

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall

Thursday 13th APRIL 2017

Present: Mike Greetham, Peter White, Tony Eaton, Cllr Bill Armer, Cllr Maureen Sykes, Cllr Anna Boden, Geoff Barnard, Angie Hilton, Anne Schofield

1. **Apologies:** Vanda White, Cllr Richard Smith, Jayne Smith, Kaye Emberton, Tim Scott, David Blunt, Pat Shaw

2. **Minutes/matters arising of last meeting:**

Minutes of last meeting agreed.

The road sign on Paddock Road has been done. Cllr Richard Smith is dealing with the Far Dene sign.

3. **Community Police Representative:**

None present but Peter White said crime wise very little to report apart from the incident on Highfield Lane.

4 **Treasurers report:**

Peter White said that the finances of the group were very healthy. Peter had:

- Secured a TV licence refund.
- Fixed the gas rates for 3 years at a lower rate.
- Business rates have come through at zero.
- Utility bills balance.

Mike thanked Peter for all his hard work and for his comprehensive financial report.

5. **Initiatives:**

a) **Play area**

Kirklees were present at Kirkburton library to answer any questions regarding the skate park. It was felt by those that attended that it was more of an exhibition than a discussion. The height of the skate park was lower (Maximum height being a metre) so hopefully it would not appeal to teenagers.

Geoff Barnard said the drainage ought to be at the tree line and Kirklees would re-assess it. He said the bucket swing had disappeared and had been replaced by a flat one that was not as good.

It was felt that the suggested new trees on Burton Acres Lane would be a waste of money and that most people felt that seating was not a good idea.

b) **Website**

Mike said he was busy with editing the Burton Bulletin as the deadline for articles is tomorrow so he had nothing to report.

6. **Burton Bulletin: Mike Greetham and Anne Schofield**

Deadline for next issue is 14th April 2017. The Bulletin has lost a few advertisers this quarter and the group were asked if they knew of any local businesses that might be interested. Burton Safes and "Asbestos guy" in Highburton were suggested. The newly refurbished Cricket Club was also suggested.

7. **Notice Board Geoff Barnard**

After searching for appropriate places the Library seems to be a possibility. Geoff said "Do we need to pay for planning ?" Bill said we may need permission from Library Services.

8. **Parish Council: Cllr Armer and Cllr Sykes**

Project poo is progressing - posters and leaflets brought to the meeting. Posters to go onto lamp posts on Burton Acres Lane, Turnshaws, School Hill , Cricket Club etc. The idea is to use cable ties and change position regularly.

Peter White brought up the cost of dog poo bags that are put in the dispensers and are emptied soon after being filled. Cllr B.A. said it costs the Parish Council £1,700 and is aware of the situation.

P.W. said the clerk to the Parish Council is wanting better ventilation in the office. Cllr B.A. said this was not the PC responsibility but the landlords.

P.W. said that the Senior Citizens Support Group will not be funding some of their user groups. These groups do not have a bank account which means they can't apply for a P.C. grant. Cllr B.A. said he will look into the PC paying for the room hire.

After the last P.C. Meeting, a letter has been written to the REC Trustees (Kirklees Cabinet) to say they would like one or two Kirkburton local councillors to be included to represent local views and opinions.

9 .B.E.G:

Tim Scott wrote saying members continue to clear Burton Dean Park and the Quarry Geology site. Two new members have joined the group. The signage for Town Quarry has been ordered and will soon be in place. The Group has received positive comments on the recently installed lighting in the quarry.

10. The Hub:Angie Hilton

Paul the new manager has made an impact. Events are put on the notice board. We have a new user...Baby Gym on Thursday afternoon. There has been requests for more Supper Dances and the Coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month is still going ahead.

11. Village Hall Manager's report: Peter White

NT Systems have serviced the alarms. The gutter at the back has a leak but as there has been a lack of rain we are not sure where. Quotes in for pipework.....Tim Dyson £760....Richard Hallas .£3,750. (David Blunt has previously said his Masonic Lodge may help the Group).Mathew Larder was suggested as a third quote. A quote has been received for servicing the screen doors..£565 plus VAT. As the doors are running OK it was decided to leave them for another year. One of the new blinds has fallen down. Blind man to come back and look at fittings.

12. Booking manager' report: Mike Greetham

Going well. New regular group - Ladies fitness on Monday and Friday evenings. Christening parties are going well.

13. Local Planning and housing

Cllr Armer said the emerging draft housing plan in 3 to 4 weeks will be going to the planning inspectorate in Bristol. Kirklees are optimistic

14. Any other business:

Jayne Smith sent a letter saying the playgroup has been accepted by the Coop Local Community Funda simple way for Coop members to help raise funds for the group.

Woodville Nurseries.....application for 2 dwellings.

Debbie Beatson has offered to deliver a talk to our community group. It looked like a selling pitch so group not interested.

John Bercow wrote about a Festival 13th to 19th of November. To register your event or activity you need to register before September 30th to get your kit. No interest shown.

The head of Highburton School wrote a letter thanking Santas Sleigh for the money they received. They used it towards a seat made by Alan Wake for The Prayer Garden. A photo of the wonderful seat was shown round the group.

The next AGM will be in October instead of November.

Tony Eaton passed on his apologies for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 11th 2017 7.30pm - Burton Village hall.