



One Voice



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Kirkburton Parish Council Civic Sunday



The Chairman was very lucky to have a beautiful sunny day for her Civic Sunday Parade, which took place in Kirkheaton this year. The procession wound its way through the village from the Community Centre down to St John the Baptist's Church led by the West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Pipe Band. There have been links between the Parish Council and the Church for many years, so it was lovely to join with the people there for this traditional ceremony, which was conducted by the Revd Richard Steel with music provided by the Kirkheaton Singers. The event was attended by Civic Dignitaries from the neighbouring Town and Parish Councils, past Chairmen, representatives from Yetton Together, present Parish Councillors, present and previous staff members as well as the Chairman's family and friends. The Chairman extended her grateful thanks to all who attended and contributed to the organisation of the event.

Defibrillators for the Community



The Council has made funding available to community groups who want to provide a defibrillator in their villages. The Council will consider awarding grants of up to 50% of the total cost of purchase and installation. Groups will also be able to apply for funding to cover the costs of replacement pads and batteries, as they become necessary. The deadline for receiving completed applications is **30 October**. Details can be obtained from the website or from the Assistant Clerk.

Mr Peter Fenton

We would like to pay tribute to Mr Peter Fenton, who passed away in June. Mr Fenton was a Parish Councillor representing the Lepton ward for about 16 years including one year as Chairman. He made a great contribution to his local community and to the Parish Council. Council members extend their condolences to his family and friends.

Elected Committee Chairmen

The Council has made a change to the way it operates by allowing each Committee to elect its own Chairman. This will happen at each Committee's first meeting of the Council year where the Committees will also decide on their own meeting dates. All the information will be available from the Council website as soon as they have been elected.

Hanging Baskets

The Council's hanging baskets have again brought welcome colour to 10 of the villages in the Parish. Their arrival is always greeted with many compliments from local residents. 98 baskets were purchased from Kirklees' Bradley Nurseries. We are grateful to their staff for delivering them all and also for watering them to keep them looking good throughout the summer. Some community organisations have provided additional baskets in their villages. We are grateful to those people for helping to support their local areas in this way and adding to the Parish Council's contribution.



The photo above was taken in Thurstonland when the hanging baskets were first delivered.

It's time to apply for your Annual Grant: Deadline:30 October



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 able to apply for 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 2015 and

April 2014). If you are unsure how much you can apply for, please ask one of the staff members, who will be happy to help you. The deadline for receiving completed forms with the necessary supporting information is Friday 30 October 2015. 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 either of the staff members, who will be happy to help you with your application.

Restoration of Gravestone for Edward Hughes

The Council was delighted to support the Huddersfield Civic Society in the restoration of Edward Hughes' gravestone which was unveiled at a special event at St Paul's Church, Shepley. Edward Hughes was one of Huddersfield's finest 19th century architects, responsible for some of Huddersfield's best-loved architecture including the organ chamber in St Paul's Church and St Paul's School, both in Shepley. He was the first Fellow of the RIBA in the area. The restoration work was extremely timely, as any later and it would not have been possible to identify his memorial due to the deterioration of the inscriptions on the gravestone. A brochure is in production, which will give full details of his career and achievements.



The new inscription revealed witnessed by: Cllrs Ray Bray, Maureen Sykes, and John Sykes, Revd Joyce Jones, Chris Marsden (Civic Society), Bradley the mason and reps from Huddersfield Architectural Society.

Highburton Forest School



The Council recently received some super photos from Highburton First School showing their on-going project to develop a Forest School which was supported by an environment grant of £4,063 to contribute towards the fencing and equipment. The fence is now in place and the children with their parents have already planted the trees, created a wooden circle for the children to sit in and have mown paths through the forest. The School Bursar sent grateful thanks to the Council on behalf of everyone at the

school for the grant. The school has also extended an invitation to Council members to visit the site and see first-hand how they are using the funding to develop the area.

Annual Allotment Competition

We are pleased to announce the winners of our allotment competitions, which were judged by Mr Graham Porter. It was such a close-run thing that the runners-up at Grange Moor could not be separated and so two tenants share the prize. The winners and runners-up are:

Grange Moor: C Austin (winner); L Willis and L Gilbert (joint runners-up). The most improved allotment prize at Grange Moor was awarded to C Austin. **Shepley:** M Scott (winner) and R Horn (runner-up). The winners and runners-up will each receive a Garden Centre voucher and a rosette. Our thanks go to Mr Porter for judging the competition and for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us.



The photo (above) is of the winning allotment at Grange Moor.

Meetings: Council: 5 November; 3 December, 7 January. **Environment Committee:** 21 January, 19 March
Grants & Community Projects Committee: 12 November.

- Additional Committee meetings are called as and when necessary. Please see the website for details.
- All the meetings are 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 are available from the Council website.

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Your One Voice is changing

In future the Council will publish three editions of One Voice each year and has increased the number of copies to be produced to 70 per ward. This is to try to ensure that everyone who wishes to read the paper copy can do so. We welcome all feedback on our publications so please let us know if you have enjoyed reading about the Parish Council either through One Voice, on our website or our regular tweets.

Historic Day for Kirkheaton

The Chairman was pleased to witness the lease for the Kirkheaton Community Centre building being formally passed to Yetton Together by the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist. Trish Mellor, Chairman of Yetton Together and the Revd Richard Steel, Rector of Kirkheaton shook hands in the presence of members of the Church, Kirkburton Parish Council and Kirklees Councillors



Pictured left are (left to right): the Revd Richard Steel, Cllr Pamela Brook, Trish Mellor, Cllr Naheed Mather and Cllr Peter McBride.

Grants Awarded So Far this Year:

Environment Grants:

- Yetton Together £275 to contribute towards 4 self-watering flower tubs in Kirkheaton.
- Friends of Flockton School £1,500 to contribute towards the costs of creating a new Reflection Garden for the pupils of Flockton First School.

Community Project Grants:

- £3,975 to Flockton Forward towards installing toilet facilities at the new village community centre.
- An additional £1,000 to Shepley Cricket Club towards the cost of an air source heat pump for the changing rooms.
- £5,000 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association towards the costs of essential roof repairs to Burton Village Hall.
- An emergency grant of £250 was awarded to the Side by Side Memory Group, Kirkheaton to cover the August rent.



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