

Minutes (356) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th May 2024

Attending: C. Wildman, P. Wherity, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, M. Throup, S. Inman, M. Harrop, D. Howlett.

Apologies: Cllr. S Myers, N.Heseltine

Observing: P. Cummings, M. and L.Parker, R Hudson , S. Morris, M.Wilson, R. Ashford (NP).

Public Questions

Some of the trees overhanging the Cove Rd., the bridge over the beck and further along Finkle St. are catching high sided hay wagons. The regulations state a ht. of 16ft is needed along the roads. We can trim the tree on the bridge and possibly the Cove Rd. (PW to ask J.Webber to consider during the tree survey) The trees opposite Simpson's farm are the responsibility of the landowner and would be difficult to trim without destroying the tree.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted/Approved: MH

Seconded: MT

Minutes from the March meeting have yet to be approved - will circulate.

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None

Matters Arising from Previous KMPC Meeting

none.

Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor

Cllr Myers gave his apologies no update

Traffic Management

The Gateway was damaged shortly after completion, temporarily repaired and we are now waiting for Highways to carry out a more permanent repair. Otherwise, it is working really well, slowing traffic and not causing any undue congestion. We have had an email from Paul Chatwood (Dales Bus). Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches who run the Saturday bus service 75. will not be able to continue the service and have given 10 week's notice. NYCC have been informed and we are awaiting their response.

There have been reports of cars speeding through Kirkby Malham. MH to report to Highways.

National Trust Update

Jess Darwin sent us an update.

The roof on Tarn House is being repaired and litter picking is in progress.

We were asked to report any anti-social behaviour or illegal parking to the police in the first instance.

The NT are considering opening Town Head Barn and invite suggestions about how to manage it.

YDNPA Update

Rob Ashford gave us his annual report. He is taking up a new post at the end of May. We wish him well and thanked him for all his hard work. YDNP will continue to provide 2 seasonal rangers from July-Sept. to help with visitor management in the Craven area of the National Park. The Malham access improvement project has been completed and the NP would like to thank all Landowners/tenant farmers who have given permission to change the gates for access across their land. There has been a downturn in visitor numbers using the NP Visitor centre over the last few years (although school group numbers have increased) There are plans to redesign The Centre.

Rob expressed his thanks to the Parish Council –

“It's been a pleasure working with KMPC and all the local residents of Malham. Throughout my tenure as the Area Ranger in Malhamdale, there has been numerous positive projects the Ranger Service and The Parish Council have developed and delivered cooperatively. This is due to the passion and hard work of the Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Councillors. Keep up the good work”

A section 56 notice has been published relating to the appalling state of the footpath behind the caravan at Gordale. We are waiting for NYCC to respond.

A blue Plaque celebrating the role of John Dower in establishing the National Parks, is to be installed on the wall of the YHA building.

The NP are collecting evidence relating to litter to present to NYCC to see if they will provide a new dog waste bin.

Finance report for April

Income –

Cash from parking and toilet donations £940

Payments

Bank charge £7.18

EDF energy electric bill £86.68

Plantation registry fees £912

Town End Farm shop toilet supplies £46.74

Scottish water £260.76

John Webber tree surgery £1,380

Airton meeting house MEG meetings £17.50

Yorks Councils Assoc £142

Net Total from account £1,191.86

Available in Bank £37,443

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing new

YDNPA Planning Matters

Nothing new

Future of the Malham Tarn Estate.

The estate houses are to be let out, one on a more permanent basis but the rest as holiday lets. It's important that we continue to work with the NT on this.

The Malham Tarn based project "The Heart of The Dales" has received backing from DEFRA. The project is based at Tarn House and will focus on "*delivering significant gains for habitats and farming in partnership with tenant farmers and landowners across the area*" No clear information about these plans has been provided.

Lengthsman's Update

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

Experimental re-gravelling of the footpath along the road seems to be working but it's early days yet. CW to look in to a credit card system for taking payments in the toilets.

MEG Update

Next meeting will be on the 6th June at The Farm Shop. No word yet about our application to the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Correspondence

None

AOB

none

Next Meeting

Monday 3rd June 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.