

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall Thursday 8th December 2016

Present:

Mike Greetham, Kaye Emberton, Howard Boothroyd, Tony Eaton, Carol Hurt, Geoff Barnard, Cllr Bill Armer, Cllr Maureen Sykes, Angie Hilton, Tim Scott

1. Apologies:

Jayne Smith, Peter White, Vanda White, David Blunt, Cllr Anna Boden, Cllr Richard Smith

2. Minutes/matters arising of last meeting:

Minutes agreed to be correct. Thanks to everyone involved in the Christmas Fayre especially Sandra Coulthard over £400 raised.

Thanks to all involved in the Santa's sleigh.

3. Community Police Representative:

No representative

4 Treasurers report:

Overall finances are looking good. Peter's report agreed and by unanimous vote the rent will not be increased although Howard said he feels it should be increased at some point in the future.

5. Initiatives:

a) **Play area** – Public meeting has been held. Kirklees initiative for local people to maintain and alter the "rec" as they see fit. No consultation with the Parish Council or KHCA – some fears that it could result in some issues if it is taken over by a pressure group.

Cllr Armer has strong reservations and feels that Kirklees are forcing things onto the community. Andrew Wickham said it was an oversight not to consult with the ward councillors, Parish Council and the KHCA.

Mike Greetham – invite Andy Wickham to KHCA meeting to state exactly what is needed/wanted to how to be involved.

b) **Website** – no progress. Burton Bulletin Facebook page is doing well – consider using it more.

6. Burton Bulletin:

The next edition is to be put together over/after Christmas. User groups will be contacted and asked for articles to be included.

7. Parish Council:

Cllr Maureen Sykes – a few residents attended the last meeting regarding the housing development. Strong objections – impact on roads, drainage, sewage, schools, doctors etc. Parish Council have strongly objected to the proposals, as this will result in the 2 villages becoming one.

Cllr Bill Armer – ward councillors are working on proposed development site – strong probability the Redrow site (behind tennis courts) will go ahead. It has been agreed in principle, however, still opportunity to object to details.

Mike Greetham distributed copies of Kirklees Local Plan.

Cllr Bill Armer requested that if people agree with parts of the plan to say so, just as equally if you don't agree to something.

Persimmons site (horse fields) won't go ahead for some time.

Ongoing parking problems in Kirkburton discussed.

Garage site there is new planning permission going in for 4 shops with accommodation above then.

Cllr Richard Smith's report discussed regarding the parking around school and the idea of a "walking bus".

8 .B.E.G:

Tim Scott thanked the Burton Bulletin for the articles they put in. Lots of positive feedback received regarding trackway from Highburton to North Road, lighting and trees have been trimmed. Problem with trees being blown over/pushed over into the pond in Kirkburton – this was reported to Kirklees who responded quickly.

Vast amount of work had been completed on the memorial gardens. In general the group are busy and very happy with what has been going on and a few new members have joined.

9. The Hub:

Angie Hilton – New manager Paul Jones is getting stuck into things and still has plans to change the stairway. Coffee morning was well attended although the tea dance has gone quiet.

10. Village Hall Manager's report:

Kaye Emberton –New lock fitted to the front door. Pat testing to take place in December 2016. Kaye asked if anyone knows a joiner to repair the plastic wall covering in the kitchen – no one wants to seem to want to do it!

11. Booking manager' report:

Mike Greetham –children's party bookings continues, not may adult bookings.

Ukulele group doing well. Accepted a booking for Blackbird project (mindfulness) – 8 week booking starting in January.

12. Any other business:

Kaye Emberton – commented about the appalling state roads and pavements of the court cul-de-sacs- Oakland court, Southfield court etc.

Bill Armer said he would look into, certainly at the pavements.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 19th January 2017, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.

Please note that this will be the AGM