

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes (260) for Monday September 7th 2015 @ 7.30pm

Present -C. Wildman, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, M.Throup (arrived at 8pm), T Bullough and I Swales

Observing – A.Sutcliffe (left 9pm), S. Marshall (left at 8:40pm) R. and M. Rand (arrived at 8pm), K Holmes R.Ingham, J. Rogers, S. Todd (left at 8:40pm), J. and R. Thacker and T. Zillessen (left at 8:35pm)

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Public Questions – None

S. Todd was invited to speak about the Renewable Energy Group (this follows on from the Malhamdale Plan). The group (now incorporating Gargrave – see website and parish magazine) plans to undertake an energy usage survey with an aim to link local renewable energy projects with demand in the vicinity. They are applying for funding from NP for the survey, looking for support from the local councillors. There's an open evening at Gargrave Village Hall on 8/9/15 for more information. They hope to identify local sites where renewable energy sources could be located (on community sites such as a village hall), ultimately the money raised would go to the share holders and the community.

AS mentioned the CDC Energy Auction – every 6 months. 5,000 homes gas and electric requirements were out to tender last time and they each received 20% off their bills.

2. Apologies

P.Wherity and N. Heseltine

3. Minutes of the Last meeting

Were approved – prop. M. Throup, sec. I.Swales

4. Matters Arising

D. Hargreaves has agreed to do the work on the setts around the village green.

5. Council Matters – No change.

6. County Councillor's Report

The site visit took place at West Bank Farm, Kirkby Malham and will be discussed at committee tomorrow (8/9/15). State of the highways discussed – road at Skellands and Morcross very large pot holes have reappeared. Winter road maintenance – 17th July letter from Longbottoms at Capon Hall, contacted the ombudsmen re lack of gritting, we requested further information from them. Andrew Mellor @ NYCC was quoted as saying they required 72 hours of severe weather before they would grit (priority 3). Now received a letter (dated 2/9/15) from J Varney at High Trenhouse requesting support to ensure everyone's safety on the Moor in the winter.

For clarification: Priority 1 – gritted before 5am, Priority 2 gritted after 8am, Priority 3 gritted after 72 hours of continuous frost

SM has taken a list of the affected businesses and will look into gritting on the Moor – will find out when we should make a request. All councillors agreed to support a request for a change of Priority and a request for a flip sign in Malham (by the camp site) and in Langcliffe (by the old school), also requests for more salt piles which farmers could access. P Dewhurst will reply to J Varney and C Longbottom.

7. CDC Councillor's Report

Kerbside collections in Skipton – HSE insisted these change to end of the street, will be in force by March 2016. Paper recycling scheme is costing £400,000 pa, only £200,000 in reserve for this currently- more funds needed to be found from somewhere else.

Three leases are due to be signed for the Town Hall by October, these include Skipton Town Council and Prezzo (another pizza company). Another planning application is due for Wyvern Park including a 50/50 split residential and industrial development. Gargrave Road, Skipton – Keelham Farm Shop are having car parking issues, as are Craven College, both are looking at purchasing land adjacent to the Auction Mart site for conversion to a car park. Gordale Scar – are we marketing it? Could this be pushed further on Malhamdale.com?

8. Planning

a) Decisions: Malham village ford works were approved at the end of July

b) New application: Clock Cottage, Kirkby Malham: bi-fold doors on already approved extension, change from timber to aluminium. Majority NO, it's a listed building and would look out of place in aluminium.

Town Head Farm, Malham: agricultural building covering the yard facing Cove Road, support this application

Kirkby Malham School: Biomass Boiler to replace existing oil powered boiler. Unanimous support.

c) Other Planning: M. Rand questioned Riverside Barn access 106 consent which has lapsed – no update

Questions / Items for discussion for Planning Officer for next meeting:

Finkle Street, Trekking Centre, Cove Centre, Riverside Barn, Village Boundary, Village Plan. C Wildman to confirm a list of discussion items.

R Rand ombudsmen update: planning are permitted to use the word 'adjacent' if it is relatively close by. RR requested the Highways Report in May (it was dated March), this was received 10 days ago. He referred to the Highways guidance document which they sent him – RR has identified errors in the report (confirmed by the guidance) and quoted these back to the Highways Officer. He's now in receipt of a Highways Manual from the Department of Health which relates to urban roads not rural ones – every step of the way RR has identified ways this report is wrong. This information has gone to the ombudsmen, the investigation is now entering Phase 2 and the documents have been sent to the Chief Executive of the Planning Department.

9. Finance

A/c No 1 **£20936.90** available after paying for the external audit fees of £120.

A/c 2 **£11388.69** available after paying Eon and Yorkshire Water

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Community

a) **LAFSC** – glass signs are being etched for the new toilet lights. New frames and wiring installed. The paint has been ordered by M Boatwright – French Grey colour for woodwork and Pointing (warm white shade) for internal walls

b) **Village Green** – no update

c) **Traffic and transport** – as discussed earlier re winter gritting and pot holes

d) **Superfast Broadband** – the older phone installations in the Dale (direct lines to the Airton exchange) should be completed by the end of 2016. There is an update on Malhamdale.com from Ted Ellis' recent survey and discussions with Superfast NY

11. Emergency Plan

Is being circulated by C Wildman

12. Environment

No update

13. Correspondence

National Parks Parish Forum meeting 7/10/15 in Settle, inviting 2 representatives from KMPC

NY Fire and Rescue – consultation about their services. Undertake online survey under the Fire Cover Review Link on their website running until 16/10/15

Nomination of Community Assets – C Wildman proposed that we nominate The Victoria Inn, Kirkby Malham, showed the guidelines and the application form. Questions arose regarding ‘what is a Community Asset’ – it furthers the social interests or social well being of the community. This was discussed and it was suggested that it needs to be discussed with the current owners of The Vic

Freedom of Information request received from a Mr M Williams via email. Requiring the following information:

How many milk churns we have, how much they cost including installing them, the income received from a 12 month period and what this money is spent on. C. Wildman contacted David Roper Newman at CDC for advice on this matter, he advised we respond within 20 days and sent us 2 draft documents to advise on how to respond. P. Dewhurst to respond to Mr Williams.

14. AOB

J Thacker questioned the Malhamdale Plan – have the objectives been met? Has it been looked at since? Examples of progress discussed included the youth club, the renewable energy group and the work on Malham Village Hall.

Following on from next month’s meeting with the Planning Officer a Village Plan will be written in the near future too.

Date of next meeting - Mon 5th Oct at 7.30pm