

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 21st JULY 2011 AT 7.50pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA/BEG), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, R Beaumont, S Beresford, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunningham, S Dunford, J Hirst, J Paxton, M Pitts, V White and C Whittingham.

Officers in attendance: Miss S Harling, Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

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| Resolved: To elect Cllr Munro as Environment Committee Chairman for the year 2011-12. | E1 Election of Chairman |
| Cllr Beaumont and Cllr Cooper were both nominated to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2011-12. | E2 Election of Vice Chairman |
| Resolved: To elect Cllr Cooper as Environment Committee Vice Chairman for the year 2011-12. | |
| Resolved: To elect Mr T Scott (KHCA/Burton Environment Group) and Mr N Windett (Kirklees Countryside Manager) onto the Committee as co-optees. | E3 Election of Co-optees |
| Apologies were received from Mr N Windett, Cllrs R Burton, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, M Sykes and B Wightman, the reasons for which were accepted. | E4 Apologies and Declarations of Interest |
| Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in Thurstonland First School, as he has been involved in the planning process for the nature study area. | |
| No members of the public were present. | E5 Public Participation |
| Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session. | E6 Public Admission |
| The Clerk reported back on progress made with this. It was hoped that a representative from the Garganey Trust would be able to attend the September meeting. | E7 Thunderbridge Meadows |
| Members noted the minutes from the meeting of 17 th March 2011 | E8 Minutes |
| Members noted the Environment Plan objectives. | E9 Environment Plan |
| Resolved: To update the Environment Plan. | |
| Members noted the budget statement dated 11 th July 2011. The Clerk reported back that the discount scheme has been reinstated by Kirklees and a refund received for the hanging baskets. | E10 Budget 2011-12 |
| Members noted the new Grant Rules. It was also noted that new Grant Application Forms were on the table and available for use. | E11 New Grant Rules |
| The Clerk updated members on progress with the potential new allotment gardens and reported on a meeting she had attended with Mr Faulkener. It was also reported that Cllr Sykes had attended a meeting with the Rector of Shepley Methodist Church, who was keen to pursue this proposal. Further investigation of the site is required and BEG were asked if it would be possible to borrow the flail machine for this purpose. | E12 Funding Proposals a) New Allotment Garden in Shepley |
| Recommendation: That Cllr Sykes will liaise with Mr Scott regarding use of the machine on the site. | |
| Recommendation: To continue negotiations with Shepley Methodist Church and Kirklees. | |

Members considered the grant application for £1,594.60 to develop a nature study area with a pond on new land adjacent to the school.

E13 b) Thurstonland First School

Recommendation: That Council awards £1,594.60 to Thurstonland First School to develop a nature study area with a pond on new land adjacent to the school.

Members were updated on the pilot scheme and considered a number of proposals regarding the problem.

E14 Dog Fouling

Recommendation: To adopt the dog fouling plan as a project and to prioritise the tasks and funding at the next meeting.

Recommendation: To invite the Dog Warden to a future Committee meeting.

The following was raised as a New Project:

E15 New Projects

- Proposal to plant 1,000 fruit trees across the Parish over the next 4 years.

Members noted the next meeting date as 15th September 2011. [*Since this meeting took place, it has become necessary to change the meeting date to 22nd September 2011.*]

E16 Date of Next Meeting

- Environment Plan
- Dog Fouling

E17 Items for the Next Agenda

Members were requested to let the Clerk have full details for any further agenda items with full supporting information by 9th September. [*This is the amended deadline date due to the change in the meeting date noted above.*]

The Clerk had no further information to report.

E18 Correspondence & Information

Mr Scott made a report on work being carried out by the Burton Environment Group at Burton Dean Park.

The meeting then closed