

What do you know about Kirkburton Parish Council?

This leaflet will give you some information, and more can be found on our website:

www.kbpc.co.uk



We are also on Twitter which is used to keep everyone informed and to consult the local residents.

Follow us on [@KirkburtonPC](https://twitter.com/KirkburtonPC)

A newsletter is produced 4 times a year. Copies are available on the website and on noticeboards, also from village halls, post offices, libraries and health centres. Paper copies can be requested. An annual report is issued in June, and is available from the places listed above.

Kirkburton Parish Council is one of 5 Parish and Town Councils in the district of Kirklees. We have 25 Councillors in the 8 wards of the Parish Council.

The villages covered are: Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley, Stocksmoor and Thurstonland. Councillors give their time freely and look after a population of around 25,000 people.

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The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.
Clerk to the Council: Angela Royle
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What do we do?

Parish Councils are governed by legislation, and they have a wide variety of powers. No two parish councils are exactly the same.

Kirkburton PC takes its role of representing the electorate very seriously. It considers all planning applications in the Parish and submits comments to Kirklees Council when appropriate. It also makes representations to outside bodies such as the NHS, Metro, Kirklees depts such as Highways, Education Services, Environmental Health, if necessary.

How do I raise an issue?

Please let us know if there is an issue we can help you with. You can:

- Contact your local Parish Councillor
- Contact one of the staff members
- Speak during the public participation session of the appropriate meeting.



What else does the Council do?

- Provides 2 allotment gardens in Grange Moor & Shepley,
- Maintains the majority of Kirkheaton Churchyard,
- Owns Shelley Village Hall.
- Provides public seats and noticeboards (the latter, in conjunction with Kirkburton Area Committee) across the Parish.
- Provides 100 hanging baskets and 10 Christmas trees across the Parish.
- Undertakes environmental projects each year such as providing dog waste bag dispensers, running vegetable growing workshops and allotment competitions, developing walks and planting flowering bulbs. We are currently involved in planting fruit trees in each village of the parish and aim to have 1,000 planted by 2015.

- We are also actively involved in working with the schools and the young people in the Parish. This project also involves Denby Dale Parish Council, Kirklees Youth Services and the local Kirklees Councillors.

Grants

There are several grant schemes:

- Annual Small Grants
- Emergency Grants
- Start-up Grants
- Community Project Grants

The Grants Committee meets up to 3 times per year to consider applications. Forms, full rules and deadlines for each scheme can be found on the website, or obtained on request from the staff.

Environment Grants are also available. These are considered by the Environment Committee, which meets up to 5 times per year. Again full details and deadlines are on the website.

When are the meetings?

Parish Council meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month, except for May, when it is held on the third Thursday due to local elections.

The frequency of Committee meetings depends on the area of work they cover. A schedule of meetings can be found on the website and the information is also available from the staff members, on request.

Where do I find agendas & minutes?

Agendas are uploaded to the website at least 4 days before the meeting. They are also put on the noticeboards, village halls, some post offices and are in the 4 local libraries. An e-mailing list is available to anyone wishing to receive them in this way.

Minutes are uploaded to the website, sent to the libraries and put up at Burton Village Hall.

