

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Munro in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, L Parsley, J Paxton, C Whittingham and B Wightman.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

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| Apologies were received from Mr N Windett, Cllrs P Brook, S Dunford, M Pitts, R Thomas and C Whittingham the reasons for which were accepted. | E18 Apologies |
| The Administrative Support Officer opened the 3 tender documents that had been received for the Fruit Trees project and read out the applicants names. | E19 Opening of Fruit Tree Tender Documents |
| Mrs Royle left the meeting. | |
| Cllr R Barraclough declared a personal interest in Mr Davies* and Beardsworths as he knows them; Cllr B Wightman declared a personal interest in Mr Davies*, Beardsworths and PB Horticulture, as he knows them; Mr T Scott declared a personal interest in the funding proposal received from KHCA as he was involved in the application. | E20 Declarations of Interest |
| <i>*Substitution of the name Davies for Dyson made when the minutes were confirmed as accurate at the Council meeting on 4th October 2012.</i> | |
| There were no members of the public present. | E21 Public Participation |
| Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session with the exception of the Fruit Tree contract, which is to be discussed in the private session as it concerns contractual matters. | E22 Public Admission |
| Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 st June 2012. | E23 Minutes |
| Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement dated 10 th September 2012. | E24 Budget 2012-13 |
| Members noted the advice previously received and considered the purchase and locations of bat boxes in the light of this advice. | E25 Funding Proposals |
| Recommendation: That Council considers the purchase of 6 bat boxes for Dogley Nature Reserve. | a) Bat Boxes |
| Members considered the grant application for £1,950 to complete the extension trail and the circuit back to North Road at Burton Dean Park Community Fields Trailway Extension. | E26 b) KHCA Grant Application |
| Resolved: That Standing Orders be lifted. | |
| Mr Scott spoke in detail on the project. Members requested that KHCA (BEG) consider having an Open Day, perhaps next Spring, when they may see the extension trail for themselves. | |
| Resolved: That Standing Orders be reinstated. | |
| Recommendation: That Council considers awarding Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association £1,950 to complete the extension trail. | |
| Mrs Royle returned to the meeting during the above item. | |
| It was reported that Tesco was currently considering the long-term use of this piece of land, which would hopefully resolve the existing problems. | E27 Disused Petrol Station in North Road, Kirkburton |

Members considered electing Cllr A Munro onto the Fruit Trees Working Party.

E28 Fruit Trees Working Party

Resolved: To elect Cllr A Munro onto the Fruit Trees Working Party.

Resolved: To move the item on the Fruit Tree contract to the end of the meeting.

E29 Change of Business

Members considered holding a further public consultation. The last public consultation was held in 2009.

E30 Environment Plan

Recommendation: To approve the questionnaire as circulated, and to put it on the website. Also to produce posters advertising the consultation for inclusion on the noticeboards and in the libraries.

Members discussed the possibility of contacting community associations with property to invite them to apply for grant-funding to reduce their energy costs. Discussion also took place on the difficulties local groups have with regard to access of gardening equipment to maintain common areas.

E31 New Projects

Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by 5th October 2012.

E32 Items for the Next Agenda

- Subsidised water butt scheme
- Offering grants for equipment hire for community groups
- Hire of equipment for the upkeep of garden areas for community groups
- Proposal to contact all village associations with property in the Parish supplying information on ways of reducing energy bills in their buildings.

Mr Tim Scott left the meeting.

E33 Fruit Trees Project

Resolved: To hold the discussion of the following item in the private session, as it concerned contractual matters.

Members considered the opened bids for the Fruit Trees project.

Recommendation: That Council considers appointing Beardsworths of Cleckheaton to supply the trees / shrubs and equipment required for the fruit tree project on the terms and conditions notified.

There was no correspondence to report.

E34 Correspondence / Information

The Administrative Support Officer gave members a brief update on the Dog Waste dispensers and requested members contact her for fresh supplies of bags if the dispensers are empty.

The meeting then closed.