

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 8.00 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA/BEG), Mr N Windett (Kirklees Countryside Manager), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, S Dunford, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, J Paxton, M Pitts, C Whittingham and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Brook, K Dunn and M Sykes, the reasons for which were accepted.

**E38 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no members of the public present.

**E39 Public
Participation**

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

E40 Public Admission

Mr David Knight, a representative from the Garganey Trust, was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the Trust's background and organisation. He also reported on the current situation on Thunderbridge Meadows and the Trust's future maintenance plan. Members noted correspondence received on the subject of Thunderbridge Meadows.

**E41 Thunderbridge
Meadows**

The Chairman thanked Mr Knight for his informative report. He then left the meeting.

Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 22nd September 2011.

E42 Minutes

Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement.

E43 Budget 2011 – 12

Members considered the grant application for £1000 to contribute towards the costs of purchasing a shed and equipment to support the school's work on the allotment and garden.

E44 Shelley 1st School

Recommended: To recommend that Council considers awarding Shelley 1st School £500 towards the costs of the project.

Members considered holding a short course open to all the Council's allotment tenants to take place at Grange Moor allotments.

**E45 Vegetable
Gardening
Workshop**

Recommended: To enquire of the tenants if they would be interested in attending such a course, and if so, what their interests are, and to allocate the necessary budget to cover the costs.

Members considered introducing competitions for the allotment holders for next season.

**E46 Competitions for
Vegetable
Growing / Best
Kept Allotment**

Recommended: To hold a competition for the Best Kept Allotment only.

Members noted the information received from Kirklees Public Rights of Way and considered how to proceed. It was suggested that it may be helpful to have the paths waymarked as people currently find the site confusing when walking.

**E47 Paths in Storthes
Hall Woods**

Recommended: To put this to Council as a project after seeking further advice from Kirklees Council and the landowners on the Storthes Hall site.

Members considered the planting up to 1000 fruit trees over the next 4 years as described in the form. Members also considered including fruit bushes, nut bushes and herbs.

**E48 Fruit Trees
(Project No 11-04)**

Recommended: To adopt the project as described in the form, including planting fruit bushes, nut bushes and herb planting as part of the project. Also to set up a Working Party to manage the project.

No new projects were raised.

E49 New Projects

Recommended: That the Management and Finance Committee decide next year's Environment budget allocation.

**E50 Budget for
Financial Year
2012 / 13**

Members noted the date of the next meeting; 19th January 2012.

**E51 Date of Next
Meeting**

Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 6th January 2012.

**E52 Items for the Next
Agenda**

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

**E53 Correspondence /
Information**

The meeting then closed.