

Draft Minutes (318) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 7th Dec 2020

Attending C.Wildman, P Dewhurst, C.Newhouse, P.Wherity, N. Heseltine , M. Throup

Apologies A.Bradley, A Sutcliffe

Observing A Roe, L. and M. Parker, D. Howlett, M. and S Harrop, G. O'Neil, V. Forrow, A.Towler, R.Rand, Laura Wood.

To clarify the zoom login for future meetings, we will send the meeting codes out with the agenda.

Minutes of the last meeting

were approved by CN and seconded by NH

Questions

A question was asked about the signs outside Beck Hall and whether they were appropriate in this situation. The consensus was that they were out of place and we will ask the planner's opinion.

Planning

Ann Towler explained the background to her planning application at Capna Barn. We are to write in support but ask for clarification about the metal roof and the height.

We discussed the planning application at the Old Barn Café to convert a garage to an extra tea room. It would have disabled access and baby changing facilities. Concerns were voiced from the neighbours about potential extra noise and blockage outside the takeaway along the footpath. Gill O'Neil said that she would respect the right of way and that the garage doors should help to keep any noise levels down. We had no objection to the plans but will comment about these two issues.

Social distancing measures in Malham Village , Highways

Highways have posted the statutory advertisement for the installation of the new double yellow lines. We will ask that they do not put yellow lines from the entrance to the Trekking Centre all the way along to The Buck

between the Chapel and the Buck ,to avoid any parking issues for the residents. We will keep the traffic calming / social distancing measures in place until the pandemic is over.

We are to check that the large metal signs have been removed by Highways from Gordale Rd.

Police and parking enforcement.

The local watch group have been in action recently and the system has worked well with 2 incidents, a missing person and an attempted quadbike theft.

Finance

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

We have received donations from 3 film companies totalling £5,600 . The only expenses were £20.10 electric bill and £324 toilet cleaning bill. There was a discussion about what to do with any surplus from the Covid Grant that we got from CDC. This money ought to be spent on Covid related items and would need to be accounted for in the audit. PW will provide a summary of the expenditure and what might be left over for the March meeting.

We have **£35375.19** available in Account 1 and **£15,324** in Account 2

Lengthsman and toilets.

The cleaning of the public toilets had improved following the complaint to the contactor last month. The pebble dashed internal walls are difficult to clean. They could be boarded with a more practical surface. We will contact CDC to see if this is possible as we only lease the property. We could also work with the MEG group to see if the toilets could be run in a more environmentally friendly way, although currently electricity bills are only £20/month so carbon emissions/savings would be limited in scope.

Litter and dog mess

The village and approach roads would benefit from another litter pick. We will mention it to the YDNP.

Village Green

No major issues.

Council matters

2 candidates put themselves forward to replace Joyce Thacker as a councillor for Malham, Gill O'Neill and David Howlett. A vote was held and David Howlett was duly elected.

Jim Wright has moved away from Malham Moor and so there is now a vacancy for another councillor to serve this ward. M. Throup to see if anyone would be interested.

Highways

P. Dewhurst is to write asking for repairs to Green Gate Road , Hanlith as well as to deal with the increasing and hazardous potholes between Airton and Malham.

Emergency Plan

M. Harrop provided an update following the recent flooding event. We need to seek some advice from NYCC on flood related issues and we will ask D. Cairns to come and discuss it with Mike Harrop.

- We will ask Highways to do some more work on diverting the water from Back Lane into Malham Beck. This is the source of much of the flood water in the village.
- The "bridge" on the new footpath in the centre of the village seems to be impeding runoff from the road into the river. We need to monitor this and if necessary, raise the height of the bridge, although that may mean installing a hand rail.
- Martin Boatwright is to build a new sandbag store.
- We need to approach North Yorkshire about potentially dredging the river of recent sediment build up. (this may not be allowed by the Environment Agency as it may have implications on flooding further downstream.)
- The drain at the bottom of Tarn Road is blocked. It may be up to the land owner to deal with this. This land is designated as Common Land in the care of the Parish Council but we do not own it.

AOB

The path through The Plantation needs some maintenance and re gravelling. The MEG group are discussing this and we need to contact them.

The Banking along Malham Beck in The Plantation needs repairing. We need to employ a waller.

P.Wherity has contacted Webber's to do the annual tree survey now that Tony Bullough's tree licence has expired. They are happy to do it and will ring back.

We are to ask YDNP for some more "no parking on the grass" signs.

Next meeting 4th January 2021