

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting 14th July 2016 held at Burton Village Hall **Thursday**

Present: Mike Greetham, Peter White, Vanda White, Jayne Smith, Kaye Emberton, Georgina Dickinson, Ann Schofield, Cllr Bill Armer, Cllr Maureen Sykes, Cllr Anna Boden, Pat Shaw, Geoff Barnard, Cllr Richard Smith, David Blunt

1. Apologies: Tony Eaton, Tim Scott, Angie Hilton, Sandra Coulthard, Howard Boothroyd

2. Minutes/matters arising of last meeting: Agreed to be correct – all matters arising on Agenda

3. Community Police Representative: No representative attending. Current drug problem discussed, PSCO Sally Baines is aware of the situation and has stressed how important it is that the community inform the police using crime-stoppers or email PSCO Sally Baines

sally.baines@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Further to the meeting David Blunt provided the following information:

With reference to the discussion this evening on reporting the drug situation in Highburton - my source (obviously I don't want name them) tells me that it is very important that these dealings are also reported on 101.

The reasoning is that the reports from 101 are collated and presented at district meetings attended by Inspectors & Sergeants. At this time policy is made as to any specific area problems. If there is no report through 101 (and feedback from a local PC rarely is discussed) then there is deemed to be no problem!

4 Treasurers report: Peter White:

Peter circulated the financial position and budget as at 12th July. Village Hall building is now insured in excess of £800,000. Peter requested details of any expenditure/payment outstanding so he is in a position to prepare the end of year accounts 31/08/2016.

Electricity fixed price comes to an end in September 2016. Current provider remains competitive.

Parish Council Grant – Peter has responded to the questions raised, and waits to hear further.

5. Initiatives:

a) Play area

Skate park planning meeting to be held on the 21st July 2016 at Dewsbury Town Hall. Geoff Barnard informed the meeting that the wall toppings have still not been attended to. Cllr Bill Armer confirmed that until the outstanding skate park planning has been resolved, no attention will be given to the wall. There has been some vandalism to the play area which has not been rectified.

b) Website

Mike - No further progression. Peter advised that the minutes on the website need updating as the last ones are from July 2015.

6. Burton Bulletin: Mike Greetham/Ann Schofield

Closing date for articles for next issue is 15th July 2016. Cllr Richard Smith will send a copy of a letter he has sent to Highburton First School regarding parking on Northfield Lane.

Pat Shaw will ask PSCO Sally Baines for a piece regarding the concerns over drug use in the village.

7. Parish Council:

Cllr Anna Boden: parking remains an issue in Kirkburton. Local resident has raised the question as to why the permit parking places cannot be made available for general parking whilst residents are at work. Lengthy discussion – to summarise:

- a) Kirklees are unable to put parking signs up directing to parking near health centre as this is private land,
- b) Taxi rank at bottom of Turnshaws to be removed,
- c) Dene Park is a Kirklees designated green space, and have refused to improve for parking. However, new highway officer is now in place, so Cllr Bill Armer will try again. Vanda White suggested that Bill should write a piece for the bulletin. Vanda also suggested that the KHCA invited Highways to a KHCA meeting. **Action: Mike Greetham to contact Highways.**
- d) 9 requests received for removal of phone box, Parish Council to contact B.T.

8 .B.E.G:

Tim Scott not present but sent the following report:

Please note our thanks to Robert Barraclough and Derek Hardcastle for mowing the park area in poor weather conditions
BEG had to partly cancel (for the third time) a machine working party on the Quarry. We managed one side before the deluge! Trying again on Monday 18th July meet Co-op 9-30 we appear to have progress on the lighting project.
Thanks to all for the OPEN GARDENS - great selection of the best and the weather!
Cheers Tim Scott.

9. The Hub:

No report

10.Village Hall Manager's report: Kaye Emberton

Abode has applied a water sealant to deal with leak at rear of building.
Hall will not be closed over the summer.
Hot water boiler in kitchen will be turned off, and kettle left out.
Hall decoration – **Action – Kaye to contact decorator and arrange.**

11.Booking manager' report: Mike Greetham

New regular booking on a Tuesday evening – guitar and ukulele group.

12. Any other business:

- a) Open Gardens – Mike Greetham confirmed a record attendance, sold over 400 programmes and in excess of £1800 raised. This will be split between the 3 charities, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Kirkwood Hospice and KHCA. Peter thanked Mike for all his hard work.
- b) Santa Sleigh – Vanda asked for confirmation that the proceeds from this year's event are going to be shared between the 2 local playgroups and the 2 local schools. Meeting agree this to be correct. Kirkburton Co-op has kindly offered to donate the chocolates. Event to be held week commencing 5th December 2016 for 4 nights.
- c) Cllr Richard Smith – all vehicles need to be registered to use Kirklees Tips.
- d) Peter had emailed two policies in relation to applying for an Area Ward Rural Grants. Meeting agreed this to be correct.
- e) Peter White – Mayor's Charity this year is the British Legion. Last night of the proms event to be held on 23rd September 2016. Peter will display information on notice board.
- f) Geoff Barnard – road drains are regularly blocked. Kirklees have cleared the one outside his home, but no others on the road. Cllr Bill Armer advised that Kirklees require the lamp post number or house number to locate the drain and will only deal with that particular one.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8th September 2016, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.