expressed thanks to local businesses and everyone who supported her, particularly the 3 bands who provided their services free of charge.

The Council continued its programme of community projects supporting projects by the Kirkburton Business Association, Denby Dale Centre (whose projects are based in Kirkburton) and Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association. Environment grants were also awarded for work on the Dogley Nature Reserve, Nature Walk at Shelley College and a walkway at Town Quarry, Kirkburton. £9,500 was awarded in small grants.

The Council continued to work with its various partners, including Kirklees, the Police, Shelley Community Association, Highburton & Kirkburton Community Association, as well as the schools in the area, to name but a few.

The maintenance programme at Shelley Village Hall progressed with major structural works to address the damp problem. Plans were also finalised to provide proper disabled access.

The Council congratulated the Clerk, Mrs Angela Royle, on being awarded the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Receipts & Payments Statement 01.04.06 – 31.03.07

Income	£
Precept	99,000.00
Allotment rents	78.95
Bank interest	3,230.05
Shelley Village Hall rent	3,796.00
Other Income	6,835.91
Collection in memory of Cllr Webster	124.00
Total Income:	£113,064.91
Opening bank balances 01.04.06	103,278.55
Expenditure	£
General Running Costs:	39,502.75
Administration including employment costs, insurance, meetings, office equipment, postage, rent, stationery, telephone/internet, etc	
Civic Governance:	9,949.67
Chairs of office, elections, civic functions, conferences, legal/professional fees, etc.	
Public Information:	2,089.02
Newsletter, annual report and advertisements	
Grants	27,452.94
Other Projects within the Parish:	25,276.44
Includes Christmas trees, hanging baskets, spring bulbs, Kirkheaton Churchyard, Shelley Village Hall, allotments, etc.	
Donation of the collection to charity in memory of the late Cllr Webster.	124.00
Total Expenditure	£104,394.82
Closing bank balances at 31.03.07	111,948.64
Allocated reserves	64,948.25