

Kirkburn Parish Council
Smithy Cottage, Main Street, Kirkburn, YO25 9DU

Minutes of the Kirkburn Parish Council AGM and Parish Meeting held at
Kirkburn Village Hall, 7.30 pm Tuesday 24th April 2018

Councillors present

Beverly Didsbury
Liz Webster
Carl Jones
Philip Ashcroft
Ken Granger
Lesley Cairns

Others present

None

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Vicky Bell (Kirkburn PC)

2. Declarations of interest

Philip Ashcroft declared an interest as an elected member of the Kirkburn Village Hall Committee.

3. Election of councillor to act as Chair for the council

Philip Ashcroft formally stepped down as chair.

Carl Jones proposed that Philip Ashcroft be re-elected as Chair. Seconded by Lesley Cairns and supported by the other Parish Council member present.

4. Election of councillor to act as Deputy Chair for the council

Liz Webster proposed that Carl Jones should be elected as Deputy Chair. This was seconded by Lesley Cairns and supported by the other Parish Council member present.

5. Election of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Since the last AGM Philip Ashcroft has continued to act as Clerk in addition to role as Chair. It has been estimated that, based upon other local Parish Councils costs, to employ a Clerk would be in excess of £4000. As the precept will only be £3945.00 for 2018/19 this continues to be beyond the Parish Council's financial means.

In the absence of available funds the Chair asked for volunteers from those present to take on the role of Clerk. As none were forthcoming he offered to undertake the role again. This was supported the other Parish Council members.

The Deputy Chair proposed that Liz Webster continue to act as the Responsible Financial Officer. This was seconded by Ken Granger. This was supported the other Parish Council member present.

6. Chair's report

In his report the Chair stated that any issues the Parish Council had addressed in the last year paled into insignificance after the tragic events that had occurred in Southburn on the 12th January 2018.

The Parish Council helped to underwrite a play held in the village hall to celebrate the Hull 2017 City of Culture. The play, John Godber's Happy Jack, was excellently performed and a full village hall had resulted in a profit of over £90 which was donated to the village hall.

The year had also seen approval for a new pea processing factory for Yorkshire Greens on the site of GWE's biogas site, which will secure new employment for the area and enable local farmers to ensure their peas are frozen to perfection even quicker for the perfect Yorkshire Pea!

There were two negative events out of the control of the parish council despite representation by the parish council. Firstly despite completing the relevant paperwork correctly and returning it to ERYC; ERYC sent incorrect returns to BT and BT removed the telephone boxes in Kelleythorpe and Southburn! ERYC have subsequently agreed to replace the Southburn telephone box but it is unlikely to have the line reconnected by BT.

Secondly, due to Government cuts to local councils ERYC have had to remove subsidies to EYMS. This has meant Kirkburn has now lost the bus service through the village.

The Chair thanked all the Parish Council members for their help and support over the past year in assisting with the heavy and varied workload.

7. Financial Report

Philip Ashcroft circulated a copy of the accounts. The accounts have been independently audited by Mrs Penny Armitage, formerly the Clerk for many years. He asked for thanks to Mrs Armitage for undertaking this role to be minuted.

The precept for 2018/19 has been increased by £515 to £3430 from the 2017/18 level. The main expenditure for the previous year was £4252 for the two wooden seats and their installation, £1358 for litter bins installed by ERYC, £550 - Kirkburn Village Hall and £500 for the weekly bus service to Auchinleck Close.

The annual financial statement was approved by the meeting and signed off by the Clerk, Deputy Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

8. Any other business

There was no other business.

9. Meeting closed at 7.55 pm