

Draft Minutes (324) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting by Zoom on Mon. 7th June 2021

Attending: C Wildman, N Heseltine, P Dewhurst, A Bradley, M Throup, C Newhouse, D Howlett

Apologies: A Sutcliffe, P Wherity

Observing: M Parker, R Rand, G O'Neill, M Harrop, S Inman, M Wilson, L Wood, A Roe, R & P Clayton

Public Questions

None.

Minutes of the last meeting

Were approved/proposed by NH and seconded by DH

Matters Arising

- Re BMC – CW contacted BMC who indicated that whilst they do undertake some night climbing this is not ever done at Malham Cove due to the climbing difficulty associated with the Cove. Therefore the torchlight activity seen on the Cove is not thought to be BMC related.
- Police – KMPC, via CW, has tried to contact local police but disappointingly no reply or return calls received to date.
- Risk Assessment Document relating to the Public Toilets in Malham – now produced with input and assistance provided by M Parker (Lengthsman) and A Hulme (YDNPA) which is much appreciated.

Social distancing measures in Malham Village, Highways and the Visitor Traffic Management Plan

We are happy with the current arrangements.

When the additional parking is available via fields being open there does not generally seem to be any problems created by parking on narrow road areas.

Observed a “second wave” of visitors and cars arriving early evening time which causes parking issues due to fields being closed by then.

Additional cones to be placed on Cove Road and Gordale Road to try and mitigate the unthoughtful parking of some.

Yellow lines upgrade – **Highways to be contacted by CW to chase this activity up as it is now significantly overdue (CW to action this via David Cairns, Highways).**

Signage for Gordale Road closure to be reviewed and discussed with Highways (CW to action this via David Cairns).

The cones and traffic calming on the entry into Malham has been widened over time so CW to liaise with David Cairns at Highways about having the cones re-positioned to achieve the original purpose of “traffic calming” on entry into Malham village.

G O'Neill queried the ongoing parking restrictions in place on Chapel Gate stretch of road in Malham, commenting that customers at the Malham Old Barn Café have mentioned the absence of parking to her on several occasions. It was concluded that this "no parking" restriction should remain in place until KMPC felt it was appropriate and safe for this restriction to be lifted. It was commented by several Councillors that the absence of parking has worked well in terms of contributing to better social distancing which is felt to be very important given the large numbers visiting Malham on an ongoing basis due to the Covid-19 international travel restrictions.

Planning

The planning application (Ref: C/54/55C) in respect of Prior Hall Farm, Malham was discussed and unanimously agreed that KMPC would support this planning application. **PD to provide response to YDNPA Planning accordingly.**

Finance

Acct. no. 1 **£32,902.39** available after paying P Hargreaves £126 for drainage work. We also had to pay £10 rent to CDC for the public toilets in Malham which represents the annual rental. We received no income.

Acct. no.2 **£14,337.25** available after paying Opus Energy bill £19.57. We received £290 in Milk Churn donations collected (with thanks) via Old Barn Café.

The Malham Initiative acct now has **£2,912.95**

Lengthsman and toilets

Mick confirmed that further stock of toilet roll was needed and will be organised.

The bins are not coping with the huge levels of waste being left by the large volume of visitors coming to Malham so we will look to organise 2 additional Green Wheelie bins – **CW/PD to source via CDC and we will buy these if necessary to help alleviate this major waste problem.**

A new stock of more robust, harder duty cones is needed and will be sourced and purchased – **CW and MP to organise this.**

The wall adjacent to the Listers Arms needs some repair work. **PW to please establish who this wall belongs to so we can determine who to approach for the repair work and who should meet the cost of such repair work.**

Litter and dog mess

Nothing to add this month except that this remains a major problem and concern.

Village Green

No major issues.

Council matters

CW commented that Scott Inman – a relatively recent resident on Malham Moor, who attended the May 2021 PC Meeting has since indicated his wish and willingness to join KMPC and fill the vacancy on Malham Moor Ward that currently exists. Based on this expression of interest and the fact that PD (as Clerk) confirmed there had been no applications or nominations following the vacancy being advertised, Scott Inman was unanimously “co-opted” onto KMPC as a Councillor for Malham Moor Ward.

PD to liaise with SI regarding the completion of the relevant paperwork to submit to CDC for his position to be registered and recorded with CDC.

At some point we will need to return to face to face meetings. The village hall may be too small with 2m social distancing. We could use another venue e.g. Kirkby Malham Parish Hall which could hold 15 people. We have now joined the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) which requires us to pay an annual fee and provides us with access to their considerable body of advice on matters relevant to the PC. We are awaiting their comments and guidance on this matter re holding PC Meetings remotely via Zoom and until we have this formal guidance it is felt that KMPC will continue to function and conduct its business remotely due to the risks otherwise associated by mixing in confined spaces and until the Government’s rules on “return to normal” have been confirmed. The subsequent delay in the Governments date for totally removing the lockdown restrictions – to 19th July – reinforces our belief that it is still not yet appropriate to conduct PC Meetings face to face in a confined space.

AOB

- CW confirmed that filming permission activity has picked up again with 2 such commercial filming projects due to occur in the coming month. These are being monitored so as not to repeat the disruption created last year when a major drama production came to Malham.
- The proposal for the mobile coffee business from Dax Crosby who contacted KMPC was discussed. Views amongst Councillors varied although there was a consensus view that this person would not really add anything to the local economy via local employment, revenue benefitting the community of Malham and that this incoming satellite business would be detrimental to existing local businesses so there was a largely negative view on this. Whilst KMPC cannot prevent or stop mobile catering coming into the area we will respond to this individual to express the concerns of KMPC and the local community. **PD to email this business person.**
- R Rand raised major concerns and worries about the housing development, known as Cherry Tree Croft that is under construction on Finkle Street. A large gas cylinder/tank has been buried in an area not included in the original plans and there is a lot of disruption and variance from the planning approval so KMPC to contact YDNPA Planning to seek input from them as to whether they are aware of these variances and to encourage them to undertake a site visit to review this development, and that it remains in line with their planning consent, rules and regulations and that YDNPA Planning are closely monitoring this site/development. **PD to contact YDNPA Planning in relation to this.**
- The waste bin at Gordale is constantly full and overflowing. After discussion it was agreed that this should be removed for the time being and the waste/litter position monitored thereafter for a period of time.

ACTION LIST

- **Highways to be contacted by CW to chase this activity up as it is now significantly overdue (CW to action this via David Cairns, Highways).**
- **Signage for Gordale Road closure to be reviewed and discussed with Highways (CW to action this via David Cairns).**
- **PD to provide response to YDNPA Planning accordingly re KMPC decision to support planning application linked to Prior Hall Farm, Malham.**
- **CW/PD to source 2 new green wheelie bins via CDC and we will buy these if necessary to help alleviate this major waste problem.**
- **CW and MP to source new harder duty, heavy cones and purchase some stock of these.**
- **PW to please establish who the damaged wall adjacent to the Listers Arms belongs to so we can determine who to approach for the repair work and who should meet the cost of such repair work.**
- **PD to liaise with SI regarding the completion of the relevant paperwork (for registering SI as a new Councillor) to submit to CDC for his position to be registered and recorded with CDC.**
- **PD to email this business person (Dax Crosby) with feedback comments from KMPC on his proposal to start trading in Malham.**
- **PD to contact YDNPA Planning in relation to the works being carried out at Cherry Tree Croft, Malham and request update on YDNPA Planning supervision of this development being in line with the planning consent for this development.**

Next meeting 5th July 2021 at 7.30