

# **Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association**

## **Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall** **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Present:** Peter White, Vanda White, Jayne Smith, Georgina Dickinson, David Blunt, Tony Eaton, Geoff Barnard, Cllr Anna Boden, Cllr Maureen Sykes, Cllr Bill Armer, Howard Boothroyd, Glen Boothroyd, Angie Hilton, Anne Schofield, Chris Dean, PCSO William Smith (786)

**1. Apologies:** Kaye Emberton, Jane Greetham, Sandra Coulthard, Dawn Goodwin, PSCO Anne Choma, Tim Scott, Pam Askham, Pat Shaw, Cllr Richard Smith

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

Agreed to be accurate and correct – Proposed by Peter White, Seconded by Tony Eaton

### **3. Community Police Representative: PCSO William Smith**

Reported incidents within the Kirkburton Ward over the previous 3 months:

Theft of motor vehicle – 4 in total

Theft from motor vehicles – 5 in Shelley Park, 3 in Grange Moor, 2 in Thurstonland, 2 in Farnley Tyas.

Burglary – 14 in total – 5 in Highburton

Nuisance/Anti-social behaviour– 11 in total – Kirkburton/Highburton 3

Information given ways the community can try and reduce crime, ensure doors and windows locked, registration plate security fixings distributed, light bulbs offered and general leaflets.

Any suspicious behaviour or vehicles, or any anti-social behaviour issues PLEASE report. Details of anyone making a report are Confidential.

Christmas Campaign against drink/drug driving is underway, along with the darker night programme.

Vanda White – questioned relevance of reports provided to members of Neighbourhood watch – very little information provided – PSCO Smith will feed back to relevant people.

### **4. Burton Open Gardens: Chris Dean**

Prior to the meeting Chris sent a comprehensive note, which Peter forwarded to the KHCA.

To summarise:

Chris feels that a number of opportunities were missed; this could be rectified by a larger number of volunteers, with designated roles.

Possible 3 approaches –

1. Leave event as it is,
2. Develop a realistic support group,
3. Event development model – possibly run over 2 days, however, the majority of gardeners involved feel this would be too much.

Chris would be happy to chair the group and deal with the music, but help is needed with promotion of the event, finances etc.

Geoff Barnard asked if police had been contacted to help with parking issues. Chris confirmed that they had not as it hasn't been necessary in past years. PSCO Smith confirmed it would be an idea to inform the police, but couldn't guarantee that they would be able to assist due to staffing and finances.

Anna Boden felt that the gardens in Kirkburton need to be better advertised and a map considered. Possibility of involving the Church for refreshments etc.

Angie Hilton suggested that a piece is written for the Burton Bulletin, the history of the event, future plans etc.

Georgina Dickinson asked how the KHCA could support the event – agreed that advertisements for assistance to be put in the Burton Bulletin.

Georgina thanked Chris for all his hard work.

## **5. Treasurers report: Peter White**

Peter circulated the financial position as at 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Website expenditure includes support/assistance. There will be a cost of approx. £80.00 per annum for support to manage the website etc.

Christmas Fair – many thanks to Kirkburton Co-Op for the donation of the foods and chocolate for the Santa Sleigh.

Georgina thanked Peter for his excellent work.

## **6. Initiatives:**

**a) Play area** – Geoff Barnard reported that the logs at the entrance to the Rec have now been removed. The metal stump has been removed but the post needs replacing to stop motor-cycles using pathway. Wall toppings are still in need of attention as well as the graffiti on the bins next to the skate-park

**b) Website** – Peter White reported that site is now up and running and the latest Burton Bulletin is on. Peter will be attending further training in the New Year, however further volunteers are needed to assist in updating. Peter will approach Pam Askham to take on the calendar and bookings page. Geoff Barnard suggested Ian Gunson – Peter will speak to Ian Gunson to gauge interest.

## **7. Burton Bulletin: Anne Schofield**

Bank balance is £1365.83 includes £145 advances payments for advertising.

Latest edition well received. Peter queried if the new Redrow development have been included, Geoff confirmed it is on the distribution list.

## **8. Parish Council: Cllr Maureen Sykes**

£3,000 to be used for mobile speed guns and portable speed signs.

£25,000 has been ring fenced for Cllrs. Each Cllr will be allocated £1,000 for use in their parish – however suggestions will be run via the council who will have the final decision.

Peter thanked Cllr Armer for the replacement sign for the village hall.

Vanda White queried if road sweepers were still being used, as there is a large number of wet leaves from the mature trees on Highfield Road which are dangerous.

Geoff Barnard raised concerns over blocked drains on Turnshaws Road and School Hill. Cllr Armer will contact Kirklees.

## **9. B.E.G: Anna Boden**

Memorial garden completed after a lot of hard work – many commented on the excellent efforts of all involved and the service held.

Discussion held regarding the piece of land locally referred to as the "triangle" in Low Town. This land has been purchased by a private owner, who has removed a number of trees that BEG had received grants for.

Discussion held relating to the proposed Trim Trail in the community field.

Cllr Sykes expressed concerns regarding the maintenance and the Public Liability Insurance.

Upkeep of the community field was also mentioned. Jayne Smith commented that Paul Smith has offered on occasions to cut the field if BEG were able to make machinery available.

**Tim Scott asked for his thanks to be passed onto Gerrard and the Burton Bulletin team for the excellent work presented through the Burton Bulletin.**

## **10. The Hub: Angie Hilton**

Work continues – hopefully reopen at the end of January 2019.

## **11. Village Hall Manager's report:**

Kaye had sent following report in her absence;

Fire alarm has been serviced,

Front door to be replaced in January 2019 – decision needed for colour – meeting agreed dark brown,

Village hall closed from Saturday 22/12/18 until Thursday 03/01/19,

Karate has raised concerns over the floor, slippery etc. Peter White has emailed Colin Hanson.

PAT testing completed 13.12.18

Strip light in rear toilet needs replacing – **Peter White to sort**

3 Leaks in different areas, needs a roofer to be able to attend the hall when it is raining to attempt to trace where the water is coming in. **Anna Boden will forward details of a roofer she has used. Peter White** – Outside notice board needs to be replaced. To be discussed at next meeting.

**12. Booking manager' report:**

Womens Institute have booked for another meeting 24/01/19  
Yoga group booked the main hall once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

**13. Local planning and housing development:**

Meeting agreed that this is to be removed from the agenda

**14. Santa Sleigh**

£500 has now been distributed to the schools and play-groups. Whilst Peter and Vanda stepped in this year to help it was agreed that a piece will be put in the bulletin asking for people to take over. Georgina thanked Peter and Vanda for helping out at short notice.

**15. Christmas Fair**

To be discussed at next meeting

**16. Any other business:**

Vanda White – over previous years the KHCA have got together for a lunch. Vanda proposed that we hold this event early 2019 if people were interested. It could be held at the village hall and outside caterers would provide food at approx. £14.00 per head. Vanda suggested that the invitation is extended to the Burton Bulletin team as well as the people who helped with the Santa Sleigh this year. In general meeting agreed to this but suggested that it would be better held in April 2019.

The position of Chair needs to be addressed urgently. Next meeting will be confirmed once we have someone who is able to Chair.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10th January 2019 @7.30pm Burton village hall.**

Since the meeting David Blunt has offered to Chair the January meeting and Georgina Dickinson has offered to chair the February meeting.

Many thanks to both of you.