

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

KIRKHEATON COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2015 AT 8.45 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr P Brook in the Chair
Cllrs H Abid; M Ackroyd; B Armer; P Cunnington and K Dunn

Officers in Attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle

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| <p>Resolved: To elect Cllr Ackroyd as Chairman of the Kirkheaton Committee for the year 2015 – 2016.</p> | K6 | Election of Chairman |
| <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Burton, the reason for which was accepted by the Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Dunn declared a personal interest in the churchyard as he is a bell-ringer at Kirkheaton Parish Church.</p> <p>No members of the public were present.</p> | K7 | Apologies and Declarations of Interest |
| <p>Resolved: To hold the discussion of the following items in the private session as they concerned contracts subject to future tendering processes.</p> | K9 | Admission of the Public |
| <p>Members considered the report received from the structural engineers appointed to advise on repairs needed to a section of the wall along Church Lane, from the gate opposite the Beaumont Arms Public House up the hill. The engineers indicated that three sections of the wall were in need of attention, which could be done in stages, should the Council prefer.</p> <p>Recommendation: That Council notes the report and takes no action at the present time, due to the report not indicating any urgency for the work, and as no hazards had been highlighted by the Council's professional Risk Assessor.</p> | K10 | Repairs to the wall along Church Lane |
| <p>Members considered the Clerk's report on the current state of the railings at the bottom of the churchyard and whether to seek the advice of a professional blacksmith in order to establish the costs of conserving the railings.</p> <p>Recommendation: To appoint Julian Wadsworth on the terms and conditions notified, to carry out an assessment of the railings, with a view to repairing them in order to satisfy the health and safety concerns.</p> <p>Recommendation: That temporary wire fencing is affixed along the boundary of the old churchyard to address the notified safety hazards after the appropriate permissions have been received. Also to grant the Clerk delegated authority to organise the work and permissions.</p> | K11 | Railings |
| <p>Members considered the report on the trees in the churchyard and how to proceed with the annual and three-yearly maintenance of the trees, many of which have tree preservation orders upon them.</p> <p>Recommendation: To grant the Clerk delegated authority to organise the assessment of the annual and three-yearly inspections and liaise with Kirklees Council in relation to Tree Preservation Orders.</p> | K12 | Trees |

Members noted the current budget analysis statement of Kirkheaton Churchyard dated 24 September and considered an appropriate level for next year's Kirkheaton Churchyard budget allocation.

K13 Budget Proposals

Recommendation: That a budget allocation of £6,000 is proposed to the Management & Finance Committee for next year's Kirkheaton Churchyard budget, and that any underspend from this year's budget is transferred to allocated reserves to go towards the future costs of repairing the wall and railings.

Resolved: That the Chairman and Clerk would liaise on the date of the next meeting.

K14 Date of next meeting

The meeting then closed.