



# One Voice

**Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council**

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## **Council Precept Frozen for the 2nd Year**



**At its December meeting the Council agreed to freeze the precept for the second year. Accounting for inflation this is equivalent to a 4% cut. At this level the cost to a home in the Kirkburton Parish Area is £13.49 a year\*.**

This decision means there are no cuts to the Council's budget for grants and other services to villages and it also allows for a small grant to each village to contribute to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

\*The figure represents the charge for properties in the band D council tax bracket.

## **Council Welcomes Three New Councillors**



Rae Thomas



Ian Lumb



Peter Pankhurst

The Council has recently held 2 by-elections, caused by the resignation of three Councillors. Rae Thomas and Peter Pankhurst were elected to represent Kirkburton and Ian Lumb was elected in Shepley. The Council is pleased to welcome all three people to the Council.

## **1000 Fruit Tree Project Update**



The Council aims to plant 1000 fruit trees throughout the Parish area. The first plantings will be this spring in Stockmoor and at Grange Moor allotments. Further sites have been identified in Thurstonland, Farnley Tyas, Kirkheaton and Shelley, which we hope to plant up this autumn / winter. For planting to get the go-ahead village groups must be prepared to be involved with the planting and subsequent maintenance. For further details contact Cllr Alison Munro - Chairman of the Working Group.

## Tree work at Kirkheaton Churchyard

A tree overhanging the road at Kirkheaton Churchyard has been recently identified as being a possible danger as it could have fallen into the road.

The Council acted swiftly to remove the tree and is now going to review the whole area, with a view to removing unsafe trees and doing maintenance on the remainder.



### Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday, 17th May at 9pm at Burton Village Hall

Each year the Council holds a meeting for the electorate, when people can come and raise issues with the Parish Council, ask questions about the previous year's activities and make suggestions on issues the Council could take up in the future. The meetings are opened by the newly-elected Chairman, and afterwards everyone is welcome to share the refreshments. So put a date in your diary to join us this year!

## New Public Seats in Kirkburton and Shepley

The Council provides a number of public seats within its area and has an ongoing schedule of maintenance of seats it provides. Kirkburton and Shepley are now due for new seats and the following suggestions have been made:

**Kirkburton:** Either to replace the broken seat towards the top of Linfit Lane or to install a bench on Moor Lane, opposite house no 98 between lamp posts 27 and 28.

**Shepley:** To put in a new seat by the war memorial. Below are photos of proposed sites in Moor Lane, Kirkburton (top) and Shepley War memorial (below).

Please let us know what your views are.



If there are any seats in your area which need some remedial action, or sites you think would benefit from a new seat, please let us know.



## Changes to the Grants Rules

**Small Annual Grants:** These are available to community / not-for-profit organisations in the Parish. Groups must provide a copy of their constitution or mission statement, latest financial statement for the previous financial year and details of their current balance. Annual grants are normally £250 per year or up to £750 over 3 consecutive years (including the year of application).

**Start-Up Grants:** Available to support new groups, which have been established for less than 1 year. Grants are up to £100. Groups must show evidence of a bank account and supply a copy of the constitution/mission statement.

**Emergency Grants:** Up to £750 available per year to the above organisations. Need to provide 1 quote, details of current bank balance, copy of constitution and the reason for the urgency.

**Community Project Grants:** To support projects with a total value of £3,000, current policy is that grants are normally restricted to up to 50% of the project cost. Groups need to supply the documents listed above and also up to 3 quotes, depending on the value of the goods/ purchases.

**Environment Grants:** For environmental projects meeting at least one of the objectives on the Environment Plan. Groups need to supply the above documents and up to 3 quotes, depending on the value of the goods/purchases.

For all schemes, Groups must supply the documentation by the date notified and retrospective applications are not eligible. Forms and further information is available from the website and from the staff. Dates for the meeting dates after May will be set at the Council's Annual Meeting and will be uploaded to the website as soon as possible.



**Obituary:** Councillors were sad to learn of the death of past Chairman, Cllr Thelma Karran, who served the Shepley ward for 7 years and Kirklees Council for 8 years, including a period as Leader of the Conservative Group. She also sat as a JP. The Council paid tribute to the contributions she had made to this area and a request has been made to name a street after her when a suitable opportunity arises in Shepley.

**Library Update:** The Council is concerned at the threat to 3 of the 4 libraries in the Parish (Kirkheaton, Lepton and Shepley). Carol Stump, Kirklees Chief Librarian for South Kirklees, attended a Parish Council meeting to discuss the issues with the Councillors.

It seems that a public consultation will be taking place in all the affected areas, to find out how the necessary savings to the service can be found. The Parish Council fully supports the retention of this valuable service and has submitted these sentiments to the Government's Culture, Media & Sport Committee, which is currently investigating library closures.

The local Parish Councillors have attended the various public meetings in these villages to support the residents in their campaigns to maintain this local service.



**Meetings: Council:** 5<sup>th</sup> April, **Council (Planning/GP):** 19<sup>th</sup> April both meetings start at 7.30 pm.

**Environment Committee:** 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm – Council meeting where the new Chairman & Vice Chairman are elected. Other procedural issues are dealt with & committee places are elected.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 pm – Public meeting for the electorate.

- All the meetings will be at Highburton Village Hall
- Agendas can be emailed to individuals on request.
- A full meeting schedule can be downloaded 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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## Latest Grants News:

- £3,000 Community Project Grant awarded to Lepton Methodist Church to contribute towards the costs of essential roof repairs.
- £11,268 has been awarded in Small Annual Grants to 51 groups. The cheques will be issued in April.



## The Denby Dale and Kirkburton website

[www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk](http://www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk) lists attractions, activities, places to eat and drink and places to stay in the local area. A new CALENDAR PAGE has been added which can be used by local groups to advertise their forthcoming events – both large and small – for FREE.

The website is being updated by the two Council Clerks, so Groups can simply forward details of their events, including the date and time, some brief information about the event (two or three sentences), contact information and/or the address of the group's website (if they have one) and a suitable photograph (if available). Please send information at least seven days before the event is scheduled to take place to the Clerk.



*Yetton Together launch the new Community Plan*



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