

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3rd JULY 2014 at 9.00 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr C Whittingham in the Chair
Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, P Brook, A Cooper, D Hardcastle and J Hirst
In attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllr A Munro.

**L1 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

All members present declared personal interests in Yetton Together and members of the Lepton Methodist Church, as they know members of those groups, which are currently working on the means of maintaining libraries in Kirkheaton and Lepton.

There were no members of the public present.

**L2 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

**L3 Admission of the
Public**

Members noted the information received regarding the position of both Kirkheaton and Lepton Libraries. It is not yet known what the level of the Kirklees library budget is to be, so there was no information on the likely library provision in those villages until the overall budget is published later in the year.

**L4 Kirkheaton and
Lepton Libraries**

Recommendation: To monitor the situation and to consider the position of both libraries later in the year when further information is available.

The Clerk agreed to keep the Committee updated with any further information as and when it became available.

Members noted the report on the site visit to Kirkburton Library on 15th May 2014 and the details provided by Kirklees on both Kirkburton and Shepley libraries.

**L5 Kirkburton and
Shepley Libraries**

Recommendations:

- That the Council investigates the feasibility of establishing Parish Libraries Trusts where the current Kirklees-owned libraries in Kirkburton and Shepley are 'asset transferred' to the community by Kirklees Council.
- To seek a partnership agreement with Kirklees Council to retain library services, including an enhanced service offering home library services to elderly and disabled householders in all villages served by the Parish.
- To investigate proposals for transferring the Parish Council office into Kirkburton Library to help to ensure a sustainable future for this key community facility.
- To maintain and increase the facilities in Kirkburton Library to include the services normally available in the full Information Centres.

The meeting then closed.