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Kirkburton Parish Council Civic Sunday



This year the Chairman was pleased to bring the Civic Service to St Bartholomew's Church in Grange Moor. The procession was led by the West Yorkshire Fire Service Pipe Band. The Service was taken by the Revd John Whitney with music provided by the Kirkheaton Singers. We were lucky to have a lovely sunny day and to welcome many Civic Dignitaries including the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees, Mayors, Chairmen and their Consorts from most of the neighbouring Parish and Town Councils, past Kirkburton PC Chairmen, members of the present Council, as well as the staff and friends and family of the Chairman. Cllr Cass Whittingham thanked everyone who took part in this event and for all the help she had received. The collection was divided between the Church and the Isaac Nash Trust, which is this year's Chairman's Charity.

It's Hello to our new Kirkburton & Shepley Councillors . . .

The July Parish Council meeting saw new Councillors being co-opted into the vacancies in Kirkburton and Shepley. Cllr Anna Maria Boden is very enthusiastic about taking on her new role and is looking forward to contributing to the work of the Council and making a difference in her own village of Kirkburton. For Cllr Lin Holroyd it is a welcome return, as she has already served 8 years on the Council previously, including one year as Chairman.



. . . and Goodbye to our Assistant Clerk

We were sorry to say goodbye to Rachel Perry, the Assistant Clerk, at the end of August. Rachel has worked for the Council for the last 3 years and was responsible for running the Environment Committee as well as much of the project work. We will miss her dedication and enthusiasm, but do wish her well for the future. The Councillors had a collection and presented her with a Cross pen & pencil set and a bouquet of flowers.

Defibrillators for the Community



The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it is working with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Denby Dale & District Rotary Club to provide additional defibrillators in the community, over the course of the next few years. It is hoping to move those currently located within health centre buildings to an outside wall, and also to install new equipment on buildings such as village halls, shops, sports clubs, etc so they will be available whenever they are needed. If you own or manage a suitable building and are willing to discuss installing equipment on your wall, please get in touch. The order of the villages will be determined in accordance with perceived risk and on the advice of the YAS.

Allotment Competitions



Due to its popularity we have again held the allotment competition for the best kept allotment both at Grange Moor and Shepley which was judged by Mr Graham Porter, a renowned gardening expert. It was a very close-run thing, but after much deliberation the winners and runners-up were decided as follows: Grange Moor: Lynn Willis & Roz Pering (winners) and Jane Greetham & Carole Scott (runners-up). Shepley: Raymond Horn (winner) and Christine Mellor & Trudy Mansfield (runners-up). Garden centre vouchers and rosettes were presented to the winners at the Civic Service on 28th September. We are most grateful to Mr Porter for judging the competition and for sharing his

knowledge and expertise with us. *The photo above was taken at the presentation (left to right) Roz Pering, Lynn Willis, Raymond Horn, Graham Porter, Cllr Cass Whittingham and Jane Greetham.*

Small Annual Grants / Community Project Grants /Start-Up Grants Deadline : 31 October 2014

It's the grants season again! It's time to download your application form, request one from the office or from your local Councillor. They are also available on the window sill at Burton Village Hall.



Small Annual Grants: Most voluntary / not-for-profit groups in the area are entitled to up to £750 over 3 years – the 3 years counted are the year of application and the 2 preceding ones (the cheques were issued in April 2014 and April 2013). If you are unsure how much you can apply for, please ask the staff who will be happy to help you. The deadline for receiving completed forms with the necessary supporting information is Friday 31 October 2014. Late applications will be automatically refused, without exception.

Community Project Grants are for larger projects, and must have a minimum total project cost of £3,000. The maximum award is up to 50% of the total project cost. Forms are available from your Councillors, the website and the office.

Start-Up Grants are to help new groups to buy their new equipment and get organised. To qualify your organisation must have been in operation for less than a year at the meeting date. The start of operations is defined as the date the first bank account was opened.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk who will be happy to help you with your application.

Environment Grants: The deadlines for environment grant applications are 9 January & 6 March. Projects must meet at least one of the Objectives included in the Council's Environment Plan. Forms and copies of the Plan are available from the website, the office and also from your local Councillor.

Kirkburton Junior Football Club – Going from Strength to Strength

We have been asked to include the following update from Kirkburton JFC. The full article can be found on our website: www.kpbc.co.uk If you would like to write something about your local community group, please send it to the Clerk. Please be aware that contributions are restricted to not-for-profit and non-political organisations within the Parish. The Council reserves the right to edit all contributions.



Since starting out in 1998 Kirkburton JFC have led the way for South Huddersfield clubs in terms of offering a safe and friendly environment for youngsters to enjoy football. The teams play in all age groups from U5 through to U18 in the Huddersfield Junior Football League and girls-only teams play in the West Riding Junior Girls League. There are also good links with Kirkburton Senior AFC, which offers opportunities for local youngsters wishing to develop and play beyond junior level. Last year's U11 team is pictured left.

The homeground at Kirkburton Middle School, Turnshaw Road, has excellent facilities in terms of pitches and a clubhouse, which provides refreshments to supporters whilst they are cheering on their team. The Club holds the Charter Standard Community status due to its operations being of a higher standard than the FA recommended guidelines, which covers areas such as having qualified coaches, a structured committee and making a high standard of child protection the highest priority. The Club also works with the local community.

Following the recent expansion there are now vacancies available for more young people of all ages from Reception age upwards to play football, have fun and make new friends. Training takes place on Saturdays throughout the Summer between 10:30 and 11:30 at Kirkburton Middle School. Please feel free to turn up on the day (ensuring children have trainers, shin pads and a non fizzy drink). Enquiries to Derek Grimshaw Tel: 07960 411398 (after 6pm) or Email derek.grimshaw@hotmail.co.uk

The Budget is Coming

As autumn approaches, Councillors' minds turn towards the budget and the spending plans for the next financial year. If you have any views on what you would like the Council to do next year, or even what you don't want it to do, please drop us a line or an email and let us know. All ideas will be considered. The Management & Finance Committee considers the proposals first towards the end of November, with the Council taking the final decisions at the December Parish Council meeting. The process takes place so far in advance of the start of the financial year, as there are time restrictions in notifying Kirklees Council of the amount to be collected from the Council taxpayers on behalf of the Parish Council.



More Dog Wastebag Dispensers Installed

The Council is continuing to try to reduce the amount of dog fouling within the Parish. Dispensers have been installed in two phases across the Parish in locations identified as known problem areas, and a further 2 dispensers have been agreed for both Lepton and Shepley following requests from local residents. We hope to have them installed soon. Please see the website for full details of all the locations. However, please do use these bags sparingly – they are intended as an emergency supply and not a replacement for the bags you would normally purchase.

Meetings: Council: 6 Nov; 4 Dec, 8 Jan. **Environment Committee:** 22 Jan, 18 March

Grants & Community Projects Committee: 13 November.

- Additional Committee meetings are called as and when necessary. Please see the website for details..
- All the meetings at Highburton Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- The meetings are open to the public.
- All meetings have a public participation session.
- A full meeting schedule & agendas available from website.

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Grants Awarded So Far this Year:



Community project grants of £2,500 each have been awarded to the Leslie Sport Foundation for new equipment, and Shepley Cricket Club towards the costs of a new boiler. (Players from Shelley FC are pictured at the facility provided by the Foundation in Storthes Hall.)

A start-up grant of £100 was awarded to Shepley Beavers.

An environment grant of £644 to Huddersfield Civic Society to help with the costs of restoring the inscription on the memorial of Edward Hughes, a locally renowned architect, who is responsible for many significant buildings in this area, including the vestry of St Peter's Parish Church in Huddersfield. He was also the first Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in the Huddersfield area in 1868 and is now buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Shepley.



Pictured above is one of the new flowering tubs provided by Yetton Together in Kirkheaton with the help of an environment grant and Thurstonland Cricket Club, who have repaired the clubhouse roof, thanks to the support of a community project grant.

New War Memorial in Farnley Tyas



The Parish Council was delighted to support Farnley Tyas in establishing its new war memorial, unveiled on 3rd August by the

Mayor of Kirklees at a ceremony organised by Mr Paul Sykes of Farnley Estates. The Chairman and the Clerk were pleased to attend and represent the Parish Council on this special occasion. The unveiling was followed by a service in St Lucius Church. The event was also supported by the Veterans and by 2 local MP's. The photo shows the flag being lowered as the Last Post was played.

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