

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Notes of meeting held Monday 9 January 2012. Meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

Present:

C Wildman (Chair), P Dewhurst (Clerk), N Heseltine, M Throup, N Hart, A Bradley, I Swales, S Marshall (from 8.06pm) N Carr (from 7.12pm) A Sutcliffe (from 7.29pm)

Observers: K Kilner (YDNP) R Ingham (from 7.24pm) J Tod (from 7.30pm)

1. **Public Questions.** None
2. **Apologies:** P Wherity (Treasurer).
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The October minutes were signed and a correction made to the YDNP funding figure in the November minutes. The December minutes were accepted, prop. A Bradley, sec. M Throup.
4. **Matters arising:**

N Heseltine asked if there had been any further development with regard to the planning permission submitted in respect of erecting wind turbines at Lee Gate. The Chair and Clerk advised that they had received no further information in the last month.

With regard to the Smithy bridge, a YDNP representative is to discuss fixing repairs with A Bradley on 14 January.

I Swales advised that she is awaiting a response from Andy Jolly concerning revised quotes for the recycling bins.
5. **Council matters** – no change in circumstances.
6. **County Councillor's report.** (Given by S Marshall under AOB at 8.35pm.) The Localism Bill Report has been published handing more responsibility for planning to the PC under the "Neighbourhood Plan". The operation of the Neighbourhood Plan is complicated but more information will be sent to PCs.
7. **Planning**
 1. The proposal for the creation of a new access for Riverside Barn is to be discussed at a full planning committee meeting in February. Whilst Highways has submitted minor objections in respect of the proposed access, the Clerk read out a letter of support submitted by S Marshall (CDC) for the PC's observations and support of the application.
 2. C Wildman withdrew whilst discussions took place concerning an amendment to a previous planning application submitted in relation to New Close, Church End Farm, Kirkby Malham (Planning ref: C/47/15B) since he is an interested/connected party to this planning application. The amendments related to small changes to windows and the alignment of the cutting-room building. The PC agreed that no reply was necessary.

3. There is nothing relating to KM Parish due for discussion at the next YDNP planning meeting.

8. **Finance.** (R. Ingham, A. Sutcliffe and J. Tod arrived as these items were being discussed.)

1. The Treasurer had provided a report on the current state of the PC's finances. All councillors were provided with a copy. Net available in Account No 1 £16,386.88, net available in Account No 2 £13,116.05 (income from honesty boxes in October £387.92, November £117.42, from the BBC for filming at the Cove £200.00, outgoings to lengthsmen in October £162.50, November £62.50, to EON £51.86 and £25.45).

2. After discussion it was decided that the 2012 / 2013 precept should be set at £4,000.00. The necessary documentation was completed and signed.

9. **Community.**

1. LAFSC & Brochure. £403.03 is held in Account No 2.

2. Village Enhancement Project. C Wildman had met with K Kilner to discuss the enhancement to the Post Office bridge; in particular responsibility for its upkeep to rest with NYCC and the upkeep of the footpath to either side with YDNP. The land to either side of the bridge is not owned by the PC but as it has been maintained by the PC no planning permission is required and it will be registered, together with all other PC land, as Village Green in the next few weeks. K Kilner advised that she can provide detailed maps to assist with registering the land if required.

It was agreed to hold a meeting at 7.00pm on 12 January to discuss the enhancement project and ensure any action that needs to be taken is being pursued.

3. Village Green. Nothing more to report than that already discussed earlier under item 7.

4. Traffic and transport. Highways has advised by telephone that equipment installed near the village hall in K Malham has recorded no evidence of speeding, therefore no further action will be taken. Highways advised that it is not possible to install similar equipment in Hanlith as there is no discreet location in which to place it.

5. Queen's Jubilee. June 2012. Nothing further to report

10. **Environment.** See item 4 above re Smithy bridge. Nothing further to report.

11. **Correspondence.**

1. P Dewhurst to report at the next meeting on feedback concerning the YD housing plan

2. An e-mail has been received concerning an open meeting at 7.30pm – 9.00pm on 26 January at The Lion, Settle about how to improve the Settle Stories festival. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

3. Street cleaning review. A summary report has been received indicating a trend to dissatisfaction with street cleaning. P Dewhurst will check the summary for interesting facts and report back to the PC.

12. **AOB.** (S Marshall arrived during this item.)

1. Mr Tod outlined the current predicament of the Methodist Chapel in Malham and explained that he was intending to apply to the Local Energy Assistance Fund for a grant (approx £30,000) to enable wall insulation, double glazing and better heating to be installed. With these improvements (and various internal alterations to allow for the chapel to be used for various community activities) it was hoped the reduction in energy usage would ensure the continued existence of the chapel. Mr Tod asked the PC to consider the following requests

a. Writing a letter of support in respect of the reduction of energy usage under the umbrella of the Malhamdale Initiative

b. Allowing the use of the PC' No 2 account for the receipt and payment of grant funds

c. Use of permission of C Wildman and N Heseltine's names as co-members of the Malhamdale Initiative group

The application would need to be submitted by 20 January and the work carried out by 31 March 2012.

Following lengthy discussion the PC decided it was unable to agree to Mr Tod's request as a result of concerns raised about PC liability for the repayment of any funding if the chapel closed.

2. Mr Ingham asked if the PC had received details of a planning application proposed by The Listers public house. The Chairman and Clerk advised that no application had been received.

3. Mr Heseltine asked if the lengthsman could be asked to clear the drains through the plantation.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next meeting: Monday 6 February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.