

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minute 298, ? for Monday Jan 7th 2013 @ 7.00pm

Present - C Wildman, P Wherity, I Swales, P Dewhurst, A. Bradley, M. Throup, N. Heseltine, N. Hart, S. Marshall, A Sutcliffe and C. Kilner.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Public Questions – none.
2. Apologies – none.
3. Minutes of the Last meeting - Were approved, prop. C. Wildman. sec. P. Dewhurst.
4. Matters Arising-
Wheelie bin covers . - C. Kilner has the matter in hand and is awaiting the costing.
Dog waste – The National Park has a waste bin that we could use . P. Dewhurst is to contact CDC dog warden to see if they have any others and to check on location and waste collection. This is to be discussed at the next meeting. C. Kilner can help by providing signage that might be needed on the footpaths
Ash tree near School House – The work was to be undertaken over the Christmas period.
Verification of Land Registry Documents – C. Wildman will do this as soon as possible.
The Bat Boxes are going to be constructed over February Half Term.
5. Council Matters – no change
6. County Councillors Report –
S. Marshall informed us about new rules relating to Planning Meetings. Parish Councils will now have a greater opportunity to speak although written comments may often be more effective. Peter Stockton is available to update us about the new Local Development Plan if we so desire.
A. Sutcliffe informed us that CDC may have to implement a small Council Tax increase this April and he updated us about the no.5 High Street saga.
7. Planning
No news
8. Finance
A/c No 1 £19,710 available
A/c 2 £15,330 available
This year's precept was discussed and it was decided to keep it at £4000.
A. Boatwright is recording the meter readings when he cleans the toilets.
9. Rural Affordable Housing
The questionnaire is ready and copies will be delivered to P. Dewhurst for distribution later in the month.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Community
 - (a) LAFSC & Brochure
60,000 copies of the Brochure are being distributed.
 - (b) Village Green – no further news
 - (c) Traffic and transport – P Dewhurst is to contact Highways with regard to the potentially lethally slippery path near the bridge at Kirkby Malham.
The repairs to the bridge at Malham due to an accident earlier last month are to be settled as part of an insurance claim. We will need to be vigilant to ensure that it is repaired properly.
 - (d) P Dewhurst has completed all the documents required by the LEADER project and every thing is now in order.

11. Environment –

3 quotes have been obtained for the works to the verges. A large part of the cost would be to provide adequate drainage. If we could ensure that nobody could park on it, there would be less need for drainage and the scheme would be more successful. This could be achieved by installing some wooden posts, or at probably greater cost by raising the kerb. P Wherity is to approach Highways about the matter and to obtain some further quotes re increasing the kerb height. P Dewhurst will approach the Show Committee with regard to recessing some collection boxes into the wall. We would plan to do this work in the early part of this year.

S.Marshall suggested that Yoreventure may be able to give us some grant aid for the project. P Dewhurst is to investigate this.

A.Bradley informed us about the discussions she has had with regard to the entry sign to the village. She suggested placing a matching boulder on the opposite roadside to emphasise the entrance to the village. The carving of the village name would be in the order of £350 with a more elaborate carving based on a design idea from Harewood House at about £2000. We would remove the wooden fencing and aim to relocate the existing boulder slightly closer to the road. We now need to make some decisions with regard to the available budget.

12. Risk Assessment for Gordale and Malham Cove-

P.Wherity has been in touch with Natural England with regard to declaring Gordale and The Cove as 'Open Access Areas' and has discovered that Gordale is already Open Access and so only the base of The Cove needs to be added. They still need to approve the style and location of the warning sign, (now amended to "Danger Falling Rocks") P Wherity has this in hand.

13. Correspondence –

letters received - from Airedale NHS Trust with their annual newsletter.

Date of next meeting Monday 4th February at 7.30 pm.

P Wherity sends his apologies.