

## **Minutes (357) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**Attending:** C. Wildman, P. Wherity, , N.Heseltine, M. Throup.

**Apologies:** Cllr. S Myers, N.Heseltine P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley S. Inman, M. Harrop, D. Howlett

**Observing:** S.Stephenson, J. Smart, M. Parker, Jess Darwin (NT).

### **Public Questions**

Kirkby Malham Village Green. Lots of wild flowers amongst the grass so MP will only trim around the bench during the flowering/seeding season and do a more extensive cut in the Autumn.

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

Accepted/Approved: CW

Seconded: MT.

### **Changes to Councillors Circumstances**

None

### **Matters Arising from Previous KMPC Meeting**

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

Lonsdale Coaches have reconsidered their decision to cease operating the weekend service so it will operate as it has in the past.

### **Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor**

Cllr Myers gave his apologies - no update . Election regulations mean that he will miss the next couple of meetings as well.

### **Traffic Management**

Nothing new

### **National Trust Update**

Jess Darwin gave us an update.

The roof on Tarn House is still undergoing external work and an intruder alarm is being fitted. A bat survey will be done this month to monitor numbers.

The NT wants to reopen Town Head Barn. It was good as it was before closure but could be updated. A second-hand bookstall with honesty box could be added. MH used to be the key holder but it would make the task less onerous if a few volunteers from Malham could be mobilised

It could be open Easter - Sept. weekends and bank holidays.

The weather station at the Tarn is to be converted to automatic online reporting.

There was some discussion about the Land Recovery Project. MT was concerned that we are taking too much land out of production when we need to become more self sufficient in food production. He was also concerned about the lack of communication with the 28 farmers that could be potentially involved. Gwen Potter is the contact for this feasibility study which will last for 2 years.

The dam repair is to start mid-July and the sluice gates will be prepared. MT also concerned about the lack of communication from the NT. JD will pass on these comments.

Simon Stephenson asked for the No Camping, No BBQ signs at Janet's Foss to be reinstated.

The document about the future of Tarn House from the sub- group will be circulated. It is hoped that the NT will take this discussion document on board.

### **YDNPA Update**

Nothing new. Rob Ashford has now taken up his new post. PD to ask Kate Hilditch about getting the path repaired alongside the mill leat at Scalegill

Hannah Kay is to pay us a visit in the autumn to talk about Dark Skies.

### **Finance report for April**

#### **Income** –

Cash from parking and toilet donations £790

#### **Payments**

Bank charge £9.16

EDF energy electric bill £31

Litter pickers £110

Town End Farm shop toilet supplies £188

Lengthsman March £82

Lengthsman April £206

Net Total from account £258  
Available in Bank £37185  
Malham Initiative fund £2662.95  
Brochure 1314.67  
Tree fund £40  
Contingency fund £9873  
**Available to spend £23,294**

There was some discussion about the potential donation from the Pathway fund. A possible project would be to help fund the improvement to the path up the hill behind the Gordale Caravan.

CW will investigate the replacement for Tomatopay as a matter of high priority. The milk churns would need a QR code type of system.

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

We have had a visit from the traffic warden and cars were ticketed. It was suggested that we might produce our own look alike “ parking ticket” that could be added to the windscreens of dangerously parked cars informing them that the parking was inconsiderate and illegal.

### **YDNPA Planning Matters**

No problem with either the application for solar panels on Tennant House , or the silo cover at Beckside Farm. PD to add a comment about the potential increase in light pollution from the new building and could this be reduced as much as possible.

### **Lengthsman's Update**

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

The bridge at Beck Hall needs repairing. PD to write to the YDNP about it.

The quote for the wall facing in the toilets is still being prepared.

MP is about to go on holiday and asked if anyone in Malham could volunteer to replace the toilet rolls when needed.

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 6<sup>th</sup> June at The Farm Shop. From Farm to Yarn.

### **Housing Needs.**

No applicants to rent the house next to The Vicarage @ £1,000/mth

CW to email Beejay re completion of the houses on Finkle St.

### **Correspondence**

There have been 2 incidences of cattle attacking walkers. YDNP have been informed.

There is to be some filming associated with All Creatures Great and small at Beck Hall. The Cove road will be shut at that time and traffic diverted along the Tarn Rd.

### **AOB**

none

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.