

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 18th OCTOBER 2012 AT 8.00 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr N Windett (KHCA), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, L Parsley, J Paxton, R Thomas and C Whittingham.
In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Mr T Scott (KHCA), Cllrs S Dunford and B Wightman the reasons for which were accepted. Absent: Cllr P Pankhurst.	E35 Apologies
Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest The Farnley Tyas Community Group Grant Application as his wife is on the committee; Cllr B Armer declared a personal interest in the item on Kirklees Local Development Framework as he has campaigned against this for a number of years.	E36 Declarations of Interest
Mr Neil Windett entered the meeting.	
No issues were raised by the public.	E37 Public Participation
Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session.	E38 Public Admission
Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 20 th September 2012.	E39 Minutes
Members considered the Kirklees Core Strategy as requested by Council and had a lengthy discussion.	E40 Kirklees Local Development Framework
Resolved: To submit a comment under delegated authority to include the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient evidence of cross-boundary co-operation eg. at Cooper Bridge where significant developments are planned on each side of the boundary by Kirklees and Calderdale Councils; • The essence of villages must be maintained with regard to sympathetic housing in relation to the existing. • The infrastructure must be updated to cope with the extra traffic on the roads and the additional housing. • Fibre optic cables must be installed to accommodate all the extra housing; • Consideration must be given to building new schools to accommodate the extra children in the area. • Additional provision should be made to enable hospitals and GP surgeries to cope with the increased demand. • The renewable energy policies must be realistic and enforceable. • There should be more emphasis on brownfield and windfall sites. 	
Cllr K Dunn left the meeting.	
Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement dated 8 th October 2012.	E41 Budget 2012-13
Members considered the application for £349 from Farnley Tyas Community Group to purchase and install a recycled seat for the recreation ground.	E42 Funding Proposals
Recommendation: That the Council considers awarding Farnley Tyas Community Group £349 to purchase and install a recycled seat for the recreation ground.	a) Farnley Tyas Community Group Grant Application
Members considered the possibility of running a subsidised water butt scheme.	E43 b) Water Butt Scheme
Recommendation: That this item is considered by the Environment Committee when costings and a proposal of how the scheme could be run are provided.	

Minutes subject to confirmation of accuracy, recommendations to be adopted by Council on 1st November 2012.

- Members considered offering grants for Community Groups to hire equipment that they may use on an occasional basis. It was suggested that existing environment grants already allowed groups to apply for funding for this purpose.
- Recommendation:** To take no further action.
- Members considered the possibility of contacting all community groups with property in the Parish and to supply them with information on ways of reducing energy bills in their buildings.
- Recommendation:** To write to all community managed and owned buildings stating that Environment Grants are available and explaining the process of how to apply for them.
- No projects were brought forward at this point.
- Recommendation:** To recommend a budget of £15,000 to the Management and Finance Committee for next year's environment budget allocation.
- Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 4th January 2013.
- There was no correspondence to report.
- The meeting then closed.
- E44 c) Grants for Equipment Hire for Community Groups**
- E45 Ways of Reducing Energy Bills in Community Buildings**
- E46 New Projects**
- E47 Budget for Financial Year 2013/14**
- E48 Items for the Next Agenda**
- E49 Correspondence / Information**