

One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council

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Lepton leads the Council

The new Council year started with the elections of Cllr John Hirst as Chairman and Cllr Sharon Dunford as Vice Chairman at the Annual Meeting. Both represent Lepton ward and were first elected to Council in 2007. Cllr Hirst said it was a great honour to be elected Chairman, and was looking forward to progressing existing projects including providing an



assured future & stability for Shelley Village Hall and the continued upgrade and repairs of Kirkheaton Churchyard and Grange Moor allotments. He was also keen to attain Quality status for the Council and hoped to stage the first Council farmers market in the parish. "I look forward to a positive, busy and fruitful year ahead," said John.

Environment Fayre / Sunflower Judging 11am to 4 pm on Saturday, 18 September at The Hub, Kirkburton

Following on last year's success, there is to be another Environment Fayre. The event will be held at The Hub in Kirkburton. It is hoped that the Kirklees Mayor, Cllr Andrew Palfreeman, will open the event. The child from each school with the widest flowerhead will receive a £20 Waterstones voucher and every child who brings their sunflower will receive a small prize for taking part. There will also be art & craft activities to keep the children amused & exhibits by local community organisations showing examples of their work, as well as refreshments to name but a few of the attractions available on the day. If your organisation is interested in taking part, please contact the Clerk.

More Public Seats

We are continuing with our programme to renew public seats throughout the Parish. We are now looking for suitable sites for new three seats - one in Flockton and 2 in Grange Moor. It has been suggested that The Triangle in Grange Moor would be a good location. What do you think? Have you any ideas? If so, do send them into the Clerk and we'll look at the possibility.

Summary of Annual Report

The full report is on the website & available from public sites around the Parish & on request from the Clerk.

Summary of Accounts 2009-10	£
Precept	127,000
Refund of VAT	3,464
Shelley Village Hall Rent	4,500
Other	190
Total Income	135,154
General Running Costs:	37,695
Administration including authorised travel costs, employment, insurance, office equipment, postage, stationery, telephone/internet.	
Rent and VAT (to be reclaimed in full) & donation in memory of the late Cllr Russell	7,180
Civic Governance:	*7,791
Audit, conferences, chains of office, civic functions, elections, legal/professional advice and fees, subscriptions, training.	
Public Information:	2,463
Advertisements, annual report, newsletter, noticeboards, Emley & Honley Shows	
Grants:	46,087
Annual small grants to 55 non-profit organisations within the Parish; community projects, environment and special grants.	
Village Projects:	33,236
Shelley Village Hall	6,626
Kirkheaton Churchyard	9,465
Hanging baskets, Christmas trees and poppy wreaths.	7,990
Environment Projects inc sunflower competition, environment fayre, trees for schools,	
water butts, walks, etc	7,395
Allotments	1,760
Total Expenditure:	134,452
Funds for agreed projects currently in progress:	61,435
General Reserve:	38,105

The general reserve figure is at the lower end of the range legally required to be maintained by Parish Councils under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2007. The full accounts can be viewed on the website.

^{*} Because of the timing of the accounts meetings, this figure also includes some costs for next year as well.



Cllr Barraclough was pleased to be invited to Kirkheaton Luncheon Club's Christmas Dinner

Grants: The various grant schemes have proved even more popular this year with the total representing an all-time record for the Council.



Lepton Methodist Church: Improvements to the kitchen & also to the entrance

The schemes are designed to meet practically every

eventuality and fill in the gaps left by the schemes provided by other organisations. Almost 100 groups benefitted in one way or another. The full breakdown can be found in the main report and photographs of some of the sponsored projects can be seen throughout the newsletter.

Meetings: Council (Planning/GP): 17th June & 15th July at 7.30 pm

Council: 5th August at 7.30 pm

Environment Committee: 15th July at 8.15 pm. All the above are at Highburton.



The outstanding repair to Kirkheaton Churchyard wall was carried out. It came in significantly under budget, leaving us with funds to carry out further remedial work there. We have also completed a survey of the trees and hope to carry out necessary work on them over the summer when bird nesting is over.

As there is still considerable public demand for allotments, the Council has upgraded those in Grange Moor where new plots are currently being let and also carried out improvements at Shepley allotments. We are currently investigating the possibility of leasing an additional piece of land in the Parish as well as working with Kirklees to identify further sites. If you know of any, do let us know and we'll look into them.



Work starts at Grange Moor allotments

Council had stands at both Emley and Honley
Shows, sharing with Denby Dale PC, the Denby Dale
Centre EPIP and the Holme Valley PC. Both events
provided a welcome opportunity to meet the general public and
speak about the issues which are important to you. We also had a
stand at Huddersfield Town Hall at the Local Democracy event.

The Environment Committee has had a busy year with the sunflower competition and the Environment Fayre being the high points. We also co-funded the parish walks project with EPIP, which will enable the leaflets for 11 different walks to be published, as well as providing

furniture such as benches & fingerposts on the routes. We worked with Kirklees on projects in Shepley and Farnley Tyas and gave many grants to schools & community groups – the list is included in the full report.



We made further improvements at Shelley Village Hall with the new fencing, upgrades to the fire alarm system and improvements to the rear ramp. Shelley Community Association also received a grant for the new seat which is

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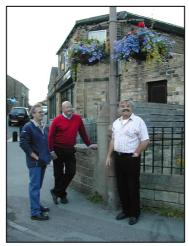
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Hanging baskets in Shepley



School Trips to National Coal Mining Museum





New dry stone wall at Farnley Tyas





Noticeboard at Thurstonland



New gate and repair to wall at Shepley allotments