

## KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minute 1024 for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 @ 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Council: Chris Wildman (Chair), Annabelle Bradley, Nita Hart, Neil Heseltine, Imogen Swales, Mark Throup.

Public: Alan Sutcliffe until 8.07pm.

### ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Public questions. None.
2. Apologies received from Phil Dewhurst (Clerk) and Pat Wherity (Treasurer).
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved subject to the figures shown at item 8 (Finance) being verified when the Treasurer returns from holiday.  
Proposed I Swales, Sec. M Throup.
4. Matters Arising. I Swales advised that she had replied to the e-mail requesting financial assistance from the Malhamdale Initiative with community buildings as agreed at a previous Parish Council meeting.  
I Swales advised that she had forwarded an e-mail from Woodscape about the cost of their litter bins to C Wildman. The bins cost approx. £2.5k each and it was agreed that the e-mail would be circulated to all Parish Councillors. In view of the cost of the bins it was agreed to approach Chris Cribb to see if he could provide bins to a similar but cheaper specification.  
I Swales advised that she had spoken to T Bullough (National Trust) about the provision of bat boxes in Malham. Mr Bullough has said that he needs to assess the number of bats over the next few weeks to determine if providing boxes are worthwhile. I Swales will keep councillors informed of developments.
5. Council Matters. None.
6. County Councillors Report. There was no report from S Marshall but A Sutcliffe advised that he had just come from the planning meeting concerning the proposed windfarm at Brightenber Hill near Gargrave where the proposal has been recommended for refusal. Mr Sutcliffe left the meeting after this item, at 8.07pm.
7. Planning.
  - a) Decisions by YDNPPA. Nothing affecting this patch.
  - b) Minutes of the last YDNPPA meeting and agenda. These had not been received by the Chair.
  - c) New Applications. Applications C/55/60A and C/55/64 for interpretation panels to be erected at the Watersinks and Quarry car parks respectively (near Malham Tarn) by the National park have been received. There were no objections put forward by councillors.
  - d) Other Planning Business. M Throup reported that he understood that the National Trust camping initiative had not been an outstanding success –

possibly due to the weather - but may be repeated in the future.

C Wildman advised that there were no developments to report concerning the application from Riverside Barn and reminded councillors about the last known position of the application.

8. Finance.

A/C No.1 £18,052.65 available.

A/c No. 2 £13,846.40 available.

C Wildman advised that there is £80 from the toilets honesty box to be paid into No. 2 A/C from last month and a further £25 from its emptying today. A bill for last month has been received from the lengthsman in the sum of £229.69.

## OTHER BUSINESS

9. Community

a) Brochure: Nothing to report. Lengthsman: Following an onsite review of the toilets C Wildman reported that he had authorised the lengthsman to make some repairs and redecorate the toilets. The toilets are in need of a good clean. It was agreed that a roofer should be asked about fitting a light tube an electrician should be asked to look at updating the lights.

b) Village Green. Nothing to report.

c) Traffic and Transport. It was noted that some previously repaired potholes have or are beginning to open up again due to the bad rain in the last couple of weeks.

d) LEADER Project – current developments. Another application has been submitted as required.

10. Environment. It was agreed that a representative of the National Park should be asked to look at the ash tree near the Old School House. (The problem with the ash tree was reported to the Parish Council at the last meeting.) It is possible that BT could be asked to remove branches that may fall onto their lines but Nick Taylor's name was put forward as a tree surgeon who could be asked about felling the tree if necessary.

11. Correspondence. Posters relating to the Police and Crime Commission forthcoming election were passed to I Swales for placing on the Malham noticeboard.

12. AOB. Concern about the bench outside the Malham village hall has been expressed - it is not dangerous but looks shabby – however, A Bradley advised that the seat is the responsibility of the Village Hall committee not the Parish Council.

I Swales advised that the Library in Malham village hall will be open 7<sup>th</sup> September then at 3 weekly intervals.

There will be a community spaces meeting at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September in Malham Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012