

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Minutes of meeting held at Burton Village Hall Thursday 14th May 2026

Present: Peter White, Georgina Dickinson, Jayne Smith, John Taylor, John Birds, Tim Scott, Ann Tyrrell, John Goodyear, PC Amanda Morelli, PC Reid, Rachel Wilson, Steve Kerridge, Peter Taylor

1. Apologies: Jan Moscovitch, Geoff Barnard, Darren Shepherd, Nicola Eastwood

2. Minutes/matters arising of last meeting: agreed to be correct

3. Community Police Representative: Pc Amanda Morelli reported: In the last 30 days there has been a report of two motor vehicle thefts: Motorbike from Highburton, Car from Kirkburton and 2 low level criminal damage.

Reports of the nuisance bikes on Gregory Playing fields and through the villages. Police are unable to pursue these bikes as there is a risk to public safety. Police advise that the public contact them with as much detail as possible i.e. description of bike/rider, where they are, where the bikes are stored.

It can be reported Online at [Westyorkshire.police.uk/report it](https://westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it), or 101 or 999 if they are driving dangerously on the road, or at excessive speed.

Information can be emailed to Amanda

Amanda.Morelli@westyorkshire.police.uk, however this is only with information, it can not be reported on her email address.



Parking in village remains an issue, Tickets have been issued if the vehicle is causing an obstruction and official warning letters sent to vehicle owners.

4. Northfield Lane: Peter circulated an email prior to the meeting. It is proposed that Haigh Contractors complete the work at a total cost of £19,800, and that the cost is split between the following each contributing 25%, Village Hall, School, Kirklees and residents.

The meeting agreed to this proposal.

5.Moor Lane: Persimmon Homes are putting in planning permission to build 150 houses on the horse fields off Moor Lane.

John Taylor: A public consultation is required. Advised not to contact contractor until the planning permission has been submitted, as any information shared can be used to craft the planning permission.

John Taylor and his colleagues will arrange a public meeting once the application has been made. In the meantime, John is building up a list of people who are concerned to contact himself or Richard Smith:

johnj.taylor@kirklees.gov.uk richard.smith@kirklees.gov.uk

John informed meeting of Local Development Plan – likely to be in place by 2029/2030

6.Christmas Lights: The gentleman who carries out the PAT testing is not able to check/service the lights, a qualified electrician is needed. Nicola is going to post on the community Facebook, and John Taylor will speak to his contact in Skelmanthorpe.

7. Treasurer's report: Peter White, circulated the accounts as at the 12th of May prior to the meeting.

Buildings and Contents Insurance has been renewed at just over £2,000. The expenditure is over the Income, however there are no concerns as the figures were similar at this time last year. Rent payments are due. Utility Bills are 3% higher due to the increase of gas and electricity supply.

8. Initiatives:

a) **106 money-** No progress to report

9.Senior Citizens tea: Balance of £2434 remains. Any suggestions for community events are welcome.

10. Burton Bulletin: Deadline for next issue is 15th May 2026. To be delivered late May/early June. It is also available on the KHCA website.

11. Parish Council: Next Meeting – Annual Parish Council meeting is being held on the 21st of May 2026 at Shepley Methodist Church, Derek Hardcastle is the new Chair.

12. BEG: The container has now arrived and put in situ. Thanks to John Taylor for his persistence and support in achieving this. Yorkshire in Bloom preparations are going well. Sunflowers is the focus this year, one business (The Gallery Hairdressers) have already decorated their windows. There is a competition for the biggest sunflower, seeds have been given to the local schools and playgroups.

Working Groups remain to be kept busy, involving schools in the community field works. Memorial Gardens some trees have been removed, and compost bins are to be built. Due to number of projects the finances are running low, so local business are being approached for support, either purchasing equipment or making a monetary contribution.

13. Village Hall Manager's report: PAT testing, alarms and boilers have been serviced.

14. Booking manager' report: 3 New groups: Burton Maths Boost, Circle Group and Development Group. Playgroup have requested permission to place a small skip in the front car park, close to the fence of the playground, as they are redesigning the children's garden. To be delivered 21/22 May and removed by the 10th of June at the latest. We have a new bookings manger Gill Starke who will work alongside Darren Shepherd.

15. Pétanque : Tim Scott: Start of season delayed due to weather conditions, hoping to start soon. Samples of grit have been ordered for the top layer; the base is level and perfectly sound.

16. Open Gardens: Peter Taylor: leaflets and posters have been delivered. Tickets will be £6.00 per adult, children are free, programme will be similar to previous years. A garden that is participating is part of the National Garden Scheme. Ceilidh is being held at the village Hall

17. Any other business: to keep meeting times down to a minimum, each AOB matter is allocated 5 minutes

NEXT MEETING: 11th June 2026 7.30pm @Village Hall