

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes of meeting September 5th 2011

Present: C Wildman (chairman) N Heseltine (vice chairman) P Dewhurst (acting Clerk)

Councillors: I Swales, A Bradley, M Throup, N Carr (arrived 20:11)

Observing: A Sutcliffe (CDC arrived 19:54), J Tod, B Jackson, C Kilner, R Ingham, V Brown, R Brown

1) **Public questions**

- R Ingham – Footpath through the riverside woodland path is eroding, becoming narrow in areas and overgrown limiting access. C Kilner will look into possibility of repairs to be carried out by YDNP team.
- J Todd – enquired whether minutes could record times when attendees leave meetings. Phill Dewhurst to investigate if necessary.
- P Dewhurst to clarify rules re timing of displaying minutes to the public. The Parish Council agreed to continue to make the minutes public once approved at the subsequent meeting. However, they are happy to comply if there is a statutory requirement to display draft unapproved minutes on notice boards prior to approval being obtained.

2) **Apologies:-** P Wherity, N Hart

3) **Minutes of last meeting** C Wildman to amend attendees' initials to names for July and August minutes and to insert the time of departure of J Tod and E Tod in the July minutes. Following above amendments, August minutes were passed; prop I Swales, sec. M Throup

4) **Matters arising –**

- B Jackson provided a cheque for the July milk churn collection.
- C Wildman has discussed issues needing addressing around the village with the lengthsman, litter has already been cleared and repairs carried out to the bus stop seating area.

5) **Council matters –** No changes

6) **County Councillors** report – no councillors present (Alan Sutcliffe arrived at 19.54pm)

7) **Planning**

a) Decisions by YDNPA

- none

b) New Applications.

- Mobile phone mast, Windy Pike – no specific objections to application therefore in support of extending mobile network coverage across the Dale, however the Parish Council question why the existing mobile phone mast at Windy Pike cannot be shared between service providers.
P Dewhurst to submit comments to YDNPA – Planning Dept for consideration.
- Alternative Access Route, Riverside Barn – A proposed change of access to Riverside Barn with closure of the current access across the village green, in addition to increasing the wall height bordering the village green. The Parish Council note that the application refers to the existing access over the village green incorrectly with respect to the current legal matters.
The Parish Council would be in support of an application for an alternative access, removing the need to maintain the existing access across the village green, subject to the following points:
 - The proposal seeks to return the land to its former village green status. The PC would like to make it clear that the village green has always had (and retains) village green status irrespective of this application or the current access across the village green.
 - The PC object to the raising of the height of the wall bordering the village green.

- Consideration to be given to utilising the existing access road via Finkle Street to the Greenbriers property for linked access to Riverside barn which are under the same ownership. This would have the considerable benefit of not creating a new access to the highway.

The Parish Council are keen to come to an amicable solution to the issues surrounding the access over the village green and view the current planning application by Mrs Julie Cawood as a positive step forward.

- Variation of Section 106 Agreement, Hall Close – Proposed change from ‘rural worker’ to ‘local occupancy’. The Parish Council conditionally support this application subject to all the necessary planning application Terms, Conditions and Requirements being adhered to. If it is established that it has a reasonable valuation to be marketed with its current rural worker restriction and still cannot be sold after a reasonable timescale, then the property would benefit the community more if occupied (with local occupancy) rather than left empty.

8) Finance

No movement in No1 Acct, balance remains at £12,555.16

Acct No2 balance £12,366.63

Income from honesty boxes for July and August amounted to £995.93

Expenditure for the lengthsman project for July and August total £450.02

9) Community

a. LAFSC and Brochure –

- Advertisers in the Malhamdale Brochure can email their A4 advertisement to Imogen Swales at imogenswales@btinternet.com to be laminated for display in the notice board by the village toilets.
- Weather Station – Objection raised by J Tod at the use of LAFSC funds for the 25% balance of costs for the weather station, of which approval was voted for by the Parish Councillors at the July meeting. C Wildman explained the timing of the grant funding application prevented full Parish Council discussion prior to submission, however no monies had as yet been paid over. It was proposed the Malhamdale Initiative fund could be used as an alternative source. No objections were received to this proposal.

b. Village enhancement – Due to the successful application pursued by C Wildman, the Parish Council have been awarded a 58% grant under the LEADER programme. The project funding period commenced 26th August 2011 and all expenditure to be completed by 26th August 2013. The project expenditure is broken down as £18,664 capital expenditure in 2011 re Malham village signpost replacement, Post Office bridge replacement, public toilet improvements and upgrades to reduce running costs. With a further £1,200 allocated in both 2012 and 2013 to the village caretaker scheme.

It is also noted that the YDNPA are making a positive contribution towards the project in both support resources and financially contributing towards the funding of the capital items outlined in the grant application.

An acceptance reply to the grant offer to be made by Chris Wildman by 26th September 2011.

A project meeting is to be organised for all interested in participating in the scheme.

Initial action required re sign off of drawings for the bridge. Signpost drawings and pricing to be confirmed (C Kilner).

Congratulation given by N Heseltine, J Tod and B Jackson, with the unanimous agreement of all present, to all involved in this successful application.

c. Village Green – Re Item 7b Planning Applications:

Subject to alternative access routes being resolved and planning application being granted, it is noted that further legal documentation will be required in respect of the village green and a final deed would have to be drawn up to release any claim to the land/monies for both parties.

d. Traffic and transport

- Police discreet speed checking devices have been in operation in Kirkby Malham and have now been removed. The results will be processed by October and assessed as to whether the statistics warrant further action.
- Resurfacing works, letters have been sent out to Parishioners detailing day work to commence Monday 12th September, with night works and road closure the following week.

10) Environment – No issues

11) Correspondence

- 1) Enquiry received re BBC filming request for a geology project incorporating Malham Cove and Gordale Scar. The letter request details of fees payable, C Wildman to reply with suggested donation towards community project such as the weather station.
- 2) Craven DC and NYCC offices are in the process of moving. A Sutcliffe provided dates of closure: The Granville Street site will be closed from Thursday 8th September and the Town Hall offices closing on Friday 9th September.
- 3) Notice received of permanent closure of the Langcliffe Post Office
- 4) The Chair and Deputy Chair of YDNPA offer to attend a meeting for discussion re the extent of their involvement with Parishes within the National Park.
- 5) Winter Maintenance Scheme, covering liabilities and responsible action re snow clearance from properties
etc. copies of information sheet to be displayed in village notice boards

12) AOB

- R Ingham referred to Police comment noted in previous minutes re removal of yellow lines. R Ingham highlighted a traffic calming scheme proposed in mid 90's that followed traffic studies in the village.