

## **Minutes (344) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting - Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**Attending** C Wildman, M Throup, S Inman, D Howlett and Cllr Myers

**Apologies** P Dewhurst, P Wherity, N Heseltine, A Bradley and M Harrop.

**Observing** J Rogers, L Parker, P Cummings, M Wilson, M Davies, C Gillion, L Hodgson, and K Hodgson.

### **Public Questions**

No public questions at the minute but four were raised by one parishioner and shared by AB by email. Three questions were outside the remit of the Council. The fourth on parking on verges on entrance to village was – to tackle this the Council plan to install no parking on verges sign.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

As only CW who had attended the last meeting was present the approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

On A board signs CDC advised to CW there is no specific policy but should be restricted to one sign on property owners land **CW/PD to send letter to all business owners advising one sign on their land except for village green where should be no signs.**

A further letter had been received from Malhamdale History Society on grant for the room in the Parish Hall used to keep archives. LH spoke to this on the urgent need to make room waterproof. Councillors agreed a grant of £2,000 to support these improvements.

### **Council Matters**

No changes in Councillors circumstances.

### **Update from Councillor S Myers**

Cllr Myers informed meeting that the move to the new North Yorkshire Council is going well, and that staff will remain in Skipton. He asked if anyone was experiencing problems to let him know. Cllr Myers said he is continuing to focus on the need for more local housing. He was pleased to inform the meeting that the NYC have secured a £14 million grant for retro fitting of housing stock to make them more energy efficient. All houses off mains gas are eligible i.e. all houses in our parish. Grants of up to £20,000 per house are possible. NYC are going out to procure a supplier to undertake this work and more details would then be on the NYC website on how to apply.

He also informed the meeting he was now on the YDNPA planning committee and had been appointed to the Arts Council. Meeting offered him congratulations on these appointments.

### **Traffic Management**

We are still awaiting latest design for the traffic calming proposal at the southern entrance to Malham from Highways Area 5. **CW agreed to continue to follow up with Highways.**

### **YDNP Update**

No Update.

## **National Trust Update & Future of Tarn House**

Martin Davies and Craig Gillon from the National Trust attended the meeting.

On the future of Tarn House, no decisions had been made but this would include the entire Tarn House estate including the Trusts own office and workshop. The Trust plan stakeholder consultations and see this as an opportunity. They are starting from a blank canvas. They have established a project team to work on the future of Tarn House but no timeline has yet been agreed. Action will be taken to secure the property when FSC formally leave in August.

CW and DH shared the Parish Council's interests particularly on local housing and employment opportunities for the Dale. On housing MD said Trust across their estate in North Yorkshire were looking for a mix of residential and holiday lets but they had to be at market rates. He noted Darnbrook and New House Farm are now residential lets.

MT raised the possible work on Malham Tarn dam that the Environment Agency say is needed. MD said they were consulting with Nature England and EA on this to determine if this work is needed.

CW asked about fishing on the Tarn. MD said this is to start in May and would be managed by Friends of Malham Tarn.

A discussion was held on wild camping – including campervans. The Trust aims to ask people to move on but one challenge is that no wardens are on duty after 5pm which presented a problem. One possible idea was to set up a WhatsApp group so that residents could share any information with Trust wardens.

On wild swimming, this is not allowed in Malham Tarn. MW observed was frequent wild swimming at Janet Foss.

MD also shared the felling of ash trees in Tarn Wood and Janet Foss had been completed, and that 500 new trees had been planted – some by MEG. The Trust will also soon be applying for planning permission for new parking signs.

**Councillors agreed to send letter of thanks and to highlight the Council's interests on the future of the Tarn to the National Trust.**

## **Police and Parking Enforcement Issues**

CW is to join a meeting with rural watch with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Apparently, there is a new police officer responsible for community liaison and he had met Rob Ashford. Agreed to ask Rob for contact details so we could invite him to a Council meeting.

## **Finance**

Nothing significant to report with income and expenditure as expected.

## **Planning**

No applications.

## **Lengthsman's Update**

Sign posts advising drivers not to park on verges are to be placed in position.

MP asked about water fountain. Councillors confirmed that this is to be purchased and installed at a total cost of about £1000. **PW to make payment for the fountain.**

## **MEG Update**

Sandy Tod's had given a good talk about local energy plan based on Settle's experience. A curlew monitoring training event was to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April, and an open event at the Farm Shop in Airtton on 25<sup>th</sup> May on Food and Sustainability – more details to follow on this.

The North Yorkshire Climate Coalition, of which MEG is a part, had sent an open letter the County's MPs and Councillors on the new for action in response to the latest UN report on climate change from the Inter-government Panel on climate change. DH noted that as a council we need to consider what actions we can take to address the emerging climate emergency.

PC advised that he intends to complete his term as chair of MEG this September.

## **Litter and Dog Poo**

No action to report.

## **Housing Needs and Local Housing**

CW report good progress on Glebe Cottage to be let. This followed a meeting with Rev Sue McWhinney and The Dean and CW. He also reported KM School House is being done up to secure an EPC so that this can return to the letting market.

## **Correspondence**

Further request for Malham Parish Hall to help facilitate a suitable storage room for Malhamdale Local History Group (MLHG) archives was received and dealt with under matters arising.

## **AOB**

MW noted gully next to Manor Barn had been damaged. This has been notified to highways.

**Next meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall**