

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Monday February the 6th 2012 @ 7.30pm

Present C Wildman, P Dewhurst, A Bradley, N. Heseltine, I Swales, P.Wherity and S.Marshall (left 8.00pm)

Observing - R Ingham

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- 1 Public Questions - None, although an officer from Settle Police gave a brief report. Rural crime was down by 4% and the new police station in Settle was about to open. Our local police officer is now Sgt. Les Moorhouse, based in Settle but covering the Grassington district. We were encouraged to make use of the new 'Immobilise' website to register mobile phones, computers etc so that they could be traced if stolen. The police would try to help enforce the parking regulations in Malham from half term on.

R. Ingham made the point that the contractors constructing the new bridge had arrived unannounced and had blocked him in. Apologies were given on their behalf.

- 2 Apologies N.Hart, A. Sutcliffe, K. Kilner.

- 3 Minutes of the Last meeting

Were approved

4. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Smithy Bridge, funded by YDNP will be completed ASAP.

I Swales has not yet received a reply regarding the quotes for the recycling bins.

Nothing else to report about the YD Housing Plan other than it is still progressing as anticipated.

- 4 Council Matters –

No change

5. County Councillors Report

A statement from the Skipton Police was read out by S Marshall. A rural crime prevention pack has been made available if needed.

NYCC plans to freeze Council Tax for the next 3 years, using the 2.5% /yr grant available from the Government to help manage. (the Freeze Grant)

- 6 Planning

- (a) Decisions by YDNPPA

The Listers Arms has got approval for its internal modifications and creation of rear access.

- (b) New Applications

none

- 7 Finance

A/c No 1 £13386 available after the temporary transfer of £3000 to acct. 2 to help pay for the village improvements.

A/c 2 £1040 available after paying out £15279 for the village enhancement project. We should receive a grant of nearly £8900 from the Yorkshire LEADER Fund in addition to a grant from the YDNP after we register the Parish Land.

We will also be able to reclaim VAT. At which point we can reimburse Acct 1 with the £3000.

OTHER BUSINESS

8 Community

(a) LAFSC & Brochure

New brochure - has been printed and distributed.

Following S Tod's resignation, nobody is collecting the money from the honesty box in the toilets. Roger is willing to continue emptying his milk kit and will give the money to Annabelle who pays it by electronic transfer into the Parish accounts. A. Boatwright has volunteered to collect the toilet money and will keep a record in the appropriate cash book.

C.Wildman will liaise with A. Boatwright each month to collect time sheets and receipts and also to advise on any work that needs doing. P Wherity will keep the time sheets and receipts and will pay A.Boatwright by electronic transfer if possible.

I. Swales has passed the water saving devices on to A.Boatwright for installation.

(b) Village Enhancement Project

The bridge has been built, the signposts made and we are about to submit our claim to the LEADER Fund. Thanks was given to all those who helped to make this possible in what was a very limited timescale.

There was some discussion about whether to stick with an access ramp from the western side or to use steps. The majority favoured steps as they would pose less of a hazard when slippery and would discourage the use of the bridge by bikers. C.Wildman to pay a site visit.

We have been quoted about £5000 to register the parish Land from Martin Wood at AWB Solicitors. We need to register the Village Green Land in order to receive the YDNP Grant. It was thought that this was very expensive though and it may be better to only register the more contentious pieces of land and that necessary to complete the bridge project. C.Wildman and P Wherity to meet with the solicitors and discuss the matter. Registering the land will need a good deal of evidence and it was resolved that a group would get together and sift through the Parish records. C.Kilner is to be contacted about any records that the YDNP may have.

There was some doubt about if and when N. Yorks Highways would be able to install the signpost.

(c) Village Green

We have been notified of a change of personnel at Zermansky's Solicitors. Fiona Chantrey is moving jobs. Our new contact will be Carl Gallagher. No other news, still awaiting a planning decision.

(d) Traffic and transport

New potholes have emerged at the top of the Brow and near the triangle in the centre of Malham. NY Highways to be informed.

(e) The Queen's Jubilee

It has been suggested that it would be good to have a beacon, possibly on Kirkby Fell to help celebrate the event. G. Swales is to look into it!

(f) Library book collection point

I. Swales suggested that it might be a good idea to organise a collection point, probably in the village hall and possibly to coincide with the singing group and the school bus arrival on Fridays. This would be done in conjunction with Settle Library that would provide the books but volunteers would need to collect them from Settle and deal with lending and returns. All present were in favour of it. I. Swales to investigate.

9 Environment

There was further discussion about the condition of the verges on the approach to the village. C.Wildman is to buy some stakes to try and discourage parking. In the long term though , it was thought that the verge would never be likely to cope with long term use for parking and that it may be better to make it into a low embankment by importing some top soil and planting it with bulbs and shrubs. A small section nearest to Malham is to be trialled. C Wildman to ask C.Kilner for advice about sourcing the material.

10 Correspondence

A letter has been received reminding us of the annual Parish Meetings and was distributed appropriately.

A letter has been received from J.Tod expressing his concern about the way his request about the alterations to the Methodist Church had been received at the last meeting. A reply is being written.

His request for support for the alterations was discussed again and it was thought that this proposal ought to be considered as part of a wider discussion about the viability and role of the other public buildings in The Dale.

11 AOB

none

Date of next meeting 5th March 2012