



One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council

New Council and Councillors

May 2019 saw a new Council elected with a number of new Councillors joining and some old faces returning. Elections to the Parish Council take place every four years on an all in all out basis. The Council has 25 Councillors in 8 Wards. You can find more details of your Ward and Councillors on the Parish Council website www.kbpc.co.uk



Clerk's 20 years service



The Council's Clerk, Angela Royle, completed 20 years service in November 2019. Originally from Lancashire she is married to Adrian and has two children. Angela is a fully qualified Council Clerk and is responsible for the day to day running of the Council and is often the first point of contact for residents. The Council wishes to thank Angela for all her work and efforts over the last 20 years.

Remembering Cllr Lin Holroyd

One of our long standing and effective Councillors sadly passed away last year after a long illness. Cllr Lin Holroyd was a Flockton Councillor serving on the Council 2003 - 2011 and then 2015 to 2019. She sat on numerous committees and was Chair of Council 2007 – 8. Lin took a keen interest in Flockton First School and was Chair of Governors at the School .
Lin's practical and no nonsense approach will be greatly missed.



Grants Update 2019-20



The Council's Grant Schemes have proved popular this year with increasing numbers of applications and at the time of writing the Council will have allocated over £32,000 in grants to local projects .

It has also agreed Small Annual Grants totalling £ 12,050 which will be paid out in April. The Council has also agreed that from October 2020 the Small Annual Grant will be increased from £250 to £300 as the Council recognises the value of this grant as a lifeline for small community initiatives.

Some Projects the Council has Helped Fund

Boules Pitches in Kirkburton and Thurstonland



The Council has provided funding to help with the construction of Boules pitches at Thurstonland Recreation Ground and North Road Kirkburton. Thanks go to the village groups who put in time and effort to enable construction of these pitches.

New Planters in Lepton

The Council has also helped fund improvements at Lepton Village Square. The flower beds were becoming overgrown and were poorly maintained.

Funding from The Council and Lepton Community Link has enabled the replacement of the flower beds with low maintenance decorative stone and planters.

Many residents have expressed their pleasure at this improvement



Village Improvement Fund

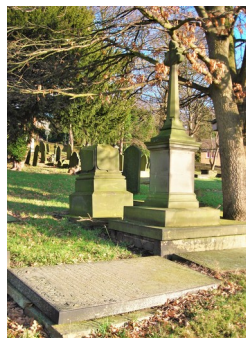
This is a new fund which was proposed last Council year for implementation this year. The aim is to encourage Councillors and communities to work closely to identify and develop village improvements within their Ward, encouraging more village choice.

The Council has allocated funding up to a maximum of £1,000 per Councillor available from May. Please contact your Ward Cllrs to discuss potential projects.

Council works at Kirkheaton Churchyard

The Council continues to provide maintenance at Kirkheaton Churchyard. The grass cutting contractor was re-appointed for the next 3 years as Council and church was happy with his work. Further work is being done to remove unseeded trees and unwanted vegetation.

The Council has recently agreed to commission repairs to the churchyard wall adjacent to the Parish Rooms and has recently had to have a fallen tree removed from the graveyard.



20 / 21 Budget

The Council has agreed its budget for 2020 – 2021 which will cost a band D household £15-72 per annum

Expenditure

Running Costs £42,525

Civic Governance £14,300

Public Information £1,450

Grants £39,550

Miscellaneous £45,930

Total Expenditure £143,755

Income

Precept £142,250

Other Income £1505

Total Income £143,755

Miscellaneous includes Christmas Trees, Hanging Baskets, Village Improvement Fund, Kirkheaton Churchyard Maintenance and Small Libraries Provision

Other News

The Council has again provided Christmas trees and lights in eight villages, which have been well received – thanks to Kirklees Council for supplying and erecting them.



The current Chairman, Cllr Steve Beresford held his Civic Sunday on 1st September at St John's Church Lepton. The service was well attended by Cllrs, Past Chairmen and Chairmen from other Councils.

The Civic Sunday traditionally welcomes the Council's new Chairman to the role and recognises the part councillors and council officers play in the life of the Parish.

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