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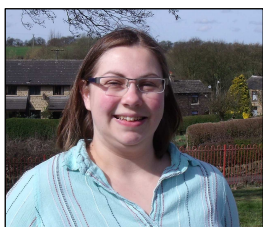
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All Change at the Council

At the Annual Meeting this month, the Parish Council elected Cllr Robert Barraclough as Chairman for the next year. Robert has been a Councillor for 2 years representing the Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas ward. He said he was grateful for the opportunity to be Chairman. "We are entering challenging times, both financially & socially. As a grassroots organisation, we are in a unique position to help and support local communities. Between us we have a vast pool of experience and ability, so let's try to put that to good use together."



Cllr John Hirst of Lepton was elected as Vice Chairman. "I'm delighted to be elected and I'm really looking forward to working with the Chairman and the Clerk in the coming year."



Welcome also to our newest Parish Councillor, Cassandra Whittingham, who was co-opted in April into the vacancy in the Lepton/Whitley Upper ward.

Marjory Russell

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Marjory Russell, who was a long-serving member of the Parish Council, and was the first female Chairman. She represented the Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas ward and prior to the Parish Council, she was a member of Kirkburton Urban District Council. The Councillors stood for a 2 minutes' silence before the meeting in April.

The Council was also saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Rita Bottomley, wife of Cllr Richard Bottomley, and also of Cllr Bottomley's subsequent resignation from the Council. We all send our condolences and best wishes to Richard at this sad time.

Budget 2009-10	
Expenditure:	£
General Running Costs (incs £3,000 for rent, which will be reclaimed in full).	45,318
Elections, Chains of Office, Legal Fees, etc	8,170
Public Information: Annual Report, Newsletter	950
Grants: Small, Community & Renewable Energy	44,084
Shelley Village Hall (£30,000 over 2 years)	15,000
Environmental Projects	15,000
Kirkheaton Churchyard	4,000
Christmas Trees, Hanging Baskets & Poppies	9,200
Allotments	2,150
Emley and Honley Shows	800
Total Expenditure	144,672
Monies set aside for projects underway but not yet complete	38,187
To be funded through:	
Income	9,260
Reserves	8,412
Precept	127,000
Increase on precept over last year	NIL

The above budget includes a reserve, which is at the lower end of the range legally required to be maintained by Parish Councils under the Audit & Accounting Regs 2007.

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SUMMARY OF KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

It has been another active year at Kirkburton Parish Council and quite a lot has been achieved.

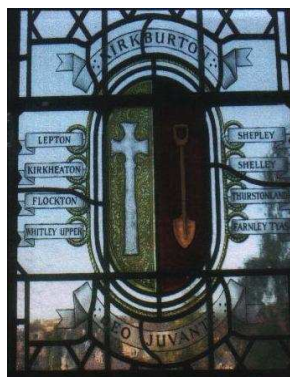
The Council's concern for the environment led to it receiving a top award in London for its Microgeneration Policy – the first in the country!

A record of £48,132 has been awarded in grants. Examples of some of the projects supported are shown in the photos.



Shepley Scouts Camping Trip

Shelley Village Hall also benefitted from refurbishment, where the old porch at the rear was removed and a new disabled access installed. The Parish Council also fully supported the opening of the outreach post office there, and is pleased that it is now up and running.



We are particularly proud of the installation of the stained glass window into All Hallows Church in Kirkburton. This is a piece of history which has been saved by the Parish Council for everyone to enjoy.

Councillors were heartened by the responses to the Kirklees Review into Parish Councils and found out that our efforts at the Parish Council are appreciated and valued by the majority of the public.



Shepley Band in Vackelsang

The Councillors and staff take their roles very seriously, and have worked hard to help their communities. Many were involved in planting the beautiful daffodils and autumn crocus. Hanging baskets and Christmas trees were also distributed throughout the area. The baskets were extended to cover Stocksmoor this year.



Stocksmoor WI's Trip to Wentworth

Communication with the public has been improved by installing noticeboards and upgrading the website. Public Question Time was introduced in the Environment Committee and consultation is taking place on the Environment Plan.

A letter of thanks was received from Kirkheaton Scouts & Guides for the support received for the rebuild of their HQ when disaster struck. Full text in the main Report.



Summary of Accounts	
Income:	£
Precept	127,000
Refunds of VAT and Rent	12,083
Shelley Village Hall Rent	4,575
Other	1,781
Total Income:	145,439
Expenditure:	
General Running Costs:	33,702
Rent and VAT payments (to be recovered in full)	8,520
Civic Governance:	11,594
Audit, conferences, elections, legal advice, etc	
Public Information:	1,419
Advertisements, annual report and noticeboards.	
Grants:	48,687
Village Projects:	41,144
Shelley Village Hall	16,916
Kirkheaton Churchyard	2,520
Hanging baskets, Christmas trees and poppy wreaths	8,908
Stained glass window in All Hallows Church	7,930
Allotments, bird boxes, flowering bulbs, public seats, sunflower competition, water butts.	4,921
Total Expenditure:	140,117
Monies for projects underway:	49,161
General Reserve:	49,677
These figures are at the lower end of the range legally required to be maintained by Parish Councils under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2007.	

All figures are subject to audit. Full details can be viewed on the website.

