



One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council

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Installation of Dog Waste Dispensers

Local residents will be aware that the Parish Council has undertaken a campaign to try to reduce the amount of dog fouling within the area. We have worked with the Police and the Dog Warden and also run a very successful poster design competition where we were pleased to present Ella Huddleston, Hattie Abell and Charlotte Smith from Rowley Lane and Highburton



1st Schools respectively with prizes for designing eye catching posters which will shortly be seen throughout the Parish.

As part of this initiative we have installed a dog waste dispenser in each village and Councillors will ensure they are kept filled with bags (the key holder details are on the website). We have undertaken considerable research into where the most problematic areas for dog fouling are and have sited the dispenser where we have been informed by the public the problem is. The dispensers are sited within close proximity of a litter bin so we hope that this will encourage the very small minority of dog owners to clear up after their dog if they do not already do so. We have also produced an information leaflet and would welcome comments from the public particularly in relation to where they feel another dispenser would be useful. We recognise that this is not a new idea, but it's only by all of us standing up against this behaviour that we have any hope of an improvement.

Vacancies in Shepley

As you will be aware, there are 2 vacancies for the Parish Council in the Shepley ward. As an election has not been requested by the public, they will be filled by co-option at the Parish Council meeting on 4th October 2012. Details of the candidates will be listed on the agenda, which is available from the website, and to view on noticeboards, libraries, village halls, post offices, medical centres and various other public sites. Copies are available from the office on request.

Chairman's Events



Past and present Chairmen, Councillors and family and friends put their walking boots on and joined together in a sponsored walk for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and Parkinson's UK in June. The walk started and ended at St John's Church in Lepton, covering approximately 7 miles and walkers enjoyed some rare sunshine and beautiful scenery.

Cllr Richard Burton, Chairman and the outgoing Chairman Cllr Sharon Dunford jointly hosted a Country and Western Evening in Hinchcliffe's Farm in Netherton to raise funds for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice and Parkinson's UK in July. Guests included the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Chairmen from several neighbouring Parish and Town Councils as well as Kirkburton PC Councillors and the Chairman's friends and colleagues many of whom were dressed for the part, complete with checked shirts, stetsons and guns! After enjoying a hog roast the evening livened up as Time Travellers provided suitable music for dancing.



Code of Conduct

With the abolition of the Standards Board for England and the passing of the Localism Act 2011, there has been a change in the rules covering Councillors declaring interests. The Council has adopted Kirklees' transitory Code of Conduct. Copies can be obtained on application to the Clerk or from the website in the Policies section.

Grants Recently Awarded

A total of £4,775.00 has recently been awarded to the following groups: Lascelles Hall Cricket Club to cover the costs of planning permission for the new Clubhouse and to change an adjacent farmers field to a sports field; to Shelley College Fundraisers to contribute towards the cost of a full height climbing wall and bouldering wall in the Sports Hall at the College to be available for full community use outside of school hours; to Shepley Conservation Group, a new group, to assist towards setting-up expenditure.



Above: Lascelles Hall Cricket Club's temporary portacabin.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Across the Parish



We have received some wonderful photographs of all your Jubilee celebrations and are delighted that the grants awarded to contribute towards the costs of the celebrations enabled so many people to have a memorable and happy day. Some of the grants are to be used for longer-term commemorations of the event, such as trees and plaques and we look forward to receiving photographs of these when they are available.



Bottom picture on page 2 Grange Moor residents enjoying the party; Above left Flockton carnival queens; Above right The Mayor of Kirklees with Kirkheaton carnival queens; Below left Shelley 1st School Planting a Royal Oak tree; Bottom right mock coronation



Emley Show

We were pleased to work with Denby Dale Parish Council on a joint stand at Emley Show this year and were extremely lucky with the weather. We prepared a display illustrating the work the Council does across its area. Volunteers were kept busy answering questions and providing useful information to visitors at the stand. Residents' views were sought on issues such as the new dog waste bag dispensers and whether or not a 'living' Christmas tree in Lascelles Hall was a good idea. To make things a little more interesting we had a competition to name the Bear. The winning answer was Bernard. This was chosen by Lydia, who is pictured with Cllr Robert Barraclough receiving the bear as the prize.



Meetings: Council: 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec. **Environment Committee:** 18th Oct.

Additional Committee meetings to be timetabled as required.

- All the meetings at Highburton Village Hall • A full meeting schedule available for download from the website
- The full meeting is open to the public. • All meetings have a public participation session at the start.

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**Small Annual Grants Schemes and
Community Project Grants**

Yes, we're round again and it's time to think about applying for your annual small grant. Forms are available for download from the website – please click the Information tab at the top. Alternatively you may request one from the office or from your local Parish Councillor. All voluntary 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. 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 26th October 2012. We cannot accept late entries under any circumstances. You will be notified if your application has been successful in January 2013 and a cheque will be sent out in April 2013. Please do consider applying for a grant for your organisation. The money awarded can just lend a hand to keep small groups functioning and provide a valuable service to their villages.

Other news ...

We have recently held an allotment competition for the best kept allotment both at Grange Moor and Shepley which was judged by Mr Martin Bowley, owner of Horticulture at Overton. Mr Bowley had a very difficult job choosing the winning allotments and the winners will be announced shortly.



New public seats have recently been installed in Farnley Tyas (pictured right), Flockton and Grange Moor. We hope the public will enjoy using them.

If you are a voluntary community/sport group in the Parish and would like a link to our website, please let us know and we'll put it up for you. There is also an opportunity for advertising your events free of charge on the website – please send details to the Clerk. Please be aware that advertisements of a commercial or political nature are not accepted.

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