

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes (263) for Monday Dec 7th 2015 @ 7.30pm

Present - P.Dewhurst, P.Wherity, T Bullough, A Bradley, N.Hart, C.Wildman, M.Throup and N.Heseltine.

Observing – M.Wilson, (left 7.40) A. Sutcliffe (left 20.20) S.Marshall (left 20.10), R. and M Rand, J Thacker, C Newhouse, R.Ingham, J.Rogers, J Moon. K.Holmes, C.Kilner and A Heseltine.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1 Public Questions – Mike Wilson thanked us for our support in his planning application at West Bank Farm. As a result of our support the decision went to committee and they overturned the planner's recommendation to reject the plan.

2 Apologies none

3 Minutes of the Last meeting

Were approved – prop. T.Bullough, sec. N.Hart

4. Matters Arising – none

5. Council Matters – No change.

6. County Councillor's Report –

NYCC has made representations to protect the social care spending ahead of the November Budget. The government response to that is to allow local councils to levy an extra 2% rise in Council Tax specifically for social care. This will not be enough to cover costs though as N.Yorks has a relatively elderly population. NYCC is halfway through its "savings through change" policy to cut a third of its budget by 2020. The YDNP will not be required to find any more reductions.

7. C.D. Councillor's Report-

All the Craven District is to be on kerbside refuse collection by 2016. This will have a minimal affect in our area as most properties already comply. 230 high value homes are likely to be given planning permission at Wyvern Park, with more likely to be approved on Horse Close Estate and near Embsay Lane End.

8. Planning

Approval has been given for the steps at Clock Cottage in spite of it being a listed building. It was thought that this indicated some inconsistency in the planning process.

There was some comment about the workshop at King House. It was in a different position to the original plan.

The objection to Cherry Tree Croft Planning Process is still in the hands of the ombudsman who is currently dealing with the complaint about the Highways report used by the Planners.

No news yet on the proposed to re-designation of the affordable housing at Cherry Tree Croft to "intermediate" status (above social rent but below market rent or sale). This went to committee in November

There are rumours that The Cove Centre has been sold to Thwaites Brewery to be developed into an 8 bedroomed accommodation unit.

9. Finance

A/c No 1 **£22,236** available, no change from last month.

A/c 2 **£11,533** available,

After much discussion it was agreed that next years precept would be reduced by 50% to £1000. We had sufficient capital funding for our current needs and this amount would cover our annual running costs.

Future projects included continuing work on the toilets but also potential work on the village green once the drive access to Riverside Barn has been resolved. It was agreed that this would be a good time to revisit the Malhamdale Plan to see if any other projects

could be considered. Stepping Stones across the beck opposite the Old Barn Café were another idea worth considering.

We agreed that it was important that we matched our income from the precept to our potential expenditure.

The risks associated with collecting money from the milk kits were discussed.

Following the theft from the new milk kit at Chapel Gate it was decided to upgrade the cement and steel footings. This should be installed by the end of February. A notice that the kit was to be emptied on a daily basis would reduce the risk and P. Wherity is to ask A.Boatwright if he would empty it on this basis. P. Wherity is to keep a spreadsheet of the monthly collections to monitor any trends. Both N. Bradley and R. Rand are happy to continue collecting The Smithy and The Green monies.

Up to present, the Chapel Gate kit has yielded 50% of the collections in the village.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Community

D. Hargreaves hasn't yet repaired the setts around the Green probably due to the bad weather. They have deteriorated though. P. Wherity to remind him.

We now need to install the hand driers. C. Wildman to get a quote and some ideas from Nathan. There is an issue with toilet paper running out at weekends. C. Kilner will let us have the details of the dispensers used in the YDNP toilets.

Village Green

There has been some work on the driveway from Riverside Barn to Greenbriers, possibly in response to the imminent planning deadline. If we think that there has been undue damage to the Green then we should contact the Planners. We will need to reread the agreement to clarify the terms and conditions.

Brochure

The 2016 version has been given the go ahead.

Broadband

There are still many problems in Malham, many are without internet and some without phone lines. Ted Ellis can help deal with broadband problems if needed.

11. Emergency Plan

We have some of the answers to the questions posed last month. There is gradual progress.

12. Correspondence and AOB

The Police Commissioner has a surgery in Skipton on 10th December.

13. AOB

The kerbs and drains adjacent to Town Head Farm are in need of a major overhaul. Water is flowing into the barns at the farm. P. Dewhurst to write to Highways. He will also mention the need for the road sweeper to come to Malham to clear the debris over the yellow lines and the piles of leaves along the roadside.

Lots of footpath damage has been reported following the bad weather. YDNP has some money to renovate the Pennine Way and will do some work on the Cove path and also Gordale.

J. Thacker suggested that we have a twice-yearly community clear up day with soup and sandwiches provided in the village hall. C. Kilner said that she could help organise it. Date of next meeting - Mon 4th Jan at 7.00pm followed by our Christmas dinner at The Buck.