

**Draft Minutes (338) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

**Present/Attending:** C Wildman, P Dewhurst, S Inman

**Apologies:** N Heseltine, P Wherity, Cllr Myers, M Throup

**Observing:** M Parker, M Wilson, R Ashford

**Public Questions**

None.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Were approved by SI and seconded by DH/CW.

**Matters Arising**

Covered in Minutes, none raised.

**Council Matters**

No changes.

**Update from Councillor S Myers**

None, other than Cllr Myers will confirm requirements for his partial funding.

**Update from National Trust**

Nothing reported.

**Update from YDNPA**

R Ashford from YDNPA, our Area Ranger for Malhamdale.

RA hoping that he will now be able to attend PC meetings a bit more regularly.

Recent project repairing footpath at Hawthorns Lane – Cawden.

All-terrain vehicle now available for use thanks to Access The Dales Charity launching their Malham Hub which is available to hire at The Listers Arms. Also some funding available to improve disability access generally.

Cellular paving, allowing grass to grow, to be installed at Malham NPC outside the toilet blocks in October/November.

YDNPA has least woodland coverage of National Parks in UK, and now there is grant available from the Woodland Trust to try and improve this.

Subject of disability access on first part of footpath to Gordale, removing the 'kissing gates' which are not wheelchair or children buggy friendly was raised by MP. RA confirmed that this is being looked into and discussed with relevant land owners who would need to give permission.

Scale of electric car charging points was raised and RA confirmed this is being considered taking account of pros and cons on parking space availability.

**Traffic Management**

R Ashford, YDNPA commented that from his observation (based in office overlooking the temporary traffic calming) the traffic calming has worked very well, not created congestion, and served to control traffic flow and traffic speed into Malham Village.

No response yet received from Highways Area 5 regarding the design side of traffic calming measures.

DH suggested KMPC could consult with locals on the design side of the traffic calming measures rather than on the Yes/No aspect of having this measure installed.

Access to Gordale, and whether KMPC could control this decision on an ad hoc basis was clarified again by Highways and there is no power available to us for this under traffic regulations.

KMPC to ask a different question to Highways about 'local access only' signage options, or perhaps hourly parking time restriction being requested.

### **Police & Parking Enforcement Issues**

Report of vehicles being stolen in local area. Otterburn, Airton, Hellifield and suspicious vehicle activity. This seems like significant increase in criminal activity on or close to our parish.

KMPC should request Sgt Evans (police) to attend future PC meeting to raise questions about this, use of cameras, etc.

### **KMPC – Finance**

Bank account stands at £45,028 @ 18.09.22 (£42,980.31 @ 18.08.22).

A good number of electronic credit card payments for parking (£2) and toilets (50p) received in period 18.08.22 – 18.08.23. **Phill – is this date correct?**

### **Planning**

Nothing to report.

### **Lengthsman's Update**

M Parker (Lengthsman) reported the following helpful update:

Attended 2 ditches in Malham Beck and Listers Arms bridge to make sure these are clear with wetter weather coming.

### **MEG Update**

Meeting due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> October in Malham Village Hall at 7.30pm (again after 2 years of being held remotely). Agenda to be circulated by DH in advance of that meeting.

### **Litter & Dog Poo Update**

Lengthsman will be needing to order new, replacement litter pickers and bags. Agreed to order more. Anecdotal evidence suggests this initiative is proving useful and helpful in managing the litter problem in Malham and Gordale.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence received by the Clerk (PD).

Chairman (CW) has received email from the solicitors regarding the transfer of the toilets and land in Malham Village as agreed previously. £747 fee from lawyers, AWB Charlesworth solicitors.

PW to check that KMPC has suitable insurance to cover for the building and public liability risk if this changes now KMPC own the toilets outright.

### **Any Other Business**

MW raised question/issue of climate change and involvement or interaction with visitors to Malhamdale. An opportunity to get a message across.

DH commented on initiatives in other regions such as “20 things you can do to help” and should KMPC declare a climate emergency with an action plan. The MEG group was felt to be the best discussion for this topic, and report back to KMPC.

**Next Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm**