

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Wightman in the Chair

Mr T Scott (KHCA), Cllrs B Armer, R Barraclough, S Beresford, A M Boden, P Brook, R Burton, A Cooper, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, J Hirst, L Holroyd, I Lumb, A Munro, J Paxton.

Officers in attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Parsley and C Whittingham, the reasons for which were accepted. Cllr R Burton apologised for his late arrival.

**E39 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

Cllrs I Lumb and A Cooper were absent.

The following personal interests were declared: Mr T Scott in both grant applications as he is on the Committee which deals with grant applications at Burton Environmental Group.

There were no members of the public present.

**E40 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session.

E41 Public Admission

Resolved: To note the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 18 September 2014.

E42 Minutes

Members noted the year's budget and latest financial statement dated 9 March 2015.

E43 Budget 2014-15

Mr Scott entered the meeting.

Members considered the appointment of a contractor to maintain the 'fruit tree corridor' for a 3-year term and considered the frequency and the timing required.

**E44 Funding Proposals
a) Fruit Tree
Maintenance at
Grange Moor
Allotments**

Recommendation: To appoint a contractor to maintain the 'fruit tree corridor' and to invite quotations for the contract on a bi-annual basis.

Members received a verbal report on the situation following the clearance of the area at the top of Grange Moor Allotments and discussed possible future use of the land.

**E45 b) Contract at
Grange Moor
Allotments
(Project No:
2013-04)**

Recommendation: To grant the Clerk delegated authority to arrange for the land to be tended to during the summer.

Recommendation: To recommend that the detailed planning of the wetland area and the future use of the land adjacent be considered at the next meeting of the Environment Committee when a proper assessment of the condition of the land should be possible.

Members noted the further information provided on the proposal to plant a living Christmas tree in Shepley and considered how to proceed.

**E46 c) Living
Christmas Tree in
Shepley**

Recommendation: To proceed with the normal cut tree in 2015 and return to the proposal to plant a living Christmas tree in Shepley in 2016.

Cllr R Burton entered the meeting.

Members considered the request to move the dispenser on LP1 Firth Street to LP3 Firth Street and to move the one at the bottom of the path off Jos Way further up the path to the lamp post at the 3-way path junction with Stocks Way. The Clerk advised that the Firth Street dispenser had already been moved from LP3 and it was not possible to return it to that lamp post.

E47 d) Re-siting of Dog Wastebag Dispensers in Shepley

Recommendation: To notify Shepley Community Association that it was not possible to re-locate the Firth Street dispenser. Also to advise that the one in Jos Lane had been sited following consultation by the Shepley Magazine and could only be re-sited once, if the Association was sure this new location was supported by the community.

Recommendation: To consider the matter further at a future Committee meeting when the response from the Community Association has been received.

Members considered the application for £3,000 towards the cost of an extension of the existing lighting through the Quarry environmental area between Kirkburton and Highburton.

E48 e) Grant Application from Burton Environment Group

Recommendation: That the application be deferred to the next meeting.

Members considered the application for £2,886 for a drainage channel, hardcore and paving slab linkage from the main gate to the Community Storage Garage.

E49 f) Grant Application from Kirkburton Middle School

Recommendation: That £2,886 be awarded to Kirkburton Middle School for a drainage channel, hardcore and paving slab linkage from the main gate to the Community Storage Garage.

Members considered approving the route amendments to be printed as an addendum to be included in the boxes of leaflets and other means of notifying walkers of the route changes.

E50 Parish Walks

Recommendation: To check with the Kirklees Public Rights of Way Officer that the sections of the routes causing issues in Lepton are on the Definitive Map and that they are correctly marked on the routes.

Resolved: To hold the next meeting on 16 July 2015.

E51 Date of Next Meeting

No new projects were brought forward at this point. The Clerk reported that the budget for the next year had been set at £5,000.

E52 New Projects

No requests were made. Members were asked to supply the Clerk with full details and information of all items required on the next agenda by Wednesday 1 July 2015.

E53 Items for the Next Agenda

There was no additional correspondence or information.

E54 Correspondence / Information

The meeting then closed.