

## Draft Minutes (330) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting by Zoom on Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

**Attending** C.Wildman, N Heseltine, P.Wherity, S. Inman, D.Howlett, M. Harrop, P.Dewhurst

**Apologies** M Throup, A.Bradley, J.Quinn, A.Sutcliffe.

**Observing** A Roe, M. Parker, M. Wilson, L.Wood, S.McWhinney.

### Public questions

The Gordale Lane closure was discussed. Without the lane closure there is a potential problem. Many cars drive up and fill up parking spaces and others can't park and try to turn round on a frequently blocked road. Cars also park in in passing spaces. This has largely been alleviated by the COVID related road closure although some have ignored the sign. This Covid related closure is due to expire and **we will contact Highways to see what sort of traffic restrictions could still be imposed.** Perhaps a "Road closed except for access" sign would be suitable. We need to put our case to Highways but also need some more robust traffic data to support our case.

### Minutes of the last meeting

were approved by SI and seconded by NH

### Matters arising

The new Defib cabinet is to be delivered tomorrow at a cost of £490. This will be made of polycarbonate and should not suffer the same condensation problems as the previous metal version. **PW to get an electrician to install it and also to look at the light sensor and other electrical improvements needed for the toilets.**

**CW has the forms to complete for the 2min. litter picking project.**

### Council matters

No changes

### YDNP

**NH to ask Rob Ashford to attend a future PC meeting and will contact Rob and Alan Hulme about the state of the footpath uphill from the snacks caravan at Gordale.**

### Police and Parking

There has been an accident by the bridge just north of Kirkby Malham . The bridge parapet has been damaged. **PD to inform Highways.**

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

#### Management Plan Highways and flooding

Traffic calming measures at the entrance to the village were discussed. Highways have quoted a minimum of £9000 for any road changes. It was thought that a more permanent scheme incorporating an extension to the grassed area in front of the Nation Park Office could be appropriate. There could be a potential problem with road closures whilst the work was being done. We need to establish our objectives We already have the "Traffic Management Plan" document and we can review this in the light of our Covid experience. **CW will do this and circulate to counsellors by email.** There's been no word from Highways about the end date for the current social distancing measures.

### Planning

Retrospective planning has been received for internal alterations to the kitchen. We have no objections but once again we are concerned that many of the alterations that have been done at Beck Hall have been applied for retrospectively and the inappropriate signage at the entrance to the property is still there with no planning applied for. **PD to write to Planning.**

### Finance

Acct. no. 1 **£29,656.70** available after paying £110 for a new gate for The Plantation and £62.50 for a search for the Plantation "Gifting document" from West Yorks Archives, sadly not found.

Its important for us to register The Plantation as soon as we can and with the recently discovered Parish Meeting minutes from 1935 plus the invoices for recent and imminent works on the Plantation we should be able to do this. **PW to organise.**

Acct.no.2 **£16593.27**

available after receiving £1532 from toilet and milk kit donations and paying a £20.80 electric bill,

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

and The Malham Brochure **£1,314**

A brochure group meeting will be held shortly to decide what to do in future. If the scheme is to continue and the accounts to be processed through the Parish Council, PW asked that moneys should be paid in by electronic transfer and that the timing would not straddle the end of year accounts audit.

Total available to the PC in this account is **£12615.65**

### **Lengthsman and toilets.**

The refurbishment of the toilets was discussed and it was agreed that to avoid unnecessary costs this would be done in a piecemeal manner. Separate quotes would be obtained for electrical work, joinery (possibly Thwaites at Crakemoor or Harrisons ) and plumbing ( Nigel Spencer) **MP to organise.**

The Plantation. Storm Arwen brought down the diseased chestnut tree that was due to be felled a later in that week saving the PC a considerable sum although the costs of clearing up the debris would still not be inconsiderable. Fortunately, nobody was hurt and although some damage to adjacent walls was done. **NH to ask Mick Briggs if he would repair Tony Cawthorne's wall and to clear up some of the debris if needed. MH to talk to Tony Cawthorne.**

As we don't officially own The Plantation it is unlikely that our insurance would pay for any damage caused by falling trees. Another reason why it is important for us to try again to register The Plantation with the Land Registry. We have accepted a quote of around £960 for Mick Briggs to do the essential work on the Plantation path and wall along the beckside. Jill Quinn has agreed to a grant of £1000 which can pay for this and for part of the money for the new gate.

### **Litter and dog mess**

There seems to have been an increase in the amount of unbagged dog mess lying around. Something that we will need to monitor as time goes on.

### **AOB**

- Nicola Childs, the YDNP tree officer has provided funding for several new trees between the new path and the river. The trees have been ordered and the work will be done by volunteers.
- Meeting protocol. Due to the upsurge in Omicron cases the next meeting will be held by zoom with a possible face to face meeting in March.
- PW attended a meeting with The Samaritans at the Chapel organised by Sally Essler. We are to put some of the Samaritan's signage on the village noticeboard and in the toilets. **CW to provide.** The Chapel will investigate the installation of direct line to The Samaritans from a phone on the front of The Chapel. The Samaritans are offering training courses to anyone that is interested. The National Park Centre staff have taken up the offer.

**Next meeting 7th February 2022 at 7.30 by zoom**