

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes (230) for Monday March the 4th 2013 @ 7.30pm

Present - C Wildman, A Bradley, N. Heseltine, P.Wherity, N.Hart, M.Throup, I Swales and A.Sutcliffe

Observing - R Ingham, M Dibb, L Dibb, E Briggs, A Heseltine, K Holmes, C Newhouse, D Newhouse, Alex Roe, Ann Roe , A Boatwright, R Curtis Machin (NT) , J Barker (NP) , M Davis (NT) , S Cresswell, and Jason Lancaster.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- 1 Public Questions - The National Trust's proposal to rent part of the space in the National Park Centre and to open a "grab and go" catering facility provoked a lively discussion.

The NT clarified their intention to open the catering facility and stated that planning had already been applied for. The NP were keen to cooperate with the NT as it could help provide an additional revenue stream that would help to make the Information Centre more financially secure.

There were considerable objections to the scheme from all the residents present. They considered that the new catering facility would provide unfair competition for the existing businesses in Malham.

There was also concern that once Planning Permission for change of use was granted, it would be easy to increase the scale of the planned "Grab and Go" facility. The National Trust agreed to supply the data that they had collected in Malham to the PC and the NP agreed to send us details of the budget needed to run the centre together with any relevant data on visitor nos.

The PC also expressed concern over the proposals and agreed to write to the NP and to the NT to air these concerns. This discussion finished at 8.30 when most of the observers left.

- 2 Apologies P.Dewhurst, S.Marshall, and C. Kilner.

- 3 Minutes of the Last meeting

Were approved, prop. A.Bradley, sec.. N.Heseltine

4. Matters Arising - none

5. Council Matters – No change

6. County Councillors Report – A.Sutcliffe informed us that CDC will not be increasing the Council Tax this year.

7. Planning

(a) Decisions by YDNPPA

The alterations to Cromwell Cottage were approved.

(b) New Applications - none

8. Finance

A/c No 1 £19,116 available after paying the £425 tree surgeon's bill

A/c 2 £15,642 available .

The accounts were still very healthy but future commitments to register Parish Land and to improve the verges and entrance to Malham and to refurbish the toilets needed to be catered for.

9. Affordable Rural Housing Project.

53 people had responded to the questionnaires but the data had yet to be processed. Still no details available about the exceptional additional application.

OTHER BUSINESS

7 Community

(a) LAFSC & Brochure

The Brochure cheques had been collected and the bills about to be paid. Complaints had been received about the Ladies toilets. The washbasin needs fixing and there was a suggestion that we install an alcohol-based hand sanitizing system. It was suggested that we form a Ladies Loo committee to look into the matter! Electrical work will need to be carried out before any painting and decorating. A Boatwright said that he would add the water meter readings to his monthly timesheet.

(b) Village Enhancement Project

A Sutcliffe informed us about the extra dog waste bins on The Green in Gargrave. They would cost £150 each with an extra £15 or so if we wanted them installed. CDC would empty them every 2 weeks and more frequently if required. If we wanted some we would contact Jim Hirst on 01756 792666. CDC would collect waste to within 10m of the highway. Jim would come out to talk to us about it if required. The 'Dog Fouling' Warden at CDC is Mary Vickers on 706399.

We need to contact the YDNP with their offer of litter picking in the area.

P Wherity is to contact the solicitors to see if there has been any progress with the Land Registration.

(d) Traffic and transport

Following the discussion about flooding on the Hanlith road, Highways have stabilized the edge of the main road where it joins Back Lane and have installed a new drain to take water off the lane and into the adjacent field.

Water is still running across the Cove Rd opposite The Plantation and there was a new report of a blocked drain between River House and The Buck. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to try and get the NYCC road-sweeping vehicle to clean up the village before the Easter break. P Dewhurst is to contact Highways

10. Correspondence - none

AOB - none

Date of next meeting - Mon 8th April 2013