

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2015 AT 7.30 pm  
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr P Brook in the Chair

Cllrs H Abid; M Ackroyd; B Armer; S Beresford; A M Boden; R Bray; J Cowen; P Cunningham; R Franks; D Hardcastle; L Holroyd; B McGuin; J Sykes; M Sykes and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle

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| <b>Resolved:</b> To elect Cllr Bernard McGuin as Chairman for the year 2015-16.   | <b>E1 Election of Chairman for 2015-16</b>         |
| <b>Resolved:</b> To elect Cllr Maria Ackroyd as Vice Chairman for the year 2015-16  | <b>E2 Election of Vice Chairman for 2015-16</b>    |
| <b>Resolved:</b> To elect Mr Tim Scott, Burton Environment Group, as a co-opted member for 2015-16.   | <b>E3 Election of Co-opted Members for 2015-16</b> |
| Apologies were received from Cllrs R Burton, J Paxton, C Walker and Mr T Scott, the reasons for which were accepted.<br><br>Cllr K Dunn and P McGleenan were absent.  | <b>E4 Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>   |
| The following personal interests were declared:<br>Cllr B Armer in the item on Grange Moor Allotments as he had been lobbied by tenants and in the Yetton Together grant application as the applicants are known to him. Cllr A M Boden in the Burton Environment Group grant application as she is a member of that group. Cllr P Brook in the Yetton Together grant application as the applicants are known to her. Cllr J Cowen in the item on Shepley dog waste bag dispensers as he is a member of the Shepley Village Association. Cllr L Holroyd in the Friends of Flockton School grant application as the applicants are known to her. Cllr M Sykes in the Burton Environment Group grant application as she attends meetings of that group as the Parish Council representative. Cllr J Taylor in the item on Shepley dog waste bag dispensers as he is Secretary of the Shepley Village Association. |  |
| Four members of the public spoke to the meeting on the subjects of dog fouling and issues at Grange Moor allotments including the proposed wetland area.  | <b>E5 Public Participation</b>                     |
| <b>Resolved:</b> To hold all the items in the public session.   | <b>E6 Public Admission</b>                         |
| <b>Resolved:</b> To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 19 March 2015 subject to confirmation of the absent members.   | <b>E7 Minutes</b>                                  |
| Following an enquiry from a member, the Clerk agreed to check the situation regarding the Lepton walk.  | <b>E8 Parish Walks (Min E50)</b>                   |
| Members considered the budget circulated with the papers and the updated budget supplied at the meeting.  | <b>E9 Budget 2015-16</b>                           |
| <b>Recommendation:</b> To refer discussion of the budget statement to the Council meeting on 30 July 2015 for noting and to consider the future format.   |  |
| Members noted the rules covering Environment grant applications.  | <b>E10 Grants Rules</b>                            |

Members considered the current Environment Plan and if any changes were required.

**E11 Environment Plan**

**Recommendation:** That future Environment Plans will include details of environment activities from the current year and the 3 previous years. Information older than 3 years will be archived and available on the website for reference.

The committee considered reducing the objectives to four to include: 1. Preservation of culture and past, 2. Encouraging biodiversity, 3. Protecting the aesthetic beauty of the Parish and 4. Community consultation.

**Recommendation:** That the current six objectives in the Environment Plan are amended to three objectives as presented below:

1. To encourage preservation of culture and past.
2. To encourage bio-diversity.
3. To help to protect the aesthetic beauty of the Parish.

Members noted the current situation of the allotments adjacent to the Garden Centre and considered the planting scheme for the wetland area.

**E12 Funding Proposals**

**Recommendation:** That the Council does not pursue this project.

**a) Grange Moor Allotments**

Following an enquiry about the sum in the Allocated Reserves for the project, the Clerk advised members to leave it in Allocated Reserves for the time being and to re-allocate it to another project, when the Committee had had the opportunity to consider its future plans and when it was clear how much funding was available.

Members considered the request to move the dispenser from the bottom of the path off Jos Way to the lamp post at the 3-way path junction with Stocks Way, as originally requested by the Shepley Village Association (Min E47 refers).

**E13 b) Dog Waste Dispensers in Shepley**

**Recommendation:** To leave the dispenser in its current location.

Members considered the frequency dispensers should be refilled taking into account the demand from the public and the budget available.

**E14 c) Supply of Dog Wastebags**

**Recommendation:** To continue to encourage members to collect bags from the office as and when required and to refer the question of funding to Council when the existing funding is low.

Members considered the Environment grant application for £275 to contribute towards the provision and planting of 4 self-watering flower tubs in Kirkheaton.

**E15 d) Yetton Together**

**Recommendation:** That an environment grant of £275 is awarded to Yetton Together to contribute towards the provision and planting of 4 self-watering flower tubs in Kirkheaton and to request that the plants are pollinating ones.

Members considered the community project grant application for £2,000 towards the costs of creating a new reflection garden.

**E16 e) Friends of Flockton School**

**Recommendation:** That an environment grant of £1,500 is awarded to Friends of Flockton School to contribute towards the costs of creating a new reflective garden.

Members considered the community project grant application for £3,018 towards the costs of extending the lighting to improve the safety of night time walking by residents through the Quarry environment area between Kirkburton and Highburton.

**E17 f) Burton Environment Group**

**Recommendation:** That the application be rejected as it was not deemed to be an appropriate use of the Environment budget.

Members considered granting permission to the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to reprint the walks leaflets in the Burton Bulletin.

**E18 Parish Walks Leaflet**

**Recommendation:** That Council grants permission to the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to reprint the walks leaflets in the Burton Bulletin.

Members considered inviting a representative of the Huddersfield and District Beekeepers Association to make a presentation to the Committee.

**E19 Beekeeping**

**Recommendation:** That a representative of the Huddersfield and District Beekeepers Association is invited to make a presentation to the Committee.

There were no new projects considered at the meeting.

**E20 New Projects**

**Resolved:** To hold committee meetings on 17 September 2015, 21 January 2016 and 17 March 2016.

**E21 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 2 September 2015.

**E22 Items for the Next Agenda**

- Kirklees future grass-cutting arrangements. Cllr Taylor agreed to supply further information to the Clerk when it was available.

There was no correspondence to report.

**E23 Correspondence / Information**

The meeting then closed.