

Libraries



The Parish Council recognises the importance of Libraries to the local community and has allocated revenue funding to library groups in Kirkburton, Shepley, Kirkheaton and Lepton to assist with day to day running costs.

Since 2015 the acquisition of the Kirkburton Library building has been on hold as Kirklees Council

consulted on the future of the Library service. That consultation has now been completed and the Parish Council is now re-considering how best to secure the future of the building and protect it as a community resource.

Defibrillators

The Council has and continues to help fund the provision of defibrillators in the Villages and Cllrs are involved with helping find sites, funding and procurement of equipment. New installations include sites at Stocksmoor and Lepton



Pictured are Cllrs Franks, Beresford and McGuin with local residents at Lepton defibrillator

And finally – With elections in May 2019 the Council looks forward to welcoming both returning and new Councillors

To find out more about how to become a Parish Cllr check out our website. Information will also be available from Kirklees Electoral Services.

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One Voice

Latest News from Kirkburton Parish Council



The Parish Council four year term ends in May 2019 and Elections for a new Council are in May 2019. Here we take a look back on the the last four years.

Thanks go to the past chairmen of this session, pictured from left: Cllrs Raymond Franks Pamela Brook, current chairman Cllr Bill Armer and Cllr Richard Burton.

Thanks also to our long serving Clerk, Angela Royle

Neighbourhood Plans

This term has seen much debate concerning the Local Plan which Kirklees Council has to develop, to map out planning and development policies up to 2031. The Parish Council is supporting groups in Kirkheaton and Lepton to develop Neighbourhood Plans which will inform and add more depth to the main plan.



The Council is well aware of the many concerns of Local Residents regarding planning issues and it regularly comments on planning applications which Kirklees Council planning officers take into consideration when deciding applications

Grants

In the last financial year to March 2018 year the Council has been pleased to award over £51,000.00 in grants to the local community.



Shelley
Playground

Grants include :
Contributions to village events such as £1000 towards Kirkheaton Gala
Maintenance of community buildings such as £5000 towards Flockton Cricket Club's new showers and roof
Improvements to public spaces such as £2500 towards new playground equipment at Shelley

The Small Annual Grants continue to be popular and this year the application process was made simpler to encourage more small / new groups to apply. The Parish Council is one of the few organisations to deliver this vital funding resource to local groups to enable them to cover their basic running costs.

In this financial year the Council has awarded over 50 Small Annual Grants to local groups



Members of Shepley
WI at their Craft Day



Financial Information (2017 - 18 year)

As at 31 March 2018

Total Receipts	£148,529.61
Total Payments	£124,126.73
Allocated Reserves	£ 61,208.48
General Reserve	£ 55,570.84

The Council largely funds its costs by raising a precept which amounts to £109,620.00 and is collected with the Council Tax and over the last four year term the Council has not increased the amount. The cost to a band D house was £12.37 per household per annum

More detailed financial information, including this years budget can be found on the KBPC website www.kbpc.co.uk

Our Ongoing Responsibilities and Commitments

The Council has ongoing commitments which include Allotments, Kirkheaton Churchyard, Christmas Trees, Hanging Baskets, Public Seats and provision of Dog Waste Bags

Our allotments in Shepley and Grange Moor continue to improve. Grange Moor continues to be a difficult site and an area has been planted with a selection of wetland saplings to help alleviate flooding.



We continue to maintain our sections of Kirkheaton Churchyard , over the last four years we have kept the grass cut, made repairs to one of the paths and have an ongoing programme of tree maintenance.



The provision of hanging baskets continues to be popular. The Parish Council provides 73 Hanging Baskets throughout the Parish area with a further 25 funded by Kirkburton and Almondbury Kirklees Council Councillors

The Parish Council provides 8 Christmas Trees including lights around our villages and although we have tried Living Christmas trees in past years they have not proved popular or successful. The living tree at Thurstonland has been removed and a traditional cut tree is now provided. At Lascelles Hall the original tree was removed and a new one has been planted. The Parish Council is currently monitoring the situation.

We continue to provide dog waste bags in our dispensers and this had the effect of reducing this nuisance over the last four years. Unfortunately there has been some misuse of this provision with a number of the dispensers being emptied by individuals soon after refilling. This has meant that the Council has had to limit supply and Councillors fill them up less often

