

## **Minutes(329) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – held by Zoom on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**Attending:** C. Wildman, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, S. Inman, M. Harrop, D. Howlett

**Apologies:** M. Throup, N. Heseltine, P. Wherity

**Observing:** L. Wood, M. Parker, P. Cummings, S. Stephenson, M. Wilson(by phone) and A. Roe

Firstly, the Chairperson, C. Wildman extended the sympathy of KMPC to Cllr. Mark Throup on the death of his brother Gordon Throup. Mark Throup's apologies, together with those from Neil Heseltine, were due to attending a Memorial Service for Gordon Throup being held at North Ribblesdale RUFC that same afternoon/evening.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved by S. Inman and Seconded by M. Harrop.

**Public Questions:** None.

**Matters Arising:**

- The Defibrillator in Malham is currently not situated as normal due to battery problems caused by the severe cold weather. This equipment is currently held by the Lengthsman whilst a replacement (on order) is supplied.
- The Chestnut tree in Malham Plantation was brought down in Storm Arwen, falling safely into the Plantation. It is now causing obstruction and some flood risk until it is dealt with by the Tree Surgeons (Webbers) and cut into more manageable sized pieces.

**Changes to Councillors Circumstances:** None.

**Social Distancing Measures in Malham:** **PD to contact Highways/Area 5** about latest estimated time for painting and installation of new double yellow lines.

MH provided photo's of traffic calming measures seen in Northumbria which were discussed and it was agreed to put a similar concept to Area 5/Highways in order to obtain guidance from them as to whether this would be something KMPC could meet the funding cost for and implement themselves without Highways direct involvement. **PD to contact Highways/Area 5.**

**Report from YDNPA:** Nothing to report this month.

**Police & Parking Enforcement:** Nothing to report this month.

**KMPC Finance Matters:**

- Monthly financial information provided by Treasurer, PW, confirming that as at December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 the cash balance in No. 1 Account is £29,829.20 and in No. 2 Account there is £15,082.07(of which £11,104.45 is specifically available to KMPC).
- The new Tomato Pay system has now been trialled by PW and CW who described it as being "easy to use" so we should move forward with this ideally.
- A discussion was held regarding the level of the KMPC "Precept" for 2022/23 financial year. The Parish Council Precept has been at £0 for the past few years and with input provided by the Treasurer (via the Clerk, PD, as his proxy in his absence from this meeting) it was

unanimously agreed to set the 2022/23 Precept at £0 once more. **PD to report this decision to Craven District Council in January 2022.**

**Planning Matters:** It was agreed to support the recent planning application received in relation to New House Farm, Malham. **PD to respond to YDNPA Planning accordingly with KMPC response/support.**

**Lengthsman & Toilets:**

- The detailed report – titled “Audit of Condition and Potential Improvements at Malham Village Toilets” - on the repairs required and suggested (by the Lengthsman) for the Public Conveniences in Malham was discussed in depth. Thanks given to Lengthsman(MP) and Chairperson(CW) for their detailed work on this report. The recommendations were accepted in principle and with the scale of work required and time involved not being something the Lengthsman can take on it was agreed to obtain some quotes from potential contractors who might be able to undertake the work. It was agreed to produce a “schedule of works” – by MP and CW -and put this out to tender to 1 or 2 contractors – suggestions for suitable contractors welcomed with Howsons who have done work at Malham Chapel being one name suggested.
- The out of service Defibrillator is currently with the lengthsman whilst the replacement is provided and re-installed ASAP.

**Litter & Dog Poo:**

- Nothing specific to report this month other than continuing to record sincere thanks to the group of volunteers who have this very important and valued task well in hand.
- Associated to managing litter in Malham and surrounding areas it was agreed to now progress the purchase of 2 x the “2 Minute Litter Pick” kits which cost approx.. £500 per kit. One kit is to be sited by the Toilets in Malham and one by the Gordale refreshment caravan (which the Stephenson’s have kindly offered to manage and monitor). SI suggested siting one by Malham Tarn, adjacent to the Tarn Study Centre, as well and it was agreed to approach the National Trust to see if they would be prepared to meet the cost of funding that 3<sup>rd</sup> kit(?). **Initially CW is to organise the 2 kits/boards ASAP.**

**PC Meetings & Protocol:**

- It is currently the intention for the next KMPC Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to be held at Kirkby Malham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. This proposal is subject to confirmation nearer to the date, since with the latest Omicron variant of Covid-19 emerging at the date of the December 2021 KMPC Meeting it is yet to be seen if Government guidelines will still allow “group” meetings – **THEREFORE THE CLERK(PD) WILL CONSULT WITH THE KMPC COUNCILLORS NEARER TO THE 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 DATE TO DETERMINE THE FORMAT OF THE NEXT MEETING.** If the January 2022 meeting is to be held in person in KM Village Hall then early, ASAP, notice to this effect will be provided on the Malham Village Notice Board and advertised on the Malhamdale website ASAP.

**AOB:**

- Malham Plantation was again a main topic of discussion with Peter Cummings providing a summary to the meeting of the revised Malham Plantation Improvement Plan. This concluded with Peter asking KMPC to review the revised proposal and costings to decide if

they wanted this project to go forward, or some elements of the proposal. Points of debate and consideration are:

- 1. If the current permissive footpath through the plantation was to become a public footpath/public right of way then YDNPA would assume responsibility (from KMPC) for maintaining the path.
- 2. It was explained that there has been an indication given from Rob Ashford (YDNPA Ranger) to the Lengthsman that YDNPA would be willing to take over responsibility for the footpath. This is to be confirmed in order to fully understand that aspect and option.
- 3. Disabled access at both gateways into the Plantation are essential and the Lengthsman confirmed that existing gates are sufficient width to meet this requirement.
- 4. Any foot bridges along the path above a certain height would require hand-rails and this was felt to be unnecessary as well as detrimental to the Malham Plantation concept generally.
- 5. A consensus view from KMPS was that it was important to “protect the plantation without changing it too much” with the focus needing to be on limiting erosion (perhaps with simple resurfacing of the existing footpath) and flood prevention aspects, rather than major overhaul of the plantation or the existing footpath through it.
- 6. Linked to the aspect of flood prevention it was agreed that further direct dialogue and consultation with flood/waterway organisations, like the National Trust, about flood mitigation measures would be extremely useful. This therefore needs to be organised ASAP.

M. Wilson asked if an “ICE” sign could be obtained from Highways/Area 5 to be located at the top of Malham Brow in anticipation of the winter cold weather when the surface water in that location does cause ice to form on the much used road into/out of Malham village. **Area 5/Highways therefore to be asked by CW/PD to provide this temporary winter signage.**

**Date/Time of Next KMPC Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at either Kirkby Malham Village Hall or via Zoom if in-person, group meeting not possible. TO BE CONFIRMED NEARER TO THE RELEVANT DATE.