

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH 2013 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

All finance decisions are subject to consideration at the Parish Council meeting. Please see Council minutes dated 11th April for the final decision on all applications.

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, P Brook, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, J Paxton, R Thomas, C Whittingham and B Wightman
 In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Mr N Windett (Kirklees Countryside Manager), Cllrs S Beresford, R Burton, S Dunford, K Dunn, R K Edmunds, L Parsley and M Pitts the reasons for which were accepted. **E69 Apologies**

Absent: Cllr D Bradbury,

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr B Armer in the KHCA item as he has attended meetings and knows members of this group and also in the Shelley Conservation Group item as he has been approached by this group; Cllr I Lumb in the Shelley Conservation Group item as he is a member of this group; Cllrs P Brook, J Hirst and A Munro in the Shelley Conservation Group item as they have all been approached by this group; Cllr P Pankhurst in the Kirkburton Pre-School item as he has previously done work for them; Cllr J Paxton in the item on Grange Moor allotments as he has been involved in the project; Cllr R Thomas in the KHCA item as he is the Parish Council representative for this group; Cllr C Whittingham in the Kirkburton Pre-School item as she knows the signatories on the application; Mr Tim Scott in the KHCA item as he is a member of this group and also in the Shelley College Eco-Park item as this matter relates to him. **E70 Declarations of Interest**

A member of the public representing Huddersfield Civic Society addressed the Committee with regard to establishing a working party to restore the headstone of a local architect Edward Hughes FRIBA (1839-1886) whose grave is situated in St Pauls Churchyard, Shepley. **E71 Public Participation**

Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session unless they are contractual in which case the meeting be held in the private session. **E72 Public Admission**

Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 17th January 2013. **E73 Minutes**

Mr Tim Scott addressed the meeting on a matter raised in the last Committee minutes relating to the relationship between Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association (KHCA) and Burton Environment Group (BEG).

Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement dated 11th March 2013. **E74 Budget 2012-13**

Members considered the application for £175 from Thurstonland Village Association to cover the cost of bulbs to plant two flowerbeds at the entrance to Thurstonland Recreation Field. **E75 Funding Proposals**

Recommendation: That the Council is recommended to consider granting £175 to Thurstonland Village Association to cover the cost of bulbs to plant two flowerbeds at the entrance to Thurstonland Recreation Field. **a) Thurstonland Village Association**

Members considered the application for £550 from Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to partially cover the cost of installing low energy lighting within the main halls of Burton Village Hall. **E76 b) Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association**

Recommendation: That the Council is recommended to consider granting £550 to Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association to partially cover the cost of installing low energy lighting within the main halls of Burton Village Hall.

- Members considered the application for £960 from Shelley Conservation Group to site 6 hanging basket brackets and 12 hanging baskets along Huddersfield Road, Shelley.
- E77 c) Shelley Conservation Group**
- Recommendation:** That the Council is recommended to consider granting £800 to Shelley Conservation Group to site 6 hanging basket brackets and 12 hanging baskets along Huddersfield Road, Shelley subject to everything being in place in time to order the baskets. This specifically means that permission to use the lamp posts has been received from Kirklees and the brackets will be available in time for delivery of the baskets. The grant is being recommended on a one-off basis.
- Members considered the application for £750 from Kirkburton Pre-School to convert part of the car park into a garden for pre-school children.
- E78 Kirkburton Pre-School**
- Recommendation:** That the Council does not award a grant at this time to Kirkburton Pre-School. To advise Kirkburton Pre-School to consider re-applying and to provide clarification of quotes and supporting documentation.
- Members considered allocating £1000 towards the next phase of planting in Winter 2013 – Spring 2014.
- E79 Fruit Tree Project**
- Recommendation:** That the Council is recommended to consider viring £1000 to the Fruit Tree budget for the next phase of planting in Winter 2013 – Spring 2014.
- Members received a verbal update on the current situation and considered how to address the current problems. It was noted that a Project Form had been completed which covered the logistics of creating a wetland area at the allotments to address the health and safety problems of the standing water and detailed how the scheme would run in principle.
- E80 Grange Moor Allotments – Drainage Project Phase 3**
- Recommendation:** That the Council considers carrying out the work as described the Project Form (2013-02), which covers the logistics of creating a wetland area at the allotments.
- Mr Tim Scott made a verbal report on the changes at Shelley College and the implications for the Eco-Park, in addition to the written report circulated with the meeting papers. Members considered the particular problems of the garage where the flail machine is currently housed, which needs to be moved. Members noted that the Parish Council's financial contribution to this project has improved the college's grounds and the Eco Award was achieved with the Parish Council's assistance.
- E81 Shelley College Eco-Park**
- Recommendation:** The Parish Council to continue to offer support to Mr Tim Scott and Burton Environment Group (BEG) at this time.
- Recommendation:** To write to Shelley College and ask if they would be willing to pay the costs of moving the garage to Kirkburton Middle School and to suggest the garage be moved during school holiday time to reduce the health and safety risks.
- There were no new projects to consider.
- E82 New Projects**
- If there are any new projects that members would like to pursue then all projects and environment grant applications must come within one of the aims set out in the Environment Plan. Members to pass any available information to the Clerk prior to the meeting if possible.
- Members considered setting the date for the next committee meeting on 20th June 2013.
- E83 Date of Next Meeting**
- Recommendation:** To set the date for the next committee meeting on 20th June 2013.
- Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 7th June 2013.
- E84 Items for the Next Agenda**
- There was no correspondence to report.
- E85 Correspondence / Information**
- The meeting then closed.