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Events and Projects Funded by Parish Council Grants



Kirkheaton Luncheon Club's Christmas Lunch



Shepley Greenmore Sculpture – provided by Shepley Village Assn with planning permission financed by the Council



Raised flowerbeds built by Highburton 1st School with an environment grant



One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council Issue 24 March 2010

Council Precept set to fall

The annual precept (Parish Council portion of the council tax) will fall by £5,000 with a total of £122,000 being applied for. This will mean an annual cost of £13.62 for a household in the band D range. However, the support to the community has been maintained: community project grants remain at £20,000 and small grants at £14,500. The environment budget has also been kept at £15,000, which will enable the Council to carry out various projects of benefit to the community and to award grants for environmental projects to community groups and schools within the Parish.

Annual Grants

For the year 2010-11 the Parish Council has agreed a total of £14,142 in small grants to 55 community organisations in the Parish. Every eligible application was agreed and the budget set accordingly. Grants cover a whole range of ages and interests within the community – everything from annual trips for the WI, new toys and sports equipment, new musical instruments for various bands as well as help towards new soft furnishings for community buildings and digital equipment and spring bulbs for environmental groups.

New Public Seats in Kirkheaton

As part of the rolling programme, the Kirkheaton ward is due to receive two new public seats. If you have any ideas for suitable locations, please let us know and we will look into your suggestions.



Budget 2010-11	
Expenditure:	£
General Running Costs (incs £3,000 for rent, which will be repaid in full).	43,050
Elections, Legal Fees, Training, Professional Advice, etc	15,240
Public Information: Annual Report, Newsletter, Website, Shows	5,600
Grants: Small, Community, Environment & Renewable Energy	48,900
Shelley Village Hall	10,000
Environmental Projects & Digitization of Parish Records	10,500
Kirkheaton Churchyard	7,000
Christmas Trees, Hanging Baskets & Poppies	8,320
Public Seats	1,000
Allotments & Farmers' Market	4,150
Total Expenditure	153,760
Monies set aside for projects underway but not yet complete	36,285
To be funded through:	
Income	7,760
Reserves	24,000
Precept	122,000
Decrease on last year's precept	-5,000

The full budget can be viewed on the Council's website.

Community Project Grants: Due to the greatly increased demand for community project grants, the Council has adjusted its budget so that all the applicants will receive at least a proportion of the amount requested. Details of the latest grants to be awarded are:

Farnley Tyas Bowling Club: £6,000 for new roof; Kirkburton & Highburton Comm Assn: £3,000 to cover legal costs re community shop in Highburton; Lepton Community Link: £800 towards Lepton Square's official opening, Lepton Methodist Church: £3,000 towards new kitchen; Shepley Band: £3,000 towards trip to Italy; Stockmoor Village Hall: £1,600 for improvements and Thurstonland Cricket Club: £2,000 - towards improvements to toilets.

Forthcoming Meetings:

Parish Council: 1st April.

Council Planning/GP: 15th April.

Annual Parish Council: 20th May at 7.30 pm.

Annual Parish Meeting (public meeting) 20th May at 9.00 pm.

Meetings are at Highburton at 7.30pm, except where indicated.

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Environment Grants

- ❖ £800 to Highburton 1st School towards the costs of developing the school pond.
- ❖ £750 to Shelley Community Association to provide new seating in the garden area at the Village Hall.
- ❖ £500 to Grange Moor Primary School to contribute towards a new school garden.
- ❖ £1500 to Flockton First School to buy a new greenhouse and shed for the school allotment.
- ❖ £480 to Kirklees Countryside Unit to fund a short course on vegetable growing.

Other News:

- ❖ The wall at Kirkheaton Churchyard has been completed and came out significantly under-budget. Council is now pursuing other outstanding work.
- ❖ Further improvements are planned at Grange Moor allotments and the Council is continuing its search for additional land to meet the ever-increasing demand.
- ❖ Council organised and paid for the planning permission for Thurstonland's new noticeboard. The photo opposite shows the Chairman, Cllr Robert Barraclough with Mrs Penny Lunn of Thurstonland Village Association at the official opening.



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