

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting 9th February 2017 held at Burton Village Hall **Thursday**

Present: Mike Greetham, Jayne Smith, Peter White, Kaye Emberton, Sandra Coulthard, Howard Boothroyd, Tony Eaton, Cllr Bill Armer, Cllr Maureen Sykes, Cllr Anna Boden, Tim Scott, Geoff Barnard, Angie Hilton, Pat Shaw, Andrew Wickham

1. Apologies: Vanda White, David Blunt, Cllr Richard Smith

2. Minutes/matters arising of last meeting: Agree to be correct – no matters arising not covered in agenda

3. Community Police Representative: No representative present

4. Friends of the Rec:

Andrew Wickham from Kirklees attended the meeting at our invitation to discuss the proposed formation of Friends of the Rec. A lengthy discussion was held in brief:

Community members to put forward ideas, as yet no proposals have been made,

There is no budget available and therefore the group will rely on volunteers to raise funds, carry out work,

Kirklees would take responsibility in relation to Health and Safety issues with playground equipment. There is to be a public meeting on the 1st March 2017, 7.00pm at the village hall.

We have been informed since the meeting that this public meeting has been postponed.

5. Treasurers report: Peter White

Peter circulated the financial position as at 8th February 2017. KHCA bank balance remains to be in a healthy position.

TV licence has been refunded as we no longer require it.

Due to cuts in local funding, the senior groups who use the hall will no longer receive funding to pay the rent. In view of this, Time Out group have requested to pay for 2 years in advance, subject to their rent not being increased during this period.

In view of the financial status, we are unlikely to be increasing rent during this time, the meeting agreed unanimously to accept the offer of payment.

6. Initiatives:

a) Play area – A contractor has been appointed to create designs for the skate park.

Howard informed the meeting that there is to be a public meeting once designs have been drawn up.

b) Website – Mike acknowledged that the website requires updating.

7. Burton Bulletin:

Continues to thrive, February issue has been distributed and positive feedback received.

8. Parish Council:

Cllr Maureen Sykes – “project poo” to deal with the increasing issue regarding owners failing to clean up after their dogs. Hard hitting leaflet to be designed to include information of the health risks, dangers to other animals etc.

To include details of how to report offenders to Kirklees.

Cllr Bill Armer – grant working party have now completed its work, making it easier for groups to apply for grants. Groups to be encouraged to apply for grants particularly the groups affected

by the cuts in Kirklees funding. Mike requested that Cllr Armer provide a piece for the Burton Bulletin outlining basic criteria, application deadlines etc.

Cllr Anna Boden – Notice boards – Peter advised the KHCA are not in a position to apply for a grant to cover ownership of the boards as we do not meet the criteria. Geoff Barnard suggested that KHCA purchase a plastic board that would not require maintenance. Peter advised that the land where it was is Kirklees land; we would need permission, insurance etc. Cllr Armer suggested wall mounted boards.

Action – Geoff Barnard will investigate costs etc.

9 .B.E.G: Tim Scott

Continues to be busy, currently working with Andy Wickham and West Yorkshire Geology Society in relation to the stone in the quarry. Information board is to be designed with brief history.

Tim reported that all future signage will show the name Dene spelt as Dean as this is what is supposed to be.

10. The Hub: Angie Hilton

Continues to tick along. The new manager at the Denby Dale centre is involved and taking an interest in the Hub.

11. Village Hall Manager's report: Kaye Emberton

Kitchen walls still need replacing, despite asking several people no one seems to be interested. Boilers will be serviced Tuesday 14th February 2017.

ACTION – Jayne to ask Tim to look at the pipes under the main hall floor and provide a quote for repairing/replacing. Work to be carried out July/August 2017.

David Blunt has indicated that he will possibly be able to help with payment through a grant from the Freemasons.

12. Booking manager' report: Mike Greetham

Mike reminded the meeting that we still require this post to be filled. Article and adverts placed in Burton Bulletin.

13. Local Plan and housing development.

Cllr Bill Armer referred to the emerging local plan, and advised that planning is working through responses received. The plan is then referred to an Inspector who decides if the plans meet the criteria.

Redrow houses – outline planning permission shows the land as designated open land so it has effectively always been building land so difficult to dispute.

Persimmon homes – this land is green belt and the emerging local plan has it designated as such.

13. Any other business:

Jayne Smith – It was suggested by another user group that the KHCA ask for a representative from each user group to attend some of the meetings so that they are involved and are able to experience first-hand the work and effort put in by the KHCA. – Meeting agreed in theory this was a good idea – to be discussed further

Jayne Smith – feedback from playgroup parents re Xmas Fayre included requests for face painting, craft activities for younger children to do, (accompanied by parents) etc.

Pat Shaw will ask Burton Crafters if they would be interested in running a craft activity – to be discussed further.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9th March 2017, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.