

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE 2012 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Cooper in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Burton, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, L Parsley, J Paxton, M Pitts, R Thomas, C Whittingham.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Resolved: To elect Cllr Alison Munro as Chairman for the year 2012/13.	E1 Election of Chairman for 2012-13
Resolved: To elect Cllr Andrew Cooper as Vice Chairman for the year 2012-13	E2 Election of Vice Chairman for 2012-13
Resolved: To elect Mr Neil Windett, Kirklees Countryside Manager and Mr Tim Scott, Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association as co-opted members for 2012-13.	E3 Election of Co-opted Members for 2012-13
Apologies were received from Mr N Windett, Cllrs P Brook, S Dunford, A Munro and B Wightman the reasons for which were accepted. Cllr Dunn was absent. Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in the Stocksmoor Community Group item as he has been involved in the application.	E4 Apologies and Declarations of Interest
There were no members of the public present.	E5 Public Participation
Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session.	E6 Public Admission
Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 19 th March 2012.	E7 Minutes
Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement dated 11 th June 2012.	E8 Budget 2012-13
Members considered a grant application from Stocksmoor Village Association for £185 to contribute towards the cost of spring and autumn bulbs for the village planters.	E9 Funding Proposals
Recommendation: To award Stocksmoor Village Association £185 to contribute towards the cost of spring and autumn bulbs for the village planters.	a) Stocksmoor Village Association
Members discussed the engraving of the guidestoops on the 10 Parish Walks and considered whether to proceed with the project of engraving each of the guidestoops to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was noted that Mr Dave Bradbury had produced and engraved the original guidestoops.	E10 b) Engraving of Guidestoops on Parish Walks
Recommendation: That subject to agreement at Council under a specific agenda item, the Council has the guidestoops engraved with a crown, '2012' and 'Elizabeth II', preferably by Mr Bradbury since he produced the original guidestoops and the quality of his work.	
Recommendation: To request permission to engrave the guidestoops from Denby Dale Walkers Are Welcome as they own the guidestoops.	

Members noted the response received from Streetscene and had a discussion as to how the Council can be progressed to achieve an improvement in the state of this piece of land. Members noted that Simon Reeve MP is currently in talks with Tesco regarding this piece of land.

E11 Disused Petrol Station in North Road, Kirkburton

Resolved: To put this matter on the next Environment Committee agenda in September.

The Clerk reported that plenty of dog waste bags were available for distribution in the office and urged members to take some to distribute in suitable locations.

E12 Dog Waste Bags

Resolved: The following members were elected to serve on the Fruit Trees Working Party:

E13 Fruit Tree Working Party 2012-13

Cllr Robert Barraclough; Cllr Richard Burton; Cllr Andrew Cooper; Cllr Derek Hardcastle; Cllr John Hirst; Cllr Ian Lumb; Cllr Peter Pankhurst; Cllr Rae Thomas; Cllr Cass Whittingham and Cllr Ben Wightman.

Members considered several new projects and discussed their viability. The Clerk reminded members that all projects and environment grant applications must come within one of the aims set out in the Environment Plan.

E14 New Projects

Resolved: To hold committee meetings on 20th September, 18th October, 17th January and 21st March.

E15 Meeting Dates for the Year

Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 7th September 2012.

E16 Items for the Next Agenda

- Voltage optimisation of community buildings

There was no correspondence to report.

E17 Correspondence / Information

The Clerk gave members a brief update on the Fruit and Vegetable Workshops and also the Allotment Competition.

The meeting then closed.