

Draft Minutes (317) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 2nd Nov 2020

Attending C.Wildman, P Dewhurst, C.Newhouse, P.Wherity, A.Bradley N. Heseltine , J. Wright.

Apologies A.Sutcliffe, M.Throup

Observing K Hilditch, Gill Quinn, A Roe, L. and M.Parker, M.Harrop, , D. Howlet, M. and S Harrop, J. O'Neil.

Minutes of the last meeting

were approved by CN and seconded by AB

Questions

None.

Report from Kate Hilditch YDNP.

There is a continuing wider communications plan re Covid and visitors to Malham. There will be revised maps and information leaflets available outside the NP Centre during lockdown and inside during more normal times. Some additional signage is now up in the village. Rangers will continue to work in lockdown but the centre may have to close. Maps and signage still need some improvement. A waymarking system will be put in place and will replace the orientation board outside The Centre by the end of March. It is hoped to have a similar scheme to the Dales Maker's initiative. AB suggested altering the angle of the finger post by The Smithy and having a better sign on the far side of the bridge. MP suggested that it would be useful to have a sign (possibly low level) on the edge of the green pointing the way to Janet's Foss. We will monitor the new signage before deciding on this.

The road sign from the triangle is now at the NP Centre awaiting repair following damage by a passing wagon.

Report from Cllr. Quinn

The NYCC devolution bid for a continuation of a unitary authority is to be finalised by 9th Dec. CDC and other local Councils favour an East West split though. The Government will have the final decision. CW raised concerns that Parish Councils may get more responsibility which would not always be welcomed by small councils which are run by volunteers. CW also raised the issue of a lack of information from North Yorkshire about these issues.

Social distancing measures in Malham Village , Highways

Signs along the Gordale road should be removed today as the traffic order has now expired. It was decided to keep the parking and traffic calming measures in the village for the time being especially though the new lockdown.

Police and parking enforcement.

The local watch group currently get updates from the Police about any officers that are on duty in the area at the time.

Planning

Nothing new.

Finance

The monthly financial update had been emailed to all council members.

We have received the CDC grant for the "On Your Doorstep" project of £650

We have **£30,099.19** available in Account 1 and **£15,344** in Account 2

Lengthsman and toilets.

The cleaning of the public toilets was discussed again. Currently we pay the contactor £90 / week to clean at weekends. This is expensive and is only a basic clean. It does not include picking up replacement toilet rolls etc from Town End Shop. The toilets are beginning to look very scruffy. CW to have a word with the contractors.

Mick Parker would be happy to take over but it was thought that the PC would not want to put him at risk. We have the COVID support money and we should continue to employ the contractors providing they can up their game.

Litter and dog mess

No major issues to report

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Village Green

No major issues.

Correspondence

We have received 2 letters about problems during the recent filming in the village. In lockdown especially, letters are an important channel of communication and we take on board the comments that were made. The scale of the filming was far greater than expected when the PC gave its permission although most of the filming was not on PC land and involved The Showfield and the Wilson's farm at Gordale. Many film companies do not even ask permission to film but just turn up so it is difficult for the PC to regulate them. The proposed filming of Gentleman Jack during the next few weeks is not going to take place.

AOB

The pipe in the ditch at the start of Gordale Lane has collapsed many years ago after being accidentally blocked by Highways contractors. This probably contributes to the flooding in the village. This needs to be dug out and cleared. PD to contact highways with some photographic evidence.

We need to buy some more sandbags for the village as the existing stock was barely enough to cope with last week's flooding.

There is some back up of water near the "bridge" on the new footpath. We need to keep an eye on this, keep it clear and if it's still a problem, consider raising the height of the bridge.

End of meeting – 20.30 hrs

Next meeting 7th December