



# KIRKHAM

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**MEETING OF THE LEISURE, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 @5.30 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, MOOR STREET, KIRKHAM**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Apologies for absence-**

#### **1. Declarations of interest-**

#### **2. Contractors monthly report-**

##### **i. Contractors actions from the last meeting-**

- *Ash Gillow Avenue- Man hour quote= 9hrs.*
- *Cherry Close willow- Man hour quote=6hrs. .*

**Closed**  
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##### **ii. Arbor/ Play Project Hours Remaining- Balance in July =213- above= 198**

*Emergency tree works on WSH – due to thigh winds this caused 3 trees to fall = 21 hours*

*St George trees t29/10 – 5 Berkley Close, St Georges- tree fell onto gable end = 2 hours*

*Maryfields trees – request sent via Cllr Cameron – large snapped branches – 15th Oct = 12 hours*  
**= 163**

##### **iii. Play areas- No reports of defective equipment this month**

##### **iv. Grounds maintenance –**

- *W/C 29th October the team goes down to 30 Hrs. per week – Annualised hours and additional agency staff have gone back*
- *Sept – maintaining bedding displays*
- *Oct – prep for installation of the poppies and new bedding*
- *All sites have been mowed and hand mowed*
- *All sites for bedding stripped out, rotovated, planting has started and beds edged off.*
- *Memorial Park – prune privet bushes and lower shrub bed*  
*Leaf clearing from all areas, paths, steps, play areas and lawns, we are currently doing this twice a week until all the leaf fall is complete. Mow and box off all grass around Memorial every week. Weed all paths and steps and flagstones at memorial. The Play and projects team have been scheduled for power washing before Remembrance Sunday.*
- *Planting - All beds now planted out. Troughs and tubs are ¾ Complete. We have brought troughs that won't be planted in and baskets have also started to be collected the hanging baskets.*  
*Memorial Park planting – this has been put back a little due to the installation of the poppies being slightly delayed but we will start the planting of the Skimmia japonica in between the yew hedging.*  
*Jobs still to complete – finish tubs and troughs, continue with leaf clearance, plant up Skimmia japonica and Mondo grass*
- *Mow all large sites when large mower is back from service*

##### **v. Vandalism report-**

- *None reported by the team for October*

##### **vi. Additional Works-**

- *Hand mow sites as the large grass cutter has had some repairs.*
- *Recut the football pitches by hand*
- *Line mark pitches*

**vii. Prisoner initiative-** *All is currently going well. Paul will be with us until March 2019*

**viii. Arboriculture Works, Surveys and Inspections-** *TBA what work is required for November at the Meeting*

**ix. Finance-**

**x. Matters arising since the last meeting-** *Car Park leaves and clean before 11/11(unlock gates*

**3. Minutes from the last meeting-**

**4. Matters arising from those minutes-**

**5. Correspondence**

- *Twining (attached)*
- *AFC Fylde (attached)*
- *Southlands*
- *WSH bar- Waters*
- *Trees St. Georges*

**6. WSH pavilion/pitches-**

**7. People's Park**

**8. Car Parks**

**9. Projects-**

**i. Sports development**

**ii. Cenotaph**

**iii. Dog agility Calder Close**

**iv. Signage-** *Remembrance Way/Peoples Park*

**10. HMP community team list-**

- *Sign removal on Rec building and repaint.*
- *Cenotaph path*
- *Allotment entrance/Silo*
- *Dog Park/bins*

**11. Community Centre-**

**12. Allotments-**

- *Check complete*
- *Correspondence from Fylde*

**Date and time of next meeting- November 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Correspondence

### Twinning

Dear Emma,

I am contacting you formally as Chairman of the Kirkham Twinning Association with a proposal for consideration by the Town Council. The Mayor, Councillor Hardy, who is a member of the Twinning Committee, is aware of and expecting this request.

It concerns signposting for entrances to the town of Kirkham, and the potential for erecting some additional signs, with mention of our twin towns.

I recently made a proposal to a Committee Meeting, following a query which was raised after a talk I gave to the Lifelong Learning Group in Kirkham. A member of the audience at my talk commented on the relative lack of signposting denoting our twinning relationships, the signs on Dowbridge and on Ribby Road being at present the only public indications of the existence of our twin towns.

This, together with the lack of a designated dedication of a building or road to Bad Brückenau in Kirkham (unlike Ancenis Court for Ancenis), means that there is a lack of reminders of our twin towns available to a wider public.

I was therefore tasked with approaching the Town Council to request that we consider additional/replacement signs at all five road entrances to the town: Dowbridge, Ribby Road, Freckleton Road, Garstang Road and Carr Lane. At present, there is no indication on the latter three roads that a road user is entering Kirkham.

We feel that the erection of additional signs would serve as an enhancement to the attractiveness of the entrances to the town, with the secondary benefit of celebrating our flourishing connection with the twin towns, not least with the 50th anniversary of our link with Ancenis approaching in 2023. The Twinning Association would be keen to explore this proposal with the Town Council, and would be willing to get involved in seeking funding if necessary.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to put this idea to the Council at the first available opportunity, and I am happy to discuss the matter either formally or informally with you and members of the Council as appropriate.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Adrian Long,  
Chairman, Kirkham Twinning Association

### AFC Fylde

Emma,

Hope your well?

The AFC Fylde Community Foundation, would welcome the opportunity to provide young people in Kirkham, with the opportunity to take part in free community sports activities, based at Kirkham Memorial Park MUGA.

We would like to deliver a free community sports session on a Wednesday evening 18:00-20:00, to run for 50 weeks.

Would it be possible to maybe use the lights for this activity? If this would be possible that would be great.

Hi Emma,

Ideally we would have loved to start first week of November but I appreciate timescales may not lend to this.

We are happy to commence W/C 26<sup>th</sup> November if this works better?

**Tom Hutton**

**Director**

**AFC Fylde Community Foundation**

### WSH Height Restriction bar

Hi Emma,

I have been passed your details by my colleague from our Parks Department.

I have received a call from a resident (Mr Colin Waters – 07834 552181) who informed me that the temporary barrier across the gates at the park on Coronation Road is coming lose and that the height of the bar has dropped drastically. He is worried that a car will try and enter the car park and the bar will cause damage to a vehicle.

He said the height of the bar is nearer 6ft now, even though the sign says it's 7ft. He explained children have been climbing and swinging on the bar which will have caused it to become loose.

Would you be able to look into this? However I believe the Parish Council are already aware of this.

Many Thanks  
Gary

Hi,

Earlier this afternoon I was walking through the park towards Coronation Road as I went through the gate way I caught the height restriction bar with my head causing me a lot of pain. I am 6 foot tall, a sign on the gate post clearly states there is 7 foot clearance. If I had been running at this point I would of had a serious head injury. This temporary bar has been in place for a couple of months and will apparently be replaced by a permanent height bar in the future. The bar is bent and coming away from the stone posts probably due to people swinging on it. I feel that the bar will soon be low enough to catch under passing vehicles causing damage and possibly serious injuries to the occupant. I feel the bar needs removing at once and replacing with a permanent fixture.

Regards  
Colin Waters  
07834552181

### **Trees St. Georges**

***Hi I believe my details have been passed on to you by Fylde Borough Council. We live at 5 Berkley close on Saint Georges Park Kirkham. We have a tree that has fallen onto our gable end that is managed the maintained by the town council. I have also written about the other trees in the landscaping belt because in the nine years we have been living here they have grown considerably and are blocking the light out of our back garden. I do not want them felling, I really like the trees, but I was wondering if someone could come out and look at possibly reducing the height of them.***

***I do have a more sense of urgency about the tree that is on the gable end.***

***My phone number is (07732) 199530.***

***Look forward to hearing from you***

***Mandy Ingham***