

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall **Thursday 15th January 2016**

Present: Howard Boothroyd, Peter White, Vanda White, Jayne Smith, Kaye Emberton, Tony Eaton, Cllr Barraclough, Cllr Boden, Cllr Armer, Cllr Sykes, Angie Hilton, Sandra Coulthard, Anne Schofield, Pat Shaw, Tim Scott

1. Apologies: Mike Greetham, Georgina Dickinson, Geoff Barnard, Roger Beaumont, Norman Berry

In the absence of Mike Greetham, Howard Boothroyd stood in as Chair- person and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Minutes/matters arising of last meeting:

- Minutes of last meeting agreed to be correct.
 - Peter White asked the Parish Council representatives the current situation with the mast at the library. Cllr Armer reported that nothing further has been discussed.
 - Cllr Armer advised that no further work would be done at the play area until the issue regarding the skate park has been finalised.
 - Vanda reported the Santa Sleigh had risen over £1200 which has been shared between the two schools as agreed. A very successful event. Vanda proposed that the money raised from this year's event is split between the schools and the playgroups.
- Tim Scott proposed the uniformed groups might be considered. It was agreed by the meeting that the money should be shared between the schools and playgroups, as long as a "greater" need does not arise during the year.
- Ian Gunson has produced a DVD of the 2 evenings in Kirkburton

3. Community Police Representative:

No representative attended.

Peter White informed the meeting of two incidents that have occurred in Highburton – stone stolen from a house on Slant Gate, and the machete attack – 2 people have been arrested in relation to the attack. Howard Boothroyd commented that it would be unlikely that a PCSO would be available to attend our meetings – it was therefore suggested that we email them and ask them if they could provide us with a written report.

Action: Jayne Smith to correspond with them.

4: Treasurers report:

Peter White circulated the financial report as at the 13th January. Highlighted that the defibrillator fundraising was included in last year's figures and the purchase and installation is in the years. A new water heater for the kitchen has been purchased. The grant from the Parish Council will go towards this.

Shelley football club have purchased the old floor cleaner.

Donation of £50 made to Kirkwood Hospice in memory of Sue Branton.

"Give as you live donations" – details to be published in the Burton Bulletin.

Peter thanked Sandra for all her hard work organising the Christmas Fayre, profits were up slightly. This year the price charged for refreshments will be increased.

5. Initiatives:

a) Play area – nothing to report

b) Website – Mike Greetham not at meeting. Peter White suggested that an item is put in the Burton Bulletin asking if anyone in the community would be able to assist Mike with the upkeep of the website.

Action – Mike Greetham to put in BB.

6. Burton Bulletin:

Anne Schofield and Pat Shaw reported that the last BB made a profit of £77.27. Local businesses have booked further advertising. More people are needed to submit pieces of news/memories/stories etc. Boxes will be placed in village hall and library for people to put their contributions in. There will be a request in the forthcoming bulletin. Cllr Sykes apologised for lack of contribution from Parish Council – a

mix up over email addresses which has now been resolved. Cllr Boden requested help with a map of a walk in the area.

7. Parish Church:

No representative. It was agreed that this item would now be removed from the agenda.

8. Parish Council:

- Cllr Sykes raised the issue regarding dog faeces and the cost of the bags, i.e. £2000 per annum. There is a lack of bags available as it appears that these are being taken in bulk from the dispensers. Cllr Boden refills the dispensers once a fortnight. Suggested that fewer bags are put in, but on a more regular basis.

Vanda suggested asking open gardeners if they would be happy to display a sign asking the public to clean up after their dogs. Cllr Armer said he would look if there would be any funding available if this were to go ahead.

Howard Boothroyd suggested involving the local school children to design a poster.

The KHCA agreed with the Cllr's that the bags must remain to be available for the local community.

-Library – the transfer is ongoing and is on the hands of the solicitors.

-Local Plan – A lengthy discussion took place regarding the impact further homes would have on the local area, drainage, transport infrastructure, school places, lack of health care services. The Parish Council are "comprehensively unhappy" with the proposals put forward and the lack of highway planning. Green belt space needs to be persevered. The consultation closes on the 1st February 2016. Cllr Bill Armer urged people to look at the Kirklees web site and make their objections as appropriate. He suggested that the phrase, "we agree these sites should be rejected" used. Planning that has been accepted is shown in solid orange, and rejected sites in hashed orange.

Howard Boothroyd proposed that the KHCA show support for the Parish Council by means of a letter, a copy to be sent to Kirklees.

Although the first consultation closes on the 1st February 2016, an article needs to go into the Burton Bulletin bringing the Local Plan and green spaces to the attention to the community. This issue is not going to disappear and local people must take any opportunity to respond to any future consultations as they feel appropriate.

9. B.E.G:

Tim Scott reported that the meetings are attended by between 8 and 10 people, and that they are now held at the Liberal Club, 2nd Wednesday every month. A monthly working party has been formed and meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. More volunteers are needed and posters are going to be displayed in the community. BEG have received some good feedback regarding work on the memorial gardens. A piece will be going in the BB asking for suggestions asking how this garden area can be improved.

10. The Hub:

Angie Hilton – building is being well used, the Christmas coffee morning attracted a number of new people. A volunteer from the Denby Dale centre opened the Hub on Christmas Day and provided a dinner for people who were on their own.

Forthcoming events include a dance – Angie has sent an email to Mike to be put on the website.

11. Village Hall Manager's report:

Kaye Emberton reported that the hall had been decorated over the Christmas period, a new water heater installed in the kitchen; boiler has been serviced as well as the gas service being completed.

There is still an ongoing issue with radiators being turned down, despite emails being sent and signs in the hall leaving the hall cold in a morning. Kaye put to the meeting that the temperature be set at 4 and the controls removed from the radiator. Meeting agreed that this would be acceptable.

Peter White informed the meeting that a new cleaner has been employed – Ella Hand. A coat rail has been put up in the snug, new front door handle has been purchased to replace the damaged one and a new toaster purchased.

Peter has been in contact with the gas supplier as the meter reading seemed to have increased dramatically – however the bill is actually less than this period last year.

Whilst decorators were in they informed Peter that the curtain tracks are not in a very good condition and the curtains were dirty. Due to the size of the curtains we are unable to get them cleaned. It was proposed that the curtains be replaced with blinds. Meeting agreed – **Action - Peter to obtain quotes.**

Parish council office – discussions have been held at previous meetings about enlarging the room that the Parish council use as an office. **Action – Peter has contacted Alex from Abode who is going to provide a quote for the work.**

Wi-Fi – BT have sent a promotion for a WIFI booster for £35.00 – agreed to purchase. **Action – Peter White to order**

12. Booking manager' report:

2 Children's parties booked for Sunday 20th January 2016.

15. Any other business:

-Defibrillator has been installed and is working. WYAS will be attending on the 1st March 2016 at 6.30 pm, to provide training and information on how to use. Item to be put in BB to inform the community and Peter will email all user groups suggesting that at least one representative attends.

- "Friends of Burton" plaque – proposed that Sue Branton's name is added as well as Denis Goring and Kevin Birley. Vanda questioned if too much time had elapsed since Kevin passed away. **Howard Boothroyd will speak to Judith Birley to see how she feels about it.**

-Howard Boothroyd – Kirkburton's senior citizens support group – lack of volunteers to help organise the tea they provide. Peter suggested that an item is placed in the BB explaining what the group do, how often they meet, who it helps etc.

NEXT MEETING: 10th March 2016 Thursday, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY.