



# *One Voice*

*Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council*

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## **Council Precept Frozen**

**The Parish Council is pleased to announce to residents that the precept has been frozen this year, and remains at £122,000. This represents a Council tax in the region of £13.62 for taxpayers in band D properties.**

However, the Council plans to continue to support the various communities within the Parish in the same way as before. The community project grant budget remains

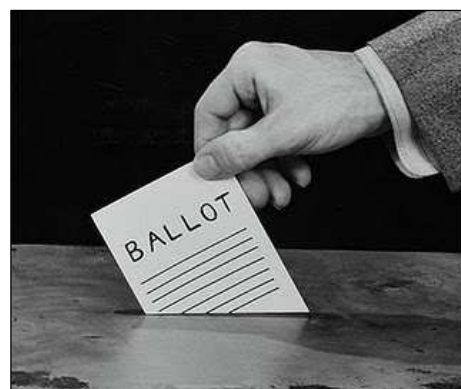


at £20,000 and the environment budget has been increased to £21,500. This will enable the Council to continue to support community groups with its environment grants and also to continue with its own projects. We have some plans for further work at Grange Moor allotments and we continue to look for land to provide additional allotments within the Parish. If you have any ideas for other projects the Committee may interested in, we would like to hear from you.

**Do you want to make a difference to your community? Then why not become a Parish Councillor.**

The next Parish Council elections are on Thursday 5 May. If you are over 18 and live or work in the Parish you may be eligible to stand, either as an Independent or you can approach one of the political parties if you wish. To find out more contact the Clerk or Kirklees Election Services. We also have an

information leaflet available, copies of which can be picked up from various public places such as libraries, village halls, medical centres, etc throughout the Parish. It is also on the website and can be requested from the Clerk. The website also provides background information on the work carried out by the Parish Council.



**Annual Small Grants:** The Council approved a total of £10,721 in small grants to 45 different organisations from across the Parish. This scheme continues to be popular, particularly as it is one of the rare sources for general funding supporting community groups. Grants were for a whole variety of purposes from new toys and children's equipment, to musical instruments, help towards running costs, Christmas parties to name but a few. Each applicant will be notified of the amount awarded soon and the cheques will be sent out during April (the beginning of the next financial year).

**Community Project Grants:** Since the last newsletter the Council has adjusted its budget and made an additional £19,000 available for community project grants, enabling support for the following projects:

- National Coal Mining Museum - £1,000 towards the Making Sense of Mining Project.
- Denby Dale Centre - £3,250 towards the purchase of the Hub in Kirkburton.
- Yetton Together - £1,571 towards the costs of producing a village plan.
- Kirkheaton Scouts & Guides received a Special Grant of £1,000 to contribute towards the costs of urgently replacing the exterior doors of the Headquarters.



- Farnley Tyas Community Group received an Environment Grant for £240 to purchase picnic tables & furniture for the recreation ground to support the work currently being carried out at this site.
- The Group also received an emergency grant of £750 towards the costs of tables, crockery and other kitchen equipment to enable St Lucius' Church to be used as a community building for the various groups in the village following the re-ordering of the Church.

Cllr Barraclough raised ... towards the purchase of the carpet at his Charity Dinner at the end of his Chairman's year. In the photo above, volunteers can be seen getting ready for the inaugural event just before Christmas.

The amount paid out so far this year in community project grants totals almost £26,000 or more than 20% of the precept. Photographs of some of the projects supported can be seen on the back page.



## Environment Committee

At the last meeting we were pleased to welcome Andy Wickham, Kirklees Countryside Officer. He gave a very interesting presentation on the work he carries out throughout the district, some of it within the Kirkburton Parish. He works alongside volunteers creating new ponds, working on footpaths and completing other conservation projects, which are beneficial to many communities and village organisations and also help the wildlife. They are always looking for volunteers to help, so if you are interested please contact the Kirklees Countryside Unit for more information.



### The 2011 Census is Coming Help Tomorrow Take Shape

The census collects information about the UK population every 10 years, with the next one scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March. The information you provide allows future decisions to be made about how and where services will be provided over the next 10 years. Government allocates money to local councils, health authorities, police, fire & other services. The census feeds into that process and for every person counted, an amount of money is allocated per head of the population in Kirklees. Forms will be sent out by post and can be returned in the pre-paid envelope or online. It only takes about 10 minutes per person to complete. Help is available if you need it – full details will be on the form.

## LDF Consultation

The Council recently considered the latest set of proposals regarding to the future development in the area. Our views are that the plan is much more wide-ranging than just jobs and homes, which the document seemed to suggest. Councillors urge Kirklees to publish the Strategic Housing Assessment Plan as soon as possible so that people can look at the proposals in a more realistic context. A further point made was that there should be more ... on jobs. We accept that there is a need for more housing, but people also need local jobs if we are not just going to become a commuter belt for Leeds, Manchester, Bradford, etc.

The Council supplies 10 wreaths to the villages in our area and on Remembrance Sunday Councillors were in attendance to lay the wreaths on our war memorials to honour those who were killed during the two World Wars and in other conflicts, some of which are still going on. May they all rest in peace.



**Meetings:** Council: 3 February, 3 March and 7 April.

Council (Planning/GP): 17 February, 17 March and 21 April.

The above Council meetings start at 7.30 pm.

Environment Committee: 17 March starting at 8pm or after the prior Council meeting, unless indicated otherwise on the agenda.

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Meetings are normally held at Highburton Village Hall and include a public participation session early in the agenda when members of the public are able to address the Council or Committee on any issue over which the Council has a power and, which come within the committee's remit.

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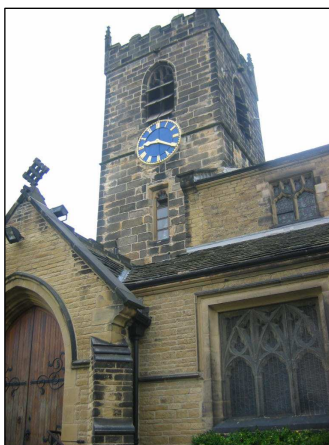
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New Kitchen for  
Kirkheaton Luncheon Club



Thurstonland Cricket Club



£200 clock maintenance grants are  
awarded to all churches with clocks –  
have you applied for yours yet?



New mower for Flockton  
Cricket Club

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