

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall **Thursday 12th March 2015**

Present: Roger Beaumont (co-chair), Mike Greetham (co-chair), Jayne Smith (secretary), Kaye Emberton (hall manager), Ann Schofield, Tim Scott, Howard Boothroyd, Ian Gunson, Cllr Robert Barraclough, Cllr Anna Boden, Angie Hilton, Pat Shaw, Steve Shaw, Sandra Coutlhard, Cllr Bill Armer, Cllr Derek Hardcastle, Edward Haigh, Natalie Stevens, Minnie Ainley, Howard Lewis, Christina Barrass, Austen Brook, Stuart Brook

1. Apologies: Peter White (treasurer), Vanda White, Norman Berry, Geoff Barnard, Tony Eaton

Roger Beaumont welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Isaac Nash Trust/Skate park proposal

Members of The Isaac Nash Trust (TINT) attended the meeting to update and advise us on the progress and the proposed plans for the skate park. They were welcomed to the meeting, Roger did confirm that the KHCA were not in a position to support or oppose any plans put forward.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the site of the skate park, noise levels, and impact of any anti-social behaviour it may encourage. Howard Lewis did emphasise that the landscape plans shared are only proposals and that TINT want to share ideas and thoughts of how the recreational ground could be improved.

TINT are reluctant to hold any further public meetings.

Ann Schofield suggested a working party and has tried contact TINT but has been unable to do so. Agreed it was a good idea and email addresses were exchanged. A local resident has distributed a questionnaire to address residents' concerns.

Planning has not yet been applied for.

Mike Greetham thanked them for attending the meeting and commented on the excellent amount they had raised – in excess of £90,000. Invitation extended for TINT to attend further KHCA meetings.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed to be correct – proposed by Mike Greetham, seconded by Kaye Emberton.

Roger passed on apologies that the February meeting had to be cancelled.

4. Community Police Report

PSCO from Kirkburton attended – there have been no reports of burglary or theft of or from motor vehicles this week. There has been a spate of thefts from sheds and outdoor buildings. Increase in theft of stone from walls. If any suspicious activities are occurring please ring 101.

Roger raised the possibility of "smart water". Advised to contact the crime reduction team for further information.

Mike has highlighted the theft of stone on the KHCA website and Facebook.

5. Treasurers report

In Peter White's absence Roger circulated the financial position as at 2nd March 2015. Further copies will be attached to these minutes. The burton bulletin costs have been placed in the community budget.

Repair work to a radiator and the boiler are due and invoices awaited. These should appear in next month's figures.

Santa sleigh costs have increased by £7.99 as a new belt was required. Highburton Playgroup have donated a Santa's outfit – thanks to be passed on to them.

6. Initiatives

a) Website: Mike Greetham is maintaining the web site, but does need more input from others with stories, events etc. Local news such as theft of stone, Dr Priestman's retirement etc. Mike endeavours to ensure that the minutes and agendas of KHCA meetings are kept up to date. Unfortunately due to illness and holiday last meetings minutes have not yet been added.

Dave Hilton has offered his assistance with the website if needed.

Tim Scott asked if the website was to replace the Burton Bulletin as the website will not reach as many people. (Refer to item 7)

Approx. 600 regular hits on website

b) Play area: Area is well used by the community. Derek Hardcastle enquired if any further seating is required. General consensus was yes – Derek will investigate the possibility of this. Question raised of installing exercise equipment suitable for adult use. This has been considered but research shows it is not well used.

Derek will check if wall toppings have been cemented down.

Edward Haigh informed of graffiti that has been appearing at the rec as well as Hallas Road. This has been reported

7. Burton Bulletin

Ian Gunson had put some comments/ideas regarding the future of the bulletin, as to date no further action has been taken. Is it time to "pull the plug?" Opinion was that people were still interested in reviving the bulletin. Pat Shaw offered to arrange a meeting. **Jayne Smith to forward email address' to Pat.**

8. Burton Fun Run

To be held on 3rd May 2015, coincides with Tour de Yorkshire. Despite this Chris Littlewood is still receiving plenty of entries.

9. Parish Church

No report

10. Parish Council

The Parish Council are still pursuing the Community Assets transfer to move into the library premises. Nobody else has registered any interest. The library service is still under consultation. Pat Shaw enquired what the situation was regarding "friends of Kirkburton library", as no further information has been received. Cllr Robert Barraclough will investigate and forward information.

11. BEG

Tim Scott reported that the group have been very busy. Youth Service have held an open day to assist with planting and have asked if further work days can be arranged. The wildlife area at Kirkburton Middle School is developing. Grant applied for lighting in the Quarry – approval of LED lights. Discussion followed regarding the complexity of applying for the £200 Parish Council grant. Cllr Derek Hardcastle will take comments to the next Parish Council meeting.

Tim Scott put forward a nomination for a Burton Award – John Wakley. John has spent a considerable amount of time creating a computer site about the history of Kirkburton Churchyard, details of headstone inscriptions etc. In addition he has also helped to maintain the Churchyard and equipment and instigated the planting of trees in memory of WW1 veterans.

The meeting agreed that the award should be awarded to John. He will receive a £25 voucher and a plaque.

12. The Hub

Angie will email details of future events to Mike Greetham to be placed on website

13. David Mortimer

No report.

14. Village Hall manager's report

Kaye Emberton reported:

Gas and boiler services have been completed. There has been an ongoing issue with one of the boilers – this has now been resolved.

Gas safety certificate has been issued.

Fire equipment has been serviced.

Angela Royale – Parish Clerk has enquired if the KHCA would be lenient with the required notice should the Parish Council move premises. The paperwork is in process and the proposed date is Oct/Nov if all goes according to plan.

The KHCA accept that there may be a situation where the Parish Council will move out earlier/later than anticipated and that the KHCA reserve the right to the rent. Whilst the KHCA do have plans to develop the current area used they will do their best to accommodate the Parish Council.

Complaints have been received regarding the large storage room. Tables and chairs are not being placed correctly after meetings which has caused other hall users inconvenience.

15. Booking manager's report

Mike Greetham confirmed that children's party booking continue to be made. Pilates no longer use the hall due to low attendance, painting group now attend fortnightly. Possible new users have enquired – exercise class and massage.

16. AOB

-A request for a fundraising event was held on the 7th March 2015 in the hall. The hall was provided free of charge as agreed by the KHCA.

-Notice Board – no further ideas discussed

-Floor – Roger is in process of obtaining final quotes.

-Defibrillator – following a first aid course organised by the playgroup, interest has been shown in a device being available at the village hall. Cllr Derek Hardcastle informed the meeting that they offering a match funds programme. The total cost is approx. £2,000 to purchase and install a NHS approved unit. We would therefore need to contribute a maximum of £1,000.

Sandra Coulthard suggested approaching the organisers of the Burton Fun Run is they would be able to make a donation. **Mike Greetham to speak to Chris Littlewood.**

-Howard Lewis – is it possible to gain information from the police regarding the number of call outs they have relating to Skelmanthorpe skate park, under the Freedom of Information request.

Feedback was given by an attendee who is a police officer that they are regularly called to the area, but that calls to attend Highburton were also increasing.

-Sandra conveyed thanks to Vanda White for a superb lunch.

- **The large hall is to be used for the General Election which has resulted in the Playgroup and Out of School club closing for the day.**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9th April 2015, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.

