

Draft Minutes (336) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting by on Mon. 4th July 2022

Attending C.Wildman, N Heseltine, P.Wherity, M. Harrop, P.Dewhurst , M. Throup, S.Inman. Cllr. Myers.

Apologies D. Howlett. A.Bradley

Observing M. Parker, K.Hilditch YDNP, Rachel and Jess NT, S.Stephenson,

Public questions

none

Minutes of the last meeting

were approved by MT and seconded by NH

Matters arising

none

Council matters

Nothing new.

Update from Councillor S.Myers (who arrived with 2 new wheelie bins)

The transition from CDC to NY has involved a huge amount of work. Cultural matters and economic development to be devolved to the regions. Some jobs to be retained in Skipton. It will take time to rationalise everything so nothing too revolutionary in the near future. It is hoped to be able to retain the local facilities and infrastructure for local people. SM still happy to help fund the traffic calming measures.

Update from the National Trust

Rachel (overall manager) and Jess (Malham Estate Ranger) agreed to attend and give updates on a quarterly basis. There is a post Covid backlog of repairs. The FSC is running with only a skeleton staff so fishing on the Tarn is being contracted out. Several groups have expressed interest. NT is looking at tree planting and wetland restoration, increasing biodiversity. Govt. plans for upland management are still uncertain. Problem with visitors climbing over walls near Janet's Foss to be mitigated by hedge planting. MT expressed concerns about the recent changes in building works contracting.

YDNP update

Rob will try and give us regular updates in future. Funding is available for "grow back" planting for areas over 500Ha. The NP Education group has been expanded and there is now more funding available for school and youth group visits. The new signs and noticeboard at the NP centre have been really successful and the free map is still available and in demand. Its available from a leaflet dispenser when the centre is closed. The "ease of use" measure of the local rights of way score at 90% , almost hitting the target of 93%.The path to The Cove behind Mick Briggs is to be repaired rather than an "engineered" path installed. NP volunteers have noticed a drop in litter pollution and the 2 min. litter pickers seem to be working well. It was noted that The Old Barn Café don't put their waste bin out though. **MP to pick up the "beware Falling Rocks" sign for Gordale from the NP Centre.** MW has rebuilt the wall at the side of Gordale so that may have solved the shortcut issue. We will monitor it. KH clarified the issue of repair of stiles and gates. Contrary to popular belief the NP are not responsible for repairs but in practice are happy to help out.MT made the point that confrontations between tourists and farmers have been increasing and he would like some support from the NP on this issue. Land owners have responsibility but KH said the NP will help out whenever they can. The issue of campervans overnighing on Malham Moor was discussed. As land owners the NT can turf them off. The NT are to employ 2 "seasonal engagement rangers" Malham will be their main focus and they will be available for 9 weeks this summer.

MH asked if there was a NP and NT emergency plan and if so was there a contact number the PC could use. **MH to contact Sgt. Harris who organises the Wharfedale emergency response to see if it can be mirrored in Malhamdale.**

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

Management Plan Highways and flooding

We have had the first draft of the "Gateway" plan from DC. With a costing of £7000.

Much discussion about the pros and cons. We didn't like all the signage on the draft and concerns were expressed about waiting traffic blocking the entrance to the NP car park. It was acknowledged though that the temporary measures had made a big difference to the speed of traffic through the village. To be discussed again next time.

Planning

Nothing new.

Finance

Currently we have **£27,968 in acct 1** after paying £5 bank charges, £280 for Council Insurance and £135 subs for the Yorks councils Assoc.

We have **£18,472 available in Acct. 2** after receiving £23.00 via Tomato Pay, £984 and £755 from parking and toilet donations and paying £19.75 for the electric bill, £90 for toilet rolls and £416.88 to I.Preston for electrical work on the toilets. Also a bank charge of £5

The accounts have now been merged.

We reviewed the income from the donation churns in line with our financial risk assessment. Donations were in line with expectations and donations to the toilets have shown a sustained increase.

Included in the Acct 2 total are reserved funds of which the Malham Initiative account has **£2,662**, the Malham Brochure **£1,314** and the tree fund **£80**

Lengthsman and toilets.

The Plantation works have now been finished. M. Briggs has done an excellent job.

The triangle in the centre of the village has been damaged by a large trailer. It narrowly missed the expensive cast iron fingerpost. Julie Cawoods wall has also been damed by tourists grabbing stones for use as goalposts.

D.Hargreaves won't be able to repair the cobbles.CW to ask M.Briggs. We agreed that it would be sensible for the PC to own the Toilets. The transfer costs were in the order of £600/£700 and annual insurance might increase by about £50.

Our support for the Saturday bus service was discussed. **PW to ask them how they were going to promote the Malham service.** It was decided in principle that we should support them if at all possible.

MEG Update

CW to circulate the recent minutes.

Correspondence

none

AOB

- The recent Macmillan Mighty Hike was discussed. All were agreed that had been a very successful way of raising money for an excellent cause. However, there were significant concerns about the way that it had been organised, in spite of our replies about last year's event. They had taken no notice of our suggestions. The bussing of the competitors back to Malham caused significant traffic problems and could have been avoided with more sensible planning. The National Express busses were poorly driven by drivers that seemed unable to successfully negotiate out narrow roads. Next year we need to express our concerns more forcefully and involve the Show Committee and the YDNP in the reply. We are happy that the event continues but our advice needs to be listened to. We need to lay down some conditions before permission is given
- **PD to write to highways re recent resurfacing works at Hanlith.**

Next meeting - 5th Sept 2022 at 7.30

There will be no August meeting.

PW gave his apologies for the next 3 meetings.