

**Draft Minutes (333) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting in Malham Village Hall on Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Attending** C Wildman (Chair), A Bradley, M Harrop, D Howlett, S Inman, S Myers (CDC) & M Throup  
**Apologies** P Dewhurst (Clerk), N Heseltine (Deputy Chair), P Wherity (Treasurer) & A Sutcliffe (CDC)  
**Observing** M Parker & M Wilson

**Public questions**

Appearance of new street name signs (discussed under Traffic Management).

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Approved by AB and seconded by DH.

**Matters arising**

- Erosion of verges – ongoing.
- Litters pickers deployed and being used.
- MW has a blue rubbish bin which can be used down at Gordale if the volume of litter becomes too great.
- Electrical work in the toilets – waiting for the contractor (Ian Preston) to contact MP to arrange a suitable date. SI to chase up.

**Council matters**

- No changes reported.
- Election forms lodged with CDC for all the current councillors. AB and DH's summary of expense forms outstanding.
- As of 31 Mar 22 no other election papers lodged – closing date is 5 April 2022.

**Update from Councillor S Myers**

- Cllr Simon Myers explained much of the focus has been on local government reorganisation and little time currently being spent of exploring other opportunities that the restructure might bring.
- CDC have taken possession of 2 “shared ownership” properties in Gargrave. Interested parties are advised to contact CDC via the website (searching for shared ownership) to register their interest.
- PW has passed on SM the very positive and helpful support given to KMPC by Ben Natrass during the pre-election period.
- CDC investigating options for Skipton Town Hall post the reorganisation. Core funding from the Arts Council is being investigated to support a joint venture between: Skipton Town Hall, Skipton Camerata, Craven Arts and the Folly in Settle.
- Some discussion about the toilets in Malham and opportunities for funding, that Gargrave PC, had exploited from the YDNP. SM agreed to forward details to CW.

**Traffic Management**

- MW asked about the new street name signs that have appeared in and around Malham. CW explained that KMPC had no prior knowledge of the work and would investigate with Highways. There was a consensus that the new signs are not in keeping and, if new signs are necessary, a style more in keeping with the existing road sign by New Bridge would be acceptable.
- Design work to make the current temporary traffic calming measures at the entrance to Malham are ongoing.
- MW raised an observation that traffic management and parking could be problematic at Gordale over the Easter period. CW re-iterated that there is no option to close the roads on an *ad hoc* basis

and there is no authority for either KMPC or individuals to close the road. Instances of dangerous parking would need to be reported to the police.

## **YDNP**

Nothing to report

## **Police and Parking**

- Prompt and visible presence noted because of the suspicious activity reported at Hall Farm.
- Instance of illegal parking should, if safe to do so, be photographed and passed to CW to provide evidence to parking enforcement at Harrogate.

## **Finance**

A total of £1174 was banked this month of which £532 was from the toilets and the remained representing 3 months' parking income.

## **Planning**

- No new planning applications have been received.
- CW informed the meeting that John Newby (Yeoman's Cottage Kirkby Malham) has formally complained to the Planning Authority about the process used in determining their recent planning application and Listed Building consent request. CW stated that John Newby's complaint is with the Planning Authority and not KMPC.

## **Lengthsman and toilets.**

Work with signs for the new litter stations is ongoing.

## **MEG Update**

- DH updated the meeting on the Queen's Canopy project to plant more trees in the Parish area. Landowners who wanted 'standard' trees for planting were advised to contact MEG before the end of the summer with their requests. They could also contact YDNP for advice on tree planting.
- Home owners could contact HUBUB at CDC about advice on heating and insulation.

## **Litter and dog mess**

Nothing to report

## **KPMC and Protocol**

- Scheduling of the AGM was discussed and CW would seek advice on whether this would have to be a face to face public meeting. Following this PD would then re-issue the forthcoming meeting list and medium/venue.

## **AOB**

- There have been a few meetings in the Parish are to discuss support to Ukraine. The next meeting is on Wed 6 April 2022 in The Buck. A WhatsApp group is also being set up and interested parties should contact Judy Roger's for more details.
- MW had received several inquiries about filming and passed some of the details to KMPC. As yet no formal requests have been made to KMPC for filming rights. One of the interested parties had indicated their intention to have Gordale Lane closed. CW would contact Highways and the respective location's manager to clarify.

**Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30 (venue/medium TBC)**