

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (287) for Monday 4th December, 2017

Present – C Wildman (Chair), J Thacker, C Newhouse, T Bullough, P Dewhurst, A Bradley, N Heseltine, P Wherity, M Throup

Observing – J Moon, R Ingham, M + SJ Harrop, M Wilson, D Newhouse, K Hilditch (YDNP), Cllr Alan Sutcliffe

1. Public Questions

None

2. Apologies

Apologies received by Councillor Quinn

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October were approved by Neil Heseltine and seconded by Annabelle Bradley.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved by T Bullough and seconded by Carol Newhouse

4. Matters arising / outstanding actions from October minutes

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- 02/10/17 – CW to chase up work to toilet lights. CW advised A. Donald needs dimensions of light boxes to complete light fittings
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- 02/10/17 - NH / MT to contact B Sutcliffe re mole removal on the village green
- 06/11/17 - CW to promote litter pick event on top of Cove on 18/11/17 on FB. Was deferred.
- 06/11/17 - CW to contact Sarah Deane at YDMT re youth strand involvement for litter pick on 18/11/17
- 06/11/17 - JT to contact L Wood re further village litter pick. Recent walks established no abundance of litter.
- 06/11/17 - CW to source wooden 'no parking' signs by December meeting. 10 have been ordered.

5. Council Matters

None

6. County Councillors Report

Councillor Quinn gave her apologies due a recent operation. Cllr Sutcliffe following up with her 3 outstanding actions and will report back to P Dewhurst.

7. District Councillors Report

KMPH has put in a request for funding rather than submitting an actual application. JT will follow up with KMPH. Planning activity very busy at the moment. Affordable housing total now dropped significantly across the district. Hellifield Flashes going nowhere at present. Likely to be February / March

before any progress is likely. In the National Park, pilot schemes to increase council tax on second homes. Around 20 % of second homes are in the Park area.

8. Comment and input from YDNP

K Hilditch was present. YDNP quickly removed some graffiti up at Gordale Scar 2 weeks ago.

K Hilditch talked about the Sunday bus service. It is not a commercial service. Three buses come on a Sunday. First bus and the last bus are 12 m long and the company feel that the turning circle is too tight for turning and reversing at the Village centre bus stop. They also wait for over an hour at the stop. The Parish Council were split in their view as to the best solution. Kate will provide feedback that the Parish Council have not reached an agreed position about the Sunday bus stop. CW raised the issue of Village centre signage, waymarkers, interpretation panels etc. Rob Ashford from YDNP is pleased to support improvements.

D Newhouse said a waymarker was urgently needed at Gordale Bridge signposting to Janet's Foss, Gordale etc. A meeting with YDNP to be set up to progress all of the signage issues.

M. Wilson asked if the YDNP monitored the types of people coming into the National Park and it was confirmed that the YDNP do indeed monitor people coming into the park by age, ethnicity, length of stay etc. to inform promotional and educational activity.

9. Parking Strategy for Malham

YDNP have been helpful in providing initial information needed. Kate reinforced how crucial it will be to get consultants in place by March to capitalise on busy weekends, especially Bank Holiday weekends. A Bradley raised a matter on behalf of R Rand, that the (now second set) traffic cones needed replacing due to loss and / or damage. R Rand also asked that he be relieved of his volunteering duties in placing the cones out on weekends. This takes about 1.5 hours of his time. It was suggested the lengthsman be approached to take this on but P Wherity advised that the lengthsman had indicated he wished to reduce his hours as he was approaching retirement. Councillors were asked to consider a longer term replacement for some of the lengthsman duties and report to the Chair.

10. Planning

a) Decisions by YDNP

Nothing to report

b) New Applications

None received

c) Other planning business

None

11. Finance

No 1 account - £ 9135.09

No 2 account - £20075.19

Had an increase of £795 over the month. EON contract has run out and swapped to OPUS as more cost effective. Fixed for 2 years. P Wherity raised the issue of Precept. The meeting agreed zero precept for 2018/2019. Last years' audit showed no issues to respond to. Future audits will be done online but for the same fee.

12. Community

- (a) LAFSC & Brochure – P Wherity said the Vic pub had not paid up for 2016. There have been several landlords since then so it was felt payment might be difficult.
- (b) Village Green – Nothing to report. Issue of daffodil planting. – J Thacker reported that L Parker had been unable to source naturalised daffodils but the meeting hoped this could be done in 2018.
- (c) Traffic + Transport – As discussed previously
- (d) Maintenance and Repair Issues – Hole in the road reported at the top of Hanlith Hill. Greengate is the name of the road. Kirkby Bridge - M Wilson, further to conversation with engineers on site, reported the bridge is likely to be repaired in 2019. It would mean the bridge being closed during reconstruction. A temporary bridge is likely to be installed. P Wherity also raised the issue that Cockthorne Lane down over to Back Lane, the culvert is blocked and causing flooding over onto Back Lane. M Wilson has done quite a lot of work to clear this in recent weeks. P Dewhurst to report to highways for attention.

13. Malhamdale Emergency Plan – JT advised that M Harrop has offered to assist with the Emergency Plan. We are meeting Tim Townsend from NYCC Emergency Planning team on the 14th December to progress. Key issues is a nominated person for vulnerable people in each of the 4 communities. JT will progress outside of the meeting, JT and MH to bring back to 8th January meeting. A future training meeting to be held early 2018.

14. Environment – Report of Village Green and Common land – new person from NYCC has asked P Wherity to confirm areas registered to Parish Council. PW has asked for digital copies which will be very useful. Common land being verified first then Village Green.

15. Correspondence – None received

Christmas card received by Cllr Sutcliffe

16. Any other business

- M. Wilson raised the issue of soil building up adjacent to the grass verge on Cove Road. The single yellow line was obscured in parts and also some gullies were blocked. It was agreed the lengthsman be asked to tidy up the verges and clear the gullies back.
- N Heseltine raised the issue of the new development at Beck Hall. A temporary ford has been established with the full permission of YDNP and the Environment Agency. A temporary footbridge has been established on top of the Moon clapper bridge. Concerns were raised at the environmental and flooding impact of the works particularly further downstream. PD to follow up with the Environment Agency once contact details received from NH.

Date of Next Meeting: 8th January 2018 please note 7pm start.

Subsequent meetings: 5th February, 5th March, 9th April, 14th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December

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- 04/12/17 – CW to purchase new set of traffic cones
- 04/12/17 – Parish Councillors to give ideas to CW as to replacement for lengths man
- 04/12/17 – L. Parker to purchase naturalised daffodils for 2018 planting. Volunteers will be needed
- 04/12/17 – PD to contact Highways about blocked culvert at Cockthorne/ Back Lane in Kirkby Malham
- 04/12/17 – JT to follow up nominated persons for each of the four communities re Emergency Plan
- 04/12/17 – PW to ask lengthsman to tidy up grass verges and clear gullies on Cove Road
- 04/12/17 – PD to follow up with Environmental Agency re concerns about Beck Hall development once contact details received from NH