

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting on 25 February 2021 held remotely.

Present: Cllr J Cowan in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer, S Beresford, P Brook, P Cunnington, D Hardcastle, A Munro, J Paxton and P Taylor.

In Attendance: Cllr R Barraclough and Mrs A Royle.

Min CG41 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members that when they needed to leave the meeting due to their declared interests, they would be put in the Zoom waiting room.

Min CG42 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No apologies were received. Cllr A Cooper was absent.

Cllr Armer declared personal interests in Burton Environment Group, Flockton Forward, Kirkheaton Environment Trust, Kirkheaton Scout Group, Kirkheaton Youth Football Club, Shelley Community Association, Shepley Bird and Wildlife Group, Stocksmoor Village Association and Yetton Together, as he knows members of all of the groups.

Cllr Beresford declared personal interests in Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club and Lascelles Hall Cricket Club, as he knew club members, had helped with the village improvement funding applications and the funding for Lepton Highlanders was to come from his allocation.

Cllr Brook declared personal interests in Yetton Together as she knows members of the group, and the village improvement funding was to come from her allocation.

Cllr Cowan declared personal interests in Shepley Bird and Wildlife Group, as he has been in contact with the group and he knows some of the members. Also in the Shepley village improvement funding proposal, as some of the funding was to come from his allocation.

Cllr Hardcastle declared a personal interest in Burton Environment Group, as he knew members and some of the village improvement funding was to come from his allocation.

Cllr Munro declared personal interests in Yetton Together, as she knows members of the group, and in the village improvement funding application she had proposed it to the committee and the funding was to come from her allocation.

Cllr Paxton declared an interest in Flockton First School, as some of the village improvement funding was to come from his allocation and he knew personnel at the school.

Cllr Taylor declared personal interests in Shepley Bird and Wildlife Group as he is an officer and in Burton Environment Group, as he is an officer and some of the village improvement funding was to come from his allocation.

Min CG43 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

Min CG44 Admission of the Public

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

Min CG 45 General Grant Scheme

Resolved: To note the budget statement dated 15 February 2021.

Min CG46 Kirkheaton Youth Football Club

Members noted the additional information submitted following the Committee's request at the last meeting, and considered confirming the additional award of £1,000 towards the cost of a purpose-built club pavilion.

Recommendation: That the Council awards an additional general grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a purpose-built club pavilion. Total project cost: £50,000.

Min CG47 Yetton Together

Members considered the general grant application for £750 towards the cost of the annual insurance premium. Total project cost: £1,047.28.

Recommendation: That the Council awards a general grant of £750 towards the cost of the annual insurance premium.

Min CG48 Shelley Community Association

Members considered the general grant application for £270 to replace the two bins on Huddersfield Road in Shelley. Total project cost: £270.

Recommendation: That the Council awards a general grant of £270 to replace the two bins on Huddersfield Road in Shelley.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

Min CG49 Shepley Bird and Wildlife Group

Members considered the general grant application for £300 towards the cost of providing activities. Total project cost: £300.

Recommendation: That the Council awards a general grant of £300 towards the cost of providing activities.

Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting.

Min CG50 Flockton Forward

Members considered the general grant application for £750 to help with running costs due to reduced income as a result of Covid-19 and the Lockdowns. Members noted advice regarding the legal position of the application. Total project cost £2,368.

Recommendations: That the Council refuses the application due to the legal issues with the application. And also that the Clerk will provide details to the applicant on the reasons for the refusal and advice on how the Group could make changes to bring future applications in line with the law.

Min CG51 Village Improvement Fund – Budget Statement

Resolved: To note the budget statement dated 15 February 2021.

Min CG52 Village Improvement Fund Applications

Members considered the following applications.

Cllr Brook left the meeting.

Min CG53 Cllr Brook / Yetton Together

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £700 to contribute towards the costs of providing hanging baskets and plant troughs throughout Kirkheaton.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £700 village improvement funding towards the costs of providing hanging baskets and plant troughs throughout Kirkheaton.

Cllr Brook returned to the meeting.

Min CG54 Cllr Walters / Yetton Together

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £550 towards the cost of repairing the boiler in Kirkheaton Community Centre.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £550 village improvement funding towards the costs of repairing the boiler in Kirkheaton Community Centre.

Min CG55 Cllr Barraclough / Cllr Cooper / Stocksmoor Village Association

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £249.76 to purchase 9 aluminium signs encouraging people to pick-up after their dogs.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £249.76 village improvement funding to purchase 9 aluminium signs encouraging people to pick-up after their dogs.

Cllr Beresford left the meeting.

Min CG56 Cllr Beresford / Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £1,000 to replace the lights in the changing rooms with LED lamps to reduce energy consumption.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £1,000 village improvement funding towards the cost of replacing the lights in the Club with LED lamps.

Cllr Beresford returned to the meeting.

Min CG57 Cllr B Smith and Cllr J Spivey

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £2,000 to purchase and install three seats on Lepton recreation ground in memory of ladies who died and were injured in the 1944 fireworks factory explosion.

Recommendations: To approve the above proposal in principle, subject to agreement on the location of the seats and receipt of the landowner's permission. Also to ask the members to consider purchasing seats made from recyclable materials in line with the Council's policy to reduce future maintenance costs.

Cllr Beresford left the meeting.

Min CG58 Cllr Burton / Lascelles Hall Cricket Club

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £1,000 to contribute towards the costs of clearing an area of land to increase the number of available car parking spaces.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £1,000 village improvement funding to contribute towards the costs of clearing an area of land, subject to receipt of quotes.

Cllr Beresford returned and Cllr Munro left the meeting.

Min CG59 Cllr Munro

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £829.40 to purchase and install a new bench in the Lepton area.

Recommendation: To purchase and install a new bench in the Lepton area subject to agreement of the location and receipt of landowner's permission.

Cllr Munro returned to the meeting.

Min CG60 Cllr Wheelhouse

Members considered the village improvement funding proposal of £270 to provide two extra bins in Grange Moor.

Recommendation: To purchase and install two extra bins in Grange Moor subject to receipt of quotes, confirmation of locations and Kirklees Council's permission.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Beresford into the Chair.

Cllr Cowan left the meeting.

Min CG61 Cllr Cowan, Cllr Roebuck, Cllr J Taylor

Members considered the village improvement proposal of £3,000 to provide new benches in Shepley and to repair some of the existing stock.

Recommendation: To approve the above proposal in principle, subject to confirmation of locations, Parish Council ownership of the seats to be repaired, landowner's permission where appropriate and receipt of quotes.

Cllr Cowan returned to the meeting and resumed his Chairman's duties. Cllr Paxton left the meeting.

Min CG62 Cllr Paxton / Flockton First School

Members considered the village improvement proposal of £2,500 to provide i-pads for the children in Flockton First School. It was noted that the proposal was to use the allocation previously set aside for Cllr Middleton, who has since left the Council. The subject was debated.

Recommendation: That Cllr Paxton is permitted to use Cllr Middleton's allocation as well as his own to fund this proposal.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £2,500 village improvement funding to provide i-pads for the children in Flockton First School.

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hardcastle left the meeting.

Min CG63 Cllr P Taylor, Cllr D Hardcastle / Burton Environment Group
Members considered the village improvement proposal of £2,433.34 to purchase and install a new information board in the Memorial Garden in Kirkburton to commemorate the lives of local people who died in the service of their country during the second World War.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £2,433.34 village improvement funding to purchase and install a new information board in the Memorial Garden in Kirkburton to commemorate the lives of local people who died in the service of their country during the second World War, subject to receipt of the landowner's permission.

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hardcastle returned to the meeting.

Min CG64 Cllr Walters / Kirkheaton Environment Trust

Members considered the village improvement proposal of £150 towards the cost of purchasing and distributing wildflower seeds to be planted by local people in the Kirkheaton area.

Recommendation: That the Council approves £150 towards the cost of purchasing and distributing wildflower seeds to be planted by local people in the Kirkheaton area, subject to receipt of a copy of Kirkheaton Environment Trust's Constitution.

Min CG65 Cllr Walters / Kirkheaton Scout Group

Members considered the village improvement proposal of £300 towards the cost of sending the Deputy Youth Commissioner for Huddersfield SE to the UK World Scout Moot in Dublin in July 2022.

Recommendations: That the Council approves £300 village improvement funding towards the cost of sending the Deputy Youth Commissioner for Huddersfield SE to the UK World Scout Moot in Dublin in July 2022 and extends the deadline for receiving copy invoices to 31 July 2022. Should it not be possible to raise the rest of the funding, the group will be required to repay the £300 village improvement funding to the Council.

Min CG66 Grant Awarded in 2016

Members noted the information received from the grant applicant.

Recommendation: To accept the copy invoice received, which showed how the grant had been spent and resolved the problem. Also to inform the enquirer accordingly.

The Clerk was asked to remind applicants in future, if they did not supply the invoices by the deadline date.

Min CG67 Chairman's Thanks

As it was the last Committee meeting of this Council year, the Chairman thanked the members for their input throughout the year. The Clerk was also thanked for her work in putting all the applications together.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.