

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minute 1023 for Monday 6th August 2012 @ 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Council: Chris Wildman (Chair), Phil Dewhurst (Clerk), Mark Throup, Imogen Swales, Nita Hart.

Public: Alan Sutcliffe until 8.52pm.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Public questions. None
2. Apologies received from Pat Wherity, Neil Heseltine and Shelagh Marshall
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved – Prop. M Throup, Sec. I Swales.
4. Matters Arising. A reply has been received from Yorkshire Pullman bus company and circulated to all councillors.
5. Council Matters. Standards: The New Arrangements – Register of Interests forms were completed by those present. Blank forms will be distributed for completion to absent councillors.
6. A Sutcliffe advised:-
 - a) That CDC has to save £184,000 over the next 4 years.
 - b) There will be £400,000 less Council Tax benefit available to CDC with effect from April 2013 from the government than previously. This could have a particularly negative effect on council tax benefit claimants aged up to 65 years old. The CDC has to make a decision about how to manage discretionary council tax benefit by October 2012.
 - c) CDC is proposing a £34 annual charge for collecting brown wheelie bin (garden) waste.
 - d) CDC is considering a scheme for all out elections, so in 2014 all councillors would come up for election.
 - e) Julia Mulligan is standing as the Conservative candidate in the Police Commissioner election.
7. Planning:
 - a) YHA Malham. Planning permission has been approved with conditions.
 - b) Renewal of windows at the Old School House, Malham has been approved with conditions.
 - c) Riverside Barn, Malham. Alternative access and closure of access across the village green has been approved with conditions, including the re-instatement of the village green and subject to the signing of a S106 Agreement.
 - d) Vicarage, Kirkby Malham. Retrospective planning has been approved. C Wildman will check to confirm that the retrospective planning application was due to fewer alterations being carried out than originally planned.
 - e) A new planning application has been received in respect of The Listers, Malham. This is in respect of a new porch between the pub and the holiday

cottage accommodation to enable dry passage between the two premises. Whilst there was no objection by councillors to the porch, it was noted that the plan accompanying the application incorrectly incorporated Parish Council land. P Dewhurst will check with P Wherity about the current position concerning registration of Parish Council land before any other action is taken.

8. Finance

A/C No 1 £18,052.65 available

A/C No2 £14,210.30 available.

These figures to be verified by P Wherity.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Community

a) Lengthsman. A Boatwright has trimmed the vegetation spreading into Cove Road.

b) At the Community Spaces meeting a resident asked whether the Parish Council would agree to fund community facilities from the Lengthsman A/C (A/C No 2). It was agreed that the Parish Council would be happy to consider this if a more detailed request was put forward. I Swales will e-mail a response reflecting this decision to the resident concerned.

c) Brochure. Nothing to report

d) The National Trust has asked if they can put a poster on the Malham notice board advertising their events etc. This has been agreed to for a fee of £50 per annum.

e) Village Green. See 7c above.

f) Traffic and Transport. Most potholes on the Gargrave to Malham road have been filled in, although one at the top of Kirkby Brow has been missed. I Swales drew attention to the poor state of the road (the tarmac has lifted leaving the road rutted) near Tennant Gill farm on the road to Arncliffe. P Dewhurst will write to Highways about this.

g) LEADER project. P Dewhurst had prepared a file of photographs and documents for auditing. The auditor had pointed out that there were some incorrectly completed and missing forms but declared the file / paperwork satisfactory. Up to £2,400 over the next 2 years in respect of Lengthsman work is still available to claim before 11th August 2012. P Dewhurst and C Wildman will deal with the claim and address the minor issues raised by the auditor.

10. Environment. An e-mail has been received advising the Parish Council about an ash tree on Parish Council land near the Old School House that is in poor condition and requiring some branches to be cut off to avoid potential damage to BT lines. C Wildman will respond to the e-mail advising that BT will be contacted and the lengthsman asked to report on what further action if any, should be taken about the tree.

11. Correspondence.

- a) Following a quarterly bill from Yorkshire Water in respect of the toilets a Direct Debit has now been set up.
- b) An e-mail has been received asking for any nominations for the Craven Community Champion Awards by 24 August 2012.
- c) A poster will be put on the Malham noticeboard reminding up to 18 year olds that they can travel on buses for £1 a day during the holidays.
- d) A flyer has been received about a cycle ride on 14th August although it is unclear whether the route affects this parish.
- e) A lengthsman schedule of work and invoice has been received today and will be passed to P Wherity (Treasurer).

12. AOB

- a) I Swales showed councillors pictures of some litter bins by a company called Woodscape that may be suitable for Malham. She will contact Woodscape for details.
- b) I Swales will speak to T Bullough (National Trust) to discuss if some bat boxes can be provided to put up in the plantation. (Bats eat midges so encouraging bats may reduce midge bite discomfort for residents and visitors.)

Date of next meeting: 3rd September 2012: 7.30pm

Dates of subsequent meetings: 1st October 2012
12th November 2012
3rd December 2012