

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes (266) for Monday 7th March 2016 @ 7.30pm

Present – C Wildman, N Heseltine, P Dewhurst, T Bullough, A Bradley, I Swales, N Hart, A Bradley and M Throup

Observing – Cllr S Marshall, Cllr A Sutcliffe, R & J Thacker, Mr & Mrs R Rand, Mrs A Heseltine, D & C Newhouse, J Moon, R Ingham, L Parker and M Bailey

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Public Questions

None

2. Apologies

P Wherity

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved (proposed: T Bullough, seconded: A Bradley)

4. Matters Arising

- (i) P Wherity has spoken to David Hargreaves about the repairs to setts around Malham village green.
- (ii) Update from electrician re hand driers for public toilets at £260 + VAT plus fitting per hand drier. Two hand driers would be required (1 for each male and female toilets). The purchase of these hand driers was approved by the Parish Council and C Wildman will arrange.
- (iii) Fixed toilet roll dispensers for public toilets to be researched and arranged (C Wildman to deal with).
- (iv) Rubbish bins/dog poo bins – request to be made for these to be sited by Chapel Corner near entrance to Robert Hudson’s field car park and by Townhead campsite near to where the footpath up to Malham Cove starts. (P Dewhurst to liaise with Craven District Council about this possibility).
- (v) The possibility of Cat Kilner, Park Ranger for YDNPA, producing a sign to go in the YDNPA car park was raised. This would be to provide a map of Malham showing where rubbish bins/dog poo bins are located in efforts to help alleviate current dog poo crisis in Malham.
- (vi) The stepping stones across the river in Malham by the ford at Chapel Corner may need some work doing on them.
- (vii) The preferred site for the Malham Beacon to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday is to be Low Pikedaw.

5. Council Matters

No changes

6. County Councillor's Report

Provided by Shelagh Marshall.

Locality budget of £5,000 now all accounted for so no further funding available for the time being. A further £5,000 will become available from June 2016.

County putting up Council Tax by 3.9%.

Councillor Marshall provided a full report for which a printed copy was passed to the Clerk (P Dewhurst) and is available to view on request.

7. CDC District Councillor's Report

Provided by Alan Sutcliffe.

CDC has balanced its budget and set Council Tax increase for 2016 at 3.3%, plus certain add-ons (e.g. police, fire brigade, etc.) increases Council Tax by 4% overall.

The appeal against the wind farm in Yorkshire Dales National Park was successful so Cllr Sutcliffe believes that this perhaps signals the end of wind farms in the Dales or wind farm planning applications in the Dales.

Cllr Sutcliffe has been appointed lead member for waste disposal, leisure services and bereavement services in CDC area.

District councillors will from May 2016 be given £1,000 per year to give away during the course of a full financial year. Cllr Sutcliffe has invited applications for use of this funding by appropriate good causes.

8. Planning

a) Decisions – (i) Chapel Fell, Waterhouses, Malham Moor (C/55/66) – approved conditionally.
(ii) Shepherd's Cottage, Waterhouses, Malham Moor (C/55/61A/LB) – approved conditionally.

b) New Applications – land West of Garden Cottage, Beck Lane, Malham (C/54/109/C) – application to alter existing planning permission from small office building to small 4 bedroom guesthouse. This was discussed by the PC and it was agreed that there would be no objection and a letter to be sent to YDNPA planning by the Clerk (P Dewhurst) confirming PC's views making specific comments. These would reinforce the PC's wish that no vehicle access would be granted via Back Lane/Beck Lane and the PC would prefer a Section 106 Order placing on the planning application if it is approved to prevent change of use to residential dwelling at a later date.

9. Finance

A full financial analysis for the month of February will be carried over to the next PC meeting to be held on 4th April 2016 as the Treasurer (P Wherity) had given apologies for this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Community

- a) The brochure has been printed with 60,000 copies in circulation. It was noted that there have been more advertisers this year than last year which is very positive.
- b) It was noted that in regard to Malham village green the tyre track marks in the village green have been filled and made good/repared in the past few days. C Wildman contacted the Planning Officer a couple of times in the preceding week but had not managed to obtain contact with the Planning Officer to discuss where matters are up to on their involvement with the village green and related access/new driveway issues. C Wildman confirmed that he will aim to contact the Planning Officer on a recurring monthly basis to obtain an updated monthly report on progress.
It was noted that there had been some dredging of the river in Malham near to Malham bridge. Piles of river rubble have been placed on the river bank opposite Coronation Villas, seemingly without permission for the river dredging. C Wildman to contact YDNPA about this activity and to establish whether some form of planning permission or licence had been obtained to undertake this river dredging activity.
- c) **Traffic and transport** – the Kettlewell community bus project was referred to as a good example of what can be achieved in providing effective transport solutions in rural areas.
Pot holes in need of repair were reported by Kirkby Malham Village School, Finkle Street (by youth hostel), Cove Road (near Beck Hall) and opposite Townhead National Trust Barn (left hand side).
Roadside kerbstones near to Townhead Farm towards top of Cove Road, Malham in need of repair. P Dewhurst to report to Highways Area 5.
Letter received from the Dales and Bowland CTC, operators of Dalesbus. Parish Council confirmed that they would prefer the bus stop to remain in the village centre and to be combined with the use of a smaller bus to avoid traffic problems and turning difficulties.
- d) **Superfast Broadband** – once again confirmed that this is due to be sorted by end of 2016. There has been no material change to this anticipated timeframe for some time. Separate to this matter is the very problematic issue for regular phone lines in Malham which seem to break down regularly creating problems for users and houses with normal/standard broadband. C Wildman is to send a letter to our MP (Julian Smith) from the PC raising both issues of superfast broadband and the BT phone line problems in Malham. It was also noted that the business phone line service seems to be much better than the domestic service for some reason.

11. Malham Emergency Plan

Deferred.

12. Environment

No comments.

13. Correspondence

Letter received from Kirkby Malham Parish Hall Committee requesting support of PC for siting of a defibrillator in Kirkby Malham on the Parish Hall. The PC voted unanimously in favour of agreeing to cover running costs of this potential lifesaving piece of equipment in Kirkby Malham, as it has already done in Malham.

Use of drones for filming – the frequency of drone flying aircraft for filming purposes was raised. It was agreed that where reasonable requests are received the PC would grant permission for filming of the cover, etc. but not for the drone operator to stand in any field or land which was privately owned. In such situations the PC would instruct the drone operator and filming company to separately seek permission of the relevant land owner beforehand.

HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday – the principle of the PC purchasing some commemorative coins to be distributed to children of the Parish was discussed. This is to be researched by Mrs I Swales who will liaise with Kirkby Malham School to establish what they might be doing. Further discussions and decision required by PC at next PC Meeting in April.

14. Correspondence and Any Other Business (AOB)

Parking issues on Malham Brow all the way to Chapel Corner were discussed at length. Unreasonably parking continues to take place on Finkle Street. The PC and residents present at the PC meeting voiced concerns about access problems that this can create for emergency services and farmers who are trying to carry out their normal daily activity. C Wildman to contact parking control in Harrogate and P Dewhurst to contact Highways/Area 5 about road cleaning and repairs to yellow lines. C Wildman is also going to look into purchase of parking bollards which Roger Rand indicated he would be happy to assist in distributing around Malham to try and alleviate parking problems.

It was agreed that greater enforcement is needed to control the parking problems and this is now being treated as a major issue within Malham village. The question was raised about what long term solution can be achieved and this will be discussed and investigated further at future PC meetings.

The possibility of double yellow lines on Finkle Street is to be raised with Highways by P Dewhurst. Discussion about woodland management in the plantation and Atkinson's Copse. Possibility of applying for grant funding of some type to help with this is to be investigated.