

# **KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes (254) for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 @ 7.30pm**

Present: C Wildman, P Dewhurst, M Throup, T Bullough, A Bradley, I Swales, S Marshall, A Sutcliffe and C Kilner

Observing: R Ingham, K Holmes, A Heseltine, S Todd, M Rand, R Rand, M Gledhill, S Gledhill, V Spence, C Newhouse, N Crossley and P Cummings

### **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- 1. Public Questions** – S Todd asked whether Cherry Tree Farm planning application would be discussed. C Wildman confirmed that it would under the planning item on the agenda.
- 2. Apologies** – N Heseltine, P Wherity and N Hart.
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting** – were approved – prop. M Throup, Sec. T Bullough.
- 4. Matters Arising** – community defibrillator – the siting of this is under review due to The Buck Inn being a listed building. The defibrillator has been ordered as agreed at Feb PC meeting. The proximity limitation for emergency call purposes should really be referenced on a notice next to where defibrillator is sited.
- 5. Council Matters** – no change.
- 6. CD Councillor's Report** – A Sutcliffe reported that NY Police and Fire Brigade and Council charges increased by 1.99%. Skipton Council increasing Council Tax by 1.9%. Also noted that if a referendum about cost increases was held in Craven District this would cost £58,000 to run so preference is to avoid increasing costs/charges by 2% or more as increase at 2% necessitates referendum being held on cost increases. Overall expectation is that CD Council will have no tax increase.
- 7. County Councillor's Report** – S Marshall confirmed Council Tax going up by 1.99% max allowed without a whole County referendum. Extra £4m put into budget to fill gap in superfast broadband coverage by 2017, to enable better minimum speed across whole county. 'Grey cells' policy = particularly concerned about older people getting knowledge and training on and about usage of internet. This is to improve older generation's attitude to technology and internet.

Future need for Council information and communications to be online rather than via leaflets as this (leaflet distribution) cannot realistically be afforded in future. Major library consultation has had 7,000 responses but this does not really directly affect KM parish as we do not have permanent library facility. Confirmed there would be no further changes to bus timetable or services during 2015. Government has announced £25m fund for communities to apply for mini buses and run these.

Next Planning Committee meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> March but no planning applications in KM parish are coming up at this Committee meeting.

## 8. Planning

Approvals - Resubmitted alteration plans for Listers Arms, Malham have been approved.

New applications

- (i) 8 Cove Road, Malham – it was agreed to make no comment about this application.
- (ii) Westbank Farm, Kirkby Malham – it was agreed that the PC had no objection to this planning application and would make no comment as overall PC felt it was inconsistent to support this application when similar applications (e.g. Clock Cottage, KM) had similar ‘no comment, no objection’ response without being positively supported.
- (iii) Cherry Tree Croft, Malham – very extensive and lengthy discussions about this proposed 5 property development on Finkle Street, Malham with extremely strong views and opinions being expressed by parishioners in attendance at PC meeting. Questions asked about actual need for rural, affordable housing now being referred to as ‘rural discount homes’. Views that 5 properties is simply too many, proposed site is well outside village boundary and introduction of this specific exception site very late on in the Development Plan process was questioned when other alternative sites exist within village boundary and have not been given appropriate consideration or consulted upon. The feeling of parishioners was very strongly against this planning application and this was made clear to PC. The PC voted to unanimously object to this planning application and a formal response will be sent to YDNPA planning.

9. **Finance** – all PC finance and accounts in order but with Treasurer (P Wherity) absent from the March PC meeting it was felt better that the detail of the PC cash balances in Acc No. 1 and Acc No. 2 should be deferred to be fully updated and discussed at the April 2015 PC meeting.

It was reported that the money box in the public toilet has been broken into again. This will be repaired.

**Risk Assessment** – the issue of the ‘high liners’ using Malham Cove was raised and it was agreed there is a need for a very specific policy response to such use of land and natural geographical features which form Parish owned land.

## 10. Other Business

**Community** – C Kilner provided update on YDNPA projects, as follows:-

- (i) Up on Malham Moor – spare funds from DETA being used to resurface part of Tarn track to make this more accessible to cyclists. Should be completed by W/E 13/3. This leaves c. £1,500 of funding left over which needs spending before 31/3/15.
- (ii) The community bus operating in Grassington could be available to share if KM parish was interested and had drivers (?).
- (iii) Electric bikes – unfortunately not enough in budget/grants but thought this a very good idea although unfortunately the overall cost was too much.

- (iv) Pressure washers for cleaning bikes could be sited at car park/National Park Centre (?) plus possibly electric bike battery charger (?).
- (v) The footpath through first field out of Malham heading towards Janet's Foss will be flagged during the next two weeks to help protect footpath.
- (vi) The 'ford' across the river in Malham village will be worked on to restore the ramp and to level out this area, probably with random stone. This will maintain the accessible (for farm vehicles) nature of this ford.

LAFSC & Brochure – C Wildman advised that 60,000 brochures were printed and are available from early February on request from C Wildman as he still has 8,000 available. The other 52,000 have been distributed by Northern Print Distribution (NPD).

Village Green – nothing specific to report although C Wildman has recently discussed this further with Planning Officer (K Wood).

Traffic & Transport – some highway repairs are required on Malham Moore so M Throup and T Bullough to inform P Dewhurst of specific repair sites and then highways to be contacted.

Superfast Broadband – digging and laying fibre optic cable into Malham village currently has resulted in some road works, expected delivery of SFB within 6 months according to BT info.

**11. Malhamdale Emergency Plan** – defer until future meeting.

**12. Environment** – T Bullough not yet done tree survey due to inclement weather conditions.

Significant dog waste reported in woods/plantation walk by river in Malham which needs to be monitored.

**13. Correspondence** – a Community Clear Up Day will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 – poster provided for display in village noticeboard.

**14. AOB** – public toilets in Malham – electricians have been on site 2 days in week prior to March PC meeting. This means renovation works have started and should be completed within next 1 – 2 weeks.

Plantation in Malham – village ownership was historically referenced in Minutes of Malham village meeting which seem to confirm that the woodland plantation walk was given to Malham village by Mrs Hutton-Croft. This information will be passed to P Wherity for consideration and possible effort to register this land as Parish land (?).

The annual Malham village meeting has been scheduled to take place at 7.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Malham Village Hall.

The March 2015 PC meeting closed at approx. 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 @ 7.30pm