

**Minutes of Kirkheaton Future Annual General Meeting.
4th December 2017
Kirkheaton Community Centre at 19:30.**

Minute	Comment
Steering Group members present	Steve Booth David Clarkin Kevin Lee Monica Dodds Jack Dodds Peter Roberts Diane Hardcastle
Apologies received	Pamela Brook, Marie-Claire Artingstall, Brian Artingstall
Minutes of last meeting (8th December 2016)	Last years minutes were approved by Peter Roberts & Diane Hardcastle
Chairman's Report	<p>Before the chairman could present his report there was the election of officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Booth was proposed and asked to please remain as Chairman of Kirkheaton Future – seconded by Peter Roberts, unanimously supported by the attendees of the meeting. ➤ Also:- Diane Hardcastle – Vice Chair & Publicity Officer Pamela Brook – Secretary (in her absence) to be responded by PB Jack Dodds – Treasurer Peter Roberts – Planning Officer <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It is very important that we reach as many residents of the village as possible so it is great to see some new faces here tonight.</p> <p>Simply put, 2018 has been a very challenging year and the steering group has met often to discuss how to move our Neighbourhood Plan forward. It is right and proper that I should thank all the steering group members for their hard work throughout the year. Without their unwavering support it would be impossible for this project to be successful-my heartfelt thanks to them all. It is also appropriate to thank Kirkburton Parish Council for their efforts as we work alongside them to develop our plan.</p> <p>The project is now at an exciting stage. We have managed to acquire funding to commission our own consultants and they have started work on three key pieces of work; housing needs, ecological issues and the impact on our highways with regards to traffic movement and volume. We have secured a thorough review of villager's thoughts and wishes via our questionnaire and this information alongside the consultant's reports will provide rich information for the development of our policies.</p> <p>We ensured that our views were known by Kirklees Council and the examiner of their local draft plan by attending the public meetings that have been held recently. We have established dialogue with Kirklees Council</p>

	<p>about our key concerns and they have been well received. It is important that we all understand that Kirkheaton Future is not against housing development but we want it to be in the best interests of the village with regards to timing, location, type and character of such developments. We also want our village to be safe.</p> <p>We have now begun to help Lepton with their Neighbourhood Plan and will endeavour to give them the benefit of our experiences as they move forward.</p> <p>We still have a long way to go before our plan will be complete but we all remain committed to it and are assured that it is a very worthwhile project and one which will benefit the village for many years to come. Hopefully by the time we have our AGM next year our plan will be official and part of the council endeavours going forward.</p> <p>My thanks again for all your support throughout 2017.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>The major financial transactions during the year have been involved with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Questionnaire, concerning the survey of opinions of people living or working in the village. There were costs involved in the work in the survey because of printing and computerised compilation of returns £519 (Kirklees printing invoiced March 6). ➤ £300 Elephant Kiosk ➤ Stone walling: the outgoings for the stone walling project were for tuition fees. £840. Some of this work is still ongoing. <p>Grants for the two initiatives were routed through YettonTogether and their assistance in this is much appreciated</p> <p>The balance of the account at present stands at £1,277 of which £885 is retained for further environmental work</p>
Secretary's Report	Nothing to report.
Publicity Officers Report	<p>Diane Hardcastle reported:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were regular updates to the Facebook Page and Group. ➤ Minutes of meetings were being posted to the Kirkheaton Future section of the Yetton Together Website. ➤ As vice chair I have also been co-opted onto the Kirkburton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan committee.

<p>Planners Report</p>	<p>Professor Peter Roberts reported-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Questionnaire which had been carried out by a large group of volunteers and delivered to every household in the village had been a resounding success with over 50% responses by both written responses and online by data providers Elephant Kiosk. Brian Artingstall and Peter had studied the responses and currently Kirkheaton Future is awaiting the final finished reports being undertaken by consultants. ❖ Paragon – Highways reports ❖ Andrew Rushby – Planning ❖ Peter Middleton- Environment/Ecology <p>These consultants are all independent of Kirkheaton Future and will be needed as evidence by the Inspector of our final Neighbourhood Plan document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On behalf of Kirkheaton Future, Professor Peter Roberts and Kevin Lee have recently attended the meetings held by Kirklees Council with regards to the Local Plan. This was to respond to the Spatial Development Plan and also the Housing Land supply issues relating to the development of brownfield sites etc. ➤ Professor Peter Roberts is hoping to have the draft Neighbourhood Plan report prepared over the Christmas break and we will need support of the village residents when a referendum is organised by Kirklees Council.
<p>Environmental Issues</p>	<p>David Clarkin reports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Footpaths And Bridleways <p>Inside KF boundary Kirklees have identified and mapped 8232m of footpaths and bridleways. When the alternative ward boundary is used the length of paths is in excess of 12000m. We are guided by extract on Public rights of way-a guide to rights and responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Resources <p>A volunteer group supported by Kirklees Countryside Volunteers has worked on footpath maintenance in Kirkheaton since 2014. During 2015 -16 Coldroyd bridle path slabs were re-laid by this group. In April 2017 repairing the dry stone wall alongside the path began. We have completed 30-33m (about half the wall repair). The outstanding funding spend will be for material purchase and further training of volunteers during February-April 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keeping down undergrowth & vegetation <p>During the summer months a small team of volunteers meet each month to cut down grass, nettles, brambles and tree branches. We are supported by KCV who advertise our tasks in their SIGNPOST walking schedule and help us with tool supply and insurance. Also joining us are volunteers from the Health Walkers (Tea for Two) plus collaboration with a Kirklees Ranger who brings his large strimmer. We are able to keep pace with vegetation growth and keep paths accessible by working through the summer months (April-September).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have completed a Condition Survey of all the paths. A summary list of all the infrastructure work required on the paths has been agreed with PROW. It will be monitored for future progress. Liaison with landowners to repair footpath boundaries is our next key step.

	<p>➤ Assisting farmers and landowners with maintenance A majority of our regular walking community regard walking as their weekly healthy exercise. They want access to the countryside with a minimum of safety problems from stiles and gates. They also want public rights of way to be signposted where they leave the surface road and paths to be way-marked to help users find their way. Dogs are allowed on public rights of way. They do not have to be on a lead but should be kept under close control at all times. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clear up after the dog if it fouls. Landowner's responsibilities include applying for temporary closure if undertaking any work which may affect a public right of way or endanger its users. The council, as highway authority, is responsible for the surface (including natural vegetation not a crop growing from it)</p> <p>➤ Infrastructure issues to be resolved with landowners next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Definitive Map objections KIR/255/10 Transy and Low Fold-Definitive Map Officer is liaising with objectors ❖ Glebe Land KIR/219/30 &40-Stead lane missing signage and dog walkers have broken through the wall into Glebe land ❖ Glebe Land KIR/7/20-stile and dog walkers-church and dog walkers to reach agreement on a permissive path ❖ Elliott land KIR/14/20-collapsed wall and trapped barbed wire Somersby Stud-Elliott to be asked to agree to the work ❖ KIR/5/20-old fly tipping of garden waste made path unsafe from New Road to Moorside Road-residents to be canvassed for their help ❖ KIR/171/30- piping of spring across path into ditch-PROW agreed to do this <p>➤ Walking/cycling strategy Kirklees PROW are in discussion regarding linking the Greenway over Sir John Ramsden Canal to the old railway line alongside Dalton Bank Nature Reserve. This link could exit at Coldroyd Lane. This would allow a connection to be made between Dalton Bank, through Kirkheaton and up to Lepton.</p> <p>➤ Natural Kirklees. Next year a formally constituted volunteer group will be needed to replace the support from KCV for the Coldroyd Group working exclusively in Kirkheaton. An application to join Natural Kirklees would provide the necessary benefits of tool hire insurance and gap funding. Applications for project funding could follow.</p>
A.O.B	<p>➤ Laneside Quarry – questions arose as to the length of time being taken before any more works are carried out? Caseys have had one meeting with the Chairman and they will be contacted again in the New Year to arrange another meeting.</p> <p>➤ Vote of thanks stated for all the volunteers and the great response to the Questionnaire held this year.</p> <p>➤ An article will hopefully be in the Huddersfield Examiner re the dry stone walling project in Kirkheaton</p>
Date of next meeting	Not decided.