



One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council

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New Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2016-17



Chairman, Cllr Richard Burton presents Cllr Pamela Brook with her past chairman's medal.

Cllr Richard Burton has been elected as Chairman for the next Council year. Cllr Burton is a very experienced Councillor having been on the Council since 1995, representing the ward of Lepton. He has held a number of roles and has been Chairman on two previous occasions.

Cllr Raymond Franks has been elected as Vice Chairman for the year. Cllr Franks represents the village of Grange Moor and was elected to the Parish Council last year.



Chairman, Cllr Richard Burton congratulating Cllr Ray Franks on his election.

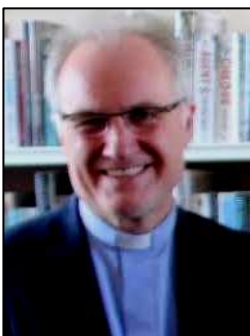
Vacancy in the Shepley Ward

The Council was sorry to have to accept the resignation of Cllr David Million, and we would like to thank him for his efforts whilst he has been a Councillor. There will be a bye-election to fill the vacancy on Thursday 11 August.

Consultation on Healthcare Provision in Huddersfield

A special meeting was held to fully consider all the implications of the proposed changes to healthcare provision in this area. The Council unanimously opposed the proposals put forward by the NHS Calderdale and NHS Huddersfield Clinic Commissioning Groups and strongly objected on a number of grounds. More details are available on our website and in the Council minutes.

More Goodbyes!



It was with regret that we heard of the departure of the Rev Richard Steel from Kirkheaton Parish Church, who has worked very closely with the Parish Council over the last 11 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts and to wish him well in his next post.

Our Assistant Clerk, Mrs Lucy Gardner, will also be leaving the Council at the end of July. We are very sorry to see her go and send with her our good wishes and thanks for the terrific job she has done for us.



Funding for Community Projects and Libraries



The Council has been pleased to be able to support a number projects through its Community Project Grants this Spring:

- Thurstonland Cricket Club: £1,400 to contribute toward the costs of mobile cricket covers.
- Kirkheaton Scouts & Guides: £1,250 towards the annual gala weekend in Kirkheaton.
- St Paul's Church, Shepley: £2,500 towards improvements of the parish rooms.
- Lepton Highlanders: £2,325 towards the costs of alterations to create an additional meeting room.
- Yetton Together: £1,500 towards making the Kirkheaton Community Centre more energy efficient.
- £3,138 of start-up funding has also been awarded to the groups working hard to maintain our libraries in Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lepton and Shepley.



The cheques for the small annual grants and clock grants were also recently issued. £12,800 was distributed to a wide range of community and not-for-profit organisations. Thank you for all your notes of thanks. We are always very pleased to hear from groups and see photographs of your activities.



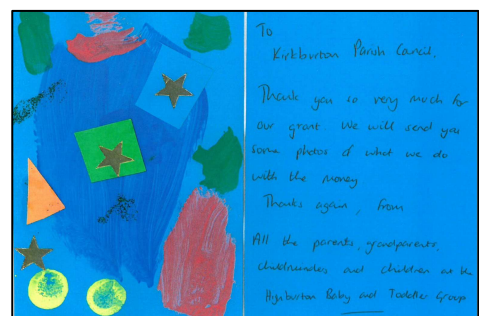
If you have been awarded a Community Project Grant, please remember that we require copies of your invoices and a report, ideally with photos within a year. Perhaps your project will be featured in One Voice!

Photos clockwise: All Hallows Church Tower, Stocks Moor WI, Kirkheaton Gala, Shepley WI, Stocks Moor Toddlers, Thurstonland Cricket Club

The forms for the next phase of small annual grants will become available in September. Application forms for all the other grant schemes can be downloaded from the website now. The next deadline for receipt of completed forms with all supporting information is Friday 28 October 2016.



Photos Top left - right: Yetton Together, Lepton Luncheon Club, Grange Moor Community Association



Bottom: Left - right Shepley Spring Festival and Highburton Baby & Toddler Group.

Summary of the Accounts 2015-16

INCOME	£
Precept (<i>Portion of Council tax which funds the Parish Council</i>)	109,620
Council Tax Relief Grant	19,040
Allotment Rents / Deposits	925
Chairman's Fundraising	55
Refund of VAT	6,988
Rent refund and bank interest	3,817
Shelley Village Hall Ground Rent & Insurance	1,816
Total Income	142,261
EXPENDITURE	£
General Running Costs:	43,256
Administration including employment, insurance, meetings, office equipment, postage, stationery, telephone/internet.	
Rent and VAT (to be reclaimed in full)	11,731
Civic Governance:	31,569
Audit, conferences, chains of office, chairman's fundraising, civic functions, legal & professional advice, Parish Council elections and training.	
Public Information:	1,692
Advertisements, annual report, newsletter, noticeboards and websites.	
Grants:	42,240
Small annual grants to community organisations within the Parish. Grants for: Clocks, Community Projects, Defibrillators, Emergency, Environment and Start-Up.	
Village Projects:	30,132
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allotments, Allotment Competitions & Fruit Trees Christmas Lights, Hanging Baskets and Poppy Wreaths Dog Wastebags Kirkheaton Churchyard Support to groups hosting libraries Public Seats Shelley Village Hall 	
Total Expenditure:	160,621
Allocated Reserves: (To cover costs of projects in progress)	22,176
General Reserve:	41,646

Hanging Baskets



This year, the Parish Council has had to look further afield for its supply of hanging baskets due to rising costs following the closure of Kirklees' Bradley nurseries. However, with the support of the Kirklees Rural District Committee grant, the Parish Council has been able to continue to provide hanging baskets to brighten up the summer months. The Council would like to thank the Kirklees Rural District Committee for its award of £1,392 towards hanging baskets. We would appreciate your views on this year's baskets, which will help us to decide on future suppliers.

Dog Waste Bags



The Council continues to support responsible dog owners with Councillors filling up the Parish Council's 24 dog wastebag dispensers throughout the year. Providing dog gloves along with those supplied by Kirklees dog wardens does seem to be making a difference on our pavements and open spaces.

Kirkheaton Churchyard

Work has continued at the churchyard and a new 3-year contract has recently been awarded for the grass cutting. We have also undertaken a full inspection of all the trees on both sections of the churchyard, which has identified the work required in the short to medium term. Unfortunately, some trees will need to be felled. We are expecting the work to take place in the autumn when all the necessary permissions have been received. We will notify everyone of the exact timing of the work by placing the information on the website and we will also request the Church to include it in the Sunday notices.



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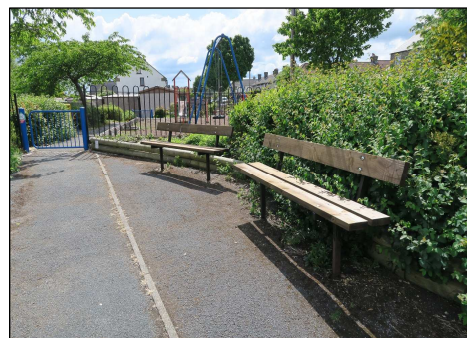
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Public Seats

The Council has about 50 seats located around the Parish Council area and carries out repairs or refurbishments on around 4 or 5 seats each year to try and keep the stock in a good condition. If you spot a seat in the Parish that could benefit from some TLC, please get in touch.



*Seats on Jos Lane, Shepley
refurbished in 2015*

Kirkburton Juniors Annual Football Gala



Kirkburton Junior Football Club hosted a gala at Kirkburton Middle School. A great time was had by all. Huddersfield Town rising star Jacob Hanson presented the trophies and made everyone's day by staying for photographs and signing autographs. Kirkburton JFC hopes to sign additional U8 players for 2016.

More information can be found at www.jfc.co.uk

Gerald Taylor

The Council was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr Taylor, who has been gardening at Grange Moor allotments since around 1958. He has long been regarded as an expert in his field and was respected by everyone for the very high standard in which he kept his plot. Despite his advanced age, he continued to visit the allotments on a regular basis until just a few months ago. It is hoped to plant a memorial tree in Gerald's memory in the autumn. The Council would like to send their condolences to Mr Taylor's family and their thanks for the outstanding work Gerald has done over so many years.

Meeting Information

- Parish Council meetings: 1 September, 6 October, 3 November & 1 December.
- Committee meeting dates will be put on the website when agreed.
- Council meetings are held at Highburton Village Hall.
- Committee meetings will be held at the village hall or in one of the libraries.
- A full meeting schedule is available for download from the website.
- All meetings are open to the public.
- All meetings have a public participation session at the start.

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