

## Draft Minutes (328) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting by Zoom on Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2021

**Attending** C.Wildman, N Heseltine, P.Wherity, S. Inman, A.Bradley, M. Harrop

**Apologies** M Throup, D.Howlett ,P.Dewhurst

**Observing** A Roe, M. Parker, M. Wilson, R.Rand. S. Stevenson

### Minutes of the last meeting

were approved by SI and seconded by NH

### Matters arising

NH and SI attended the Parish Forum meeting

Cherry Tree Croft enforcement query has now been resolved.

### YDNP

Nothing new

### Police and Parking

Nothing new

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

There have been problems with cars speeding into the village from the Cove Road. We need to bear this in mind when it comes to designing any future traffic calming measures. A feasibility study is planned for the New Year

Discussion about any future closing of Gordale Lane will be added to the agenda for our face to face meeting in January. We plan to hold face to face meetings on a quarterly basis.

### Highways and flooding

The double yellow lines are still in the pipeline.

Following the drain clearance by Highways last week, the system seems have coped well with the recent very heavy rainfall. MH gave us the following report.

1. The gully clearing that Highways did seems to have been very effective outside Town End Cottage and The Old Barn Café as, despite the beck flooding into the fields on the east side, there was minimal flooding on Chapel Gate (mainly due to leaves blocking the drains).
2. The drain outside 8 Cove Road is still blocked although it may be that its clear but just can't cope with large volumes of water. (what 3 words marked.highlight.painters).
3. The drain outside the north end of the Smithy is still blocked (what 3 words beanbag.outfit.usage).
4. The drain at the bottom of the road up to Hilltop was missed by the gully clearing team (what 3 words over.sway.factoring).
5. Cawden burst last night and reinforced the need for highways to carry out the work they said they would on the drain near Ashley's Barn (what 3 words tutorial.bidder.scam).

PD to write to Highways thanking them for clearing them out but informing them about the problems still detailed above.

There were some concerns that the work at Ashley Caton's new barn has altered the water flow under flood conditions. CW to liaise with him.

It was thought that because the Cawden bursts are so infrequent (although now seem to occur on a yearly basis), we will just have to live with it. There was some discussion about whether adding a camber to the road might help divert some of the water.

The present location of the sand bag store near Beck Hall is unsatisfactory. It was suggested that we relocate it to either adjacent to the existing wooden bins outside the toilets or ideally between the WC and The Buck on the cobbles. If the store was labelled "sand bag store" it should deter any unwanted tampering. MH to talk with the new owners of The Buck.

### Planning

Nothing new

### Finance

Acct. no. 1 **£29,804.20** available ,no change from last month.

Acct.no.2 **£15384.03** available after paying water and electric bills, 1 months Lengthsman bill, and £250 from the MI account for the sensory garden.

The Malham Initiative acct now has **£2662.95**

and The Malham Brochure **£1,314**

Total available to the PC in this account is **£11,406.41**

Getting the “TomatoPay” app to work is proving difficult PW to keep trying. Donations from the toilets have remained healthy though with £10/day during the season and £8/day more recently.

### **Lengthsman and toilets.**

MP and CW to do an assessment of the state of repair of the toilet block and report back to the next meeting. Concerns were raised about the continuing closure of the toilets behind the Field Centre. PD to write to the National Trust to express the Parish Council’s concerns. The toilets are marked on the National Park map board and so visitors may be relying on them.

The impeded drainage under the new path was discussed. MH to clear it out and keep an eye on it.

### **Litter and dog mess**

CW has circulated details of the **#2MinuteLitterPick** system. The cost is around £465 for the kit and access to the apps. It seems like a good idea and we need to discuss siting and other details next time. CW to investigate.

The BMC have also offered to help with litter picking.

### **Council matters**

Mike Harrop has now been co-opted as a councillor for The Malham Ward.

### **AOB**

- The defibrillator cabinet is no longer working. PW has ordered a new one at a cost of around £450 This time it will be made from polycarbonate so should last much longer. MP is keeping a regular watch on the battery levels now that the weather has turned colder. There is some electrical work needed on the toilet’s lighting system, to be done when the electrician installs the new cabinet.
- The large Chestnut tree in the plantation is dying and has reached a hazardous condition. It will need to be taken down using a cherry picker. PW has received 2 quotes. The YDNP tree officer has recommended John Webber to do the work and his quote has also come in at £1,200, much cheaper than treetops forestry who quoted £2,335 + VAT. PW to ask John Webber to do the work. The other Chestnut tree near The Smithy is also dying but not dangerous. It was agreed to keep it as long as we can and keep a close eye on it. Nicola Childs, the YDNP tree officer can provide funding for several new trees between the new path and the river. This work to be done through MEG.
- We have agreed to have quarterly face to face meetings starting with the January meeting.
- The 28 day rule that has been put in place during Covid comes to an end on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Its unclear what will happen next year.
- The PC has had some reservations about the scale of the work that MEG has proposed for The Plantation. Rob Ashford to provide a modified plan after consultation.

Next meeting 6th December 2021 at 7.30 by zoom