

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 8.00 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA/BEG), Cllrs B Armer, R Beaumont, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Paxton, M Pitts, V White, C Whittingham and B Wightman.

In attendance: Cllr M Atkinson and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Mr N Windett, Cllrs R Barraclough, S Beresford, J Hirst and M Sykes, the reasons for which were accepted.

**E19 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllr Atkinson declared a prejudicial interest in the Parish Walks, as she is the Project Manager.

The following personal interests were declared: Cllrs Cooper and Dunford declared a personal interest in the Project Manager, as she is a friend; Cllr Hardcastle in Farnley Mill as he has been involved in the project; Cllr Munro in the litter/dog fouling project as she has been involved in it.

Resolved: To raise Standing Order No 1e to allow Cllr Atkinson to give a full report to the Committee on this Parish Council project.

**E20 Public
Participation**

Cllr Atkinson gave a full account of progress of the Parish Walks project and photographs of the Flockton guidestop were shown to members. Cllr Atkinson also gave information on how the project was planned to develop over the coming months.

Members asked various questions on the detail of the project. A suggestion was made that a walk is undertaken in 2012 incorporating at least one section of all the walks, so that it covers the whole area of the Parish, and that this is branded as a Diamond Jubilee Walk. The Clerk was asked to pass the suggestion to the Shows and Events Working Party when this matter is discussed.

Cllr Atkinson was thanked for attending the meeting and providing the information to the Committee. Cllr Atkinson then left the meeting.

Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session.

**E21 Public
Admission**

Members noted the minutes from the meeting of 21st July 2011.

E22 Minutes

The Clerk reported that the representative from the Garganey Trust would be attending the Committee's November meeting and that she had received his apologies for this evening's meeting due to the date change. Members were also informed that correspondence on the subject of Thunderbridge Meadows had been received and that it would be distributed with the November meeting papers.

**E23 Thunderbridge
Meadows
(Min E7)**

The Clerk reported that the Rector was keen for some of the area by Shepley Methodist Church to be used for allotments and the rest to be used as an environmental garden. Cllr Sykes had borrowed the flail machine from Burton Environment Group and had completed a significant amount of work on the site, but an additional day's work is remaining. When that is complete, further discussions will take place with Kirklees Environment Unit to progress the matter further.

**E24 New Allotment
Garden in
Shepley
(Min E12)**

The Clerk reported that she had received a nice Thank You letter from the children of Thurstonland First School, who had also stated that the School Council intended to invite Councillors to see the new pond when the work was complete.

**E25 Thurstonland
1st School
(Min E13)**

Members noted the updated Environment Plan.

**E26 Environment
Plan**

Members noted the budget statement dated 12th September 2011.

E27 Budget 2011-12

It was reported that the project to install an interpretation board by the site of Farnley Mill (Project No 2011-02) had been approved by Council on 8th September 2011 due to urgency. Cllr Harcastle gave an update on the project. Suggestions of other sites which would benefit from interpretation boards were put forward.

**E28 Funding Proposals
a) Farnley Mill**

Members received a verbal report on the litter/dog fouling project, which had not yet been progressed sufficiently for Committee approval.

E29 b) Litter/Dog Fouling Project

Resolved: That Cllr Beaumont would meet with the Clerk to finalise the documentation, and the Council would consider it at the October Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk showed members sample dog waste bags – one style which had been ordered in bulk previously by the Council with the Council's details on it, and the other which is used in the bag dispensers.

E30 c) Dog Waste Bags

Recommendation: That the Council considers placing an order of 10,000 dog waste bags printed with the Council's name and contact details for the Dog Warden Service similar to those ordered in the past.

Cllr Munro reported on information received from Mr Keenleyside, Kirklees Environment Officer on advised locations for bat boxes. Members noted the price details, circulated with the meeting papers.

E31 d) Bat Boxes

Recommendation: That the Council places an order with Amazon for a maximum of 30 bat boxes to be installed at Dogley, Thunderbridge Meadows, Queensway in Kirkburton and in Stocksmoor, subject to the landowners' approvals and detailed advice from Mr Keenleyside.

Members considered the grant application from Stocksmoor Village Association for £254.69 to purchase new planters for the village.

E32 e) Stocksmoor Village Association

Recommendation: That the Council awards an environment grant of £254.69 to Stocksmoor Village Association for the purchase of new planters for the village.

Members discussed the issue of the poor state of Ha'penny Bridge at Battyeford, which is the responsibility of British Waterways and which forms the boundary between Kirkburton Parish Council and Mirfield Town Council.

E33 Ha'penny Bridge at Battyeford

Recommendation: That the Council writes to Mirfield Town Council to raising the issue and inviting them to make a joint approach to British Waterways on this issue.

A discussion took place on possible future projects including village marker stones and the possibility of identifying footpaths in Storthes Hall woods to encourage use by walkers.

E34 New Projects

Members noted the date of the next meeting; 17th November 2011.

E35 Date of Next Meeting

- 1,000 Fruit Tree Project.

E36 Items for Next Agenda

Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 4th November 2011.

There were no further items of correspondence / information to report.

E37 Information

The meeting then closed.