

Draft Minutes (343) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting - Mon. 6th Mar 2023

Attending C Wildman, N Heseltine, A Bradley and M Harrop.

Apologies P Dewhurst, P Wherity, M Throup, S Inman, D Howlett and Cllr Myers.

Observing M Parker, L Parker, P Cummings, M Wilson and S Stevenson.

Public Questions

MP voiced concern about the proliferation of businesses' signage around the village. The Listers have 3 plus a table on the Village Green; Beck Hall have 2 signs plus the permanent pillar sign that still doesn't have planning approval; The Buck have reduced their signage to 1; R Ingram's village shop has approximately 8; Cawden Barn has at least 4 spread around the village; Hs of Malham have one; and the Old Barn Café have 8. It was believed that CDC policy was for a maximum of one sign per business which had to be taken in at the end of each day's trading. **MH agreed to check CDC's Pavement Licencing Policy to see what the policy is. If appropriate CW agreed to communicate with businesses to reinforce KMPC's view in accordance with CDC Policy.**

Minutes of the Last Meeting

After incorporating minor editorial amendments the minutes were approved by NH and seconded by AB

Matters Arising

The repair work carried out by The National Park on Back Lane Malham will be monitored by NH and SS. The invoice for the work recommended by the tree survey has been received and **CW agreed to liaise to ensure that individual invoices were raised for each of the separate workstreams.**

Council Matters

No changes

Update from Councillor S Myers

Cllr Myers informed KMPC, via email, that he believes he will be appointed to the National Park Authority in April. NH commented that The National Park Authority is in the process of trying to balance political representation across the appointed representatives.

Traffic Management

There is ongoing correspondence with Highways Area 5 about the precise design of the traffic calming proposal at the southern entrance to Malham. Wooden bollards have been proposed by Highways which met tentative approval. Rubberised sets, instead of sets matching the existing ones, were proposed by Highways and unanimously rejected. Highways have amended the design to incorporate the minimum legal requirement of signage but this is still believed to be out of keeping for a rural location. It was suggested that perhaps run a competition at KM Primary School to design a traffic calming solution as they will have to live with the consequences of any decision made for the longest period. It was also proposed going back to Highways indicating the effect we are trying to achieve (slowing down traffic into Malham in a manner that is in keeping with a rural location and with minimum signage) and ask them to propose a solution. A question was raised about the feasibility of speed bumps but this has already been investigated and discounted. There was consensus that the final design must be approved by KMPC and then

communicated to the parishioners prior to work commencing. This would not be another design process but rather to gain consensus on installing, or not, any traffic calming measures. It was also stressed that once any work has been approved and commences a very close watch must be maintained to ensure work meets the approved design. It has been confirmed that the £4K grant from Cllr Myers has been received by Highways to contribute to the overall estimated cost of £8K. Finally, it was reiterated that the current system of opening *ad hoc* carparks to meet demand is working far more effectively now than at any time previously and has had a positive impact on reducing illegal or antisocial parking in the Malham. **CW agreed to liaise with Highways.**

YDNP Update

There has been a change in personnel in YDNP due to the formation of the single unitary authority. The Farming In Protected Landscapes scheme has been extended by a year and it is estimated that YDNPA might benefit by up to £2M. The Environmental Land Management subsidy scheme will also continue.

National Trust Update

We are still awaiting data about the number of empty properties on the Tarn House Estate. DH to chase Martin about a date for the meeting. Concerns expressed about any Historical documents. They should be given to the History Society. **Ongoing with DH monitoring.**

Police and Parking Enforcement Issues

It was observed that there had been fewer than usual instances of illegal or antisocial parking in Malham. MH has liaised with Highways about more traffic enforcement during likely peak times. Highways agreed to liaise with the Enforcement Authority in Harrogate to highlight our concerns and ask for more resource to be targeted at Malham. It was also agreed that Highways would schedule work parties to ensure the double yellow lines were cleaned and therefore more prominent to motorists.

Finance

Nothing significant to report with income and expenditure being as expected. A question was asked about parking income and how this compared with historic norms. AD confirmed that it was in line with historic averages but not near the peak level experienced immediately prior to the pandemic.

Planning

Planning Application C/37/19J – Hanlith solar panels on cowshed – supported.

Planning Application C/54/109G – Malham air source heat pump and shed – no comment.

Planning Application C/47/23D – Kirkby Top alterations to farmhouse and barn – objected to as the planning application, design and access statement and plans are contradictory.

The Future of Malham Tarn Centre

No specific update but potentially a date has been agreed for a meeting – TBC.

Lengthsman's Update

Income from toilets recently seems to be very encouraging. It was noted that the bins by the bus stop in Malham and at Gordale had not been emptied this week and are overflowing. **MP agreed to monitor this and liaise with CDC accordingly.**

MEG Update

The Meeting was informed that there would be a meeting between the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition and new councillors in the Single Unitary Authority to ensure they understand what "net zero" actually means. **PC agreed to readvertise Sandy Tod's talk on ACE activity on 30 March.** There will be a curlew education and training event happening soon – more details to follow.

Litter and Dog Poo

There has been a request in March's Parish Magazine for more dog poo bin emptying volunteers. **MH to monitor.** It was also noted that the 2-minute litter pick stations are short of litter bags. **CW agreed to order more.**

Housing Needs and Local Housing

It was noted that the large number of empty NT properties was having an adverse effect on the local community in a variety of ways. **CW and NH agreed to raise this concern (in general terms and not naming organisations) at the meeting on 14th March with Rev Sue McWhinney and The Dean.**

Correspondence

A request had been received from Joyce Thacker (JT) asking for a grant to Kirkby Malham Parish Hall to help facilitate a suitable storage room for Malhamdale Local History Group (MLHG) artefacts. It was noted that the scope of the proposed works had not been completely discussed, and agreed, with MLHG. **CW agreed to liaise with JT to clarify the scope of the proposed works agreed between Kirkby Malham Parish Hall and MLHG. Pending a satisfactory outcome from this meeting it was agreed to award a grant of £1K to the project.**

AOB

There was a question as to the progress being made into installing water fountains at the toilets. **MP and PW to liaise and keep CW informed.**

Our ongoing financial support to the bus service is entering (or has already entered) its final year. It was agreed that this is a valuable bus service and the Authorities need to be aware of this. **CW agreed to liaise with PW to see if we have already made our final grant payment and following this, writing a letter highlighting the value of the service .**

MW asked what KMPC were going to do to mitigate the likelihood of parking congestion at Gordale during peak times. This has been discussed numerous times and the guidance and legal constraints articulated by Highways have already been communicated to parishioners and has not changed. It was suggested that interested parties might wish to liaise with M Briggs as to the potential to open a gate to provide a turning area for vehicles. **No further KMPC action.**

Following an article in the Yorkshire Post about fishing in Malham Tarn there was a question about who will be taking on the management of fishing and fishing rights. With no specific details forthcoming this will have to be monitored and **CW would ask NT for an update.**

It was requested that Cllr Myers could be asked to give an update on progress towards the Single Unitary Authority at the next meeting. **CW to progress.**

Next meeting - 3rd April at 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall