

# **Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association**

## **Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall** **Thursday 9 April 2015**

**Present:** Roger Beaumont(co-chair), Mike Greetham (co-chair), Peter White (Treasurer), Tony Eaton, Geoff Barnard, Ann Schofield, Howard Boothroyd, Norman Berry, Cllr Anna Boden, Angie Hilton, Cllr Bill Armer, Natalie and Imogen Stevens, Austen Brook, Stuart Brook, Vanda White (minutes)

**1. Apologies:** Kaye Emberton, Jayne Smith, Sandra Coulthard, Ian Gunson, Pat Shaw, Edward Haigh  
Mike Greetham welcomed all to the meeting.

### **2. Isaac Nash Trust/Skate park proposal**

A report on an in depth survey conducted by Edward Haigh was discussed. The questionnaire was sent to 90 residents in the recreation ground vicinity. Of this number 46 were returned. It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting when Edward could present the survey and give explanations about the outcomes.

### **3. Minutes of last meeting:**

Agreed to be correct – proposed by Roger Beaumont, seconded by Howard Boothroyd.

**Matters arising from minutes:** With regard to item 16c, MG had not managed to contact Chris Littlewood to ask if some funding could go towards a proposed defibrillator at the village hall. Cllr Armer informed the meeting that KPC only had limited funds for this project. KPC would provide 50% of the total cost of £2k for each defibrillator and organisations/groups being asked to match fund the other £1k. It was agreed that KHCA would approach the parish council to ask if our name could be considered for a defibrillator to serve the village hall, school and local residents. MG to seek advice on planning permission.

**4. Community Police Report** Nothing to report

### **5. Treasurers report**

The treasurer reported that income over expenditure was £368. Biggest expenditure was on maintenance because of ongoing repairs. On this year's buildings' insurance a clause was added stating the alarm needed to be linked to a police station. The treasurer contacted the broker and asked that this be removed. The additional cost for our insurance without the alarm being linked anywhere is an additional £17 per year and would make our insurance valid in case of a break-in. Our business rates continue to be zero as we are classed as a small business and will revert to being a charity when government funding ceases for small businesses.

During the stormy weather there has been some roof damage above the kitchen. Abode has been and replaced damaged tiles. Abode informed us that the state of this small roof was poor. The slate quality isn't great and it's compounded by the low pitch of the roof. Alex did a full measure up yesterday and the pitch was 13 degrees. This is very shallow, and makes it too easy for the wind to get under the slates and cause damage to the slates and also drive rain in. Alex is to provide a quotation next week on replacing this section of the roof with a better alternative.

### **6. Initiatives**

**a) Website:** MG has posted a petition requesting a school crossing patrol. However, the council indicates it finds it difficult to find staff to carry out this duty. There were several other items MG was going to put on the website.

- b) Play area:** Geoff reported that the wall toppings had not been cemented down. Graffiti man continues to do his "artwork" in the area and boards on Gregory Playing Fields have been smashed. The goal mouths on the recreation fields have been improved and Geoff is trying to make contact with Calderdale Council who have recently completed an all-weather field at Lighcliffe. Cllr Armer gave an overview of a proposed outdoor leisure facility by Farnley Estates.

## **7. Burton Bulletin**

The meeting was well attended and people were allocated jobs. Next meeting 7pm 23 April at Burton Village Hall.

## **8. Burton Fun Run**

To be held on 3 May 2015 at 10.15 and 10.45am. The organisers require more marshal's, volunteers are required, contact Chris Littlewood.

## **9. Parish Church** Nothing to report

## **10. Parish Council**

Elections are taking place on 7 May. Progress is being made for the Parish Council to transfer the Community Assets and move into the library premises. No firm timetable is in place. It has been indicated that approximately 50 volunteers will be required to run the library successfully.

## **11. BEG**

Nothing to report. The meeting heard about the excellent state of the town quarry, the allotments next to North Road, Burton Dean and the Churchyard.

## **12. The Hub**

Angie gave an overview of future events that the Fund Raising Group has proposed, namely, June Supper Dance, Afternoon Tea, G&S concert. The HUB urgently needs more volunteers for the coffee mornings. The numbers for the Thursday afternoon tea dances have also declined recently.

## **13. David Mortimer**

The arrival of the new seat and plaque is imminent. On its arrival, VW will organise a photo shoot of the local posties.

## **14. Village Hall manager's report** Nothing to report.

## **15. Booking manager's report**

Mike Greetham confirmed that children's party booking continue to be made and also bookings for Burton Fun Run and the local elections.

## **16. AOB**

-It was agreed that the hall would be closed during the first two weeks in August so that floor refurbishment could take place. MG/RB to inform user groups.

-Norman Berry gave an overview about the current situation with regard to Burton Sports Award. No one has volunteered to organise this project. It was suggested that this award could be incorporated into the Burton Fun Run. MG agreed to contact Chris Littlewood.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 May 2015, 7.30pm – Burton village hall.**