

## Minutes (360) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024

**Attending:** P. Wherity , N.Heseltine, M. Throup, A. Bradley, M. Harrop, D. Howlett

**Apologies:** C. Wildman, P. Dewhurst, S. Inman,

**Observing:** Cllr. S Myers, S.Stephenson, P.Cummings, M. Parker, J. McWhinney

### **Public Questions**

None

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

Accepted/Approved: (with modification to a couple of names in the NT report) Prop. DH, Sec. MH

### **Changes to Councillors Circumstances**

None

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

None

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

NYCC will provide £250,000 over the next 5 years for the National Park to carry out footpath maintenance. NYCC will also build 9 council houses in Gargrave on the Neville House site. NYCC will also provide funding to allow people with health issues to stay in their own homes rather than having to use care homes. Grants will be available for home help, stair lifts etc.

### **Traffic Management**

Nothing new

### **National Trust**

PD to write to the Trust and ask if we could have a copy of the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September meeting with a copy given to the History Society as well. It would be useful to have more frequent updates about the Future of Tarn House.

### **YDNPA Update (from Will)**

- YDNPA met with Electricity North West regarding some ash trees on Steep Lane bridleway close to electricity pylons which have signs of ash dieback. Electricity North West have these on their list to be dealt with as part of a wider project of felling works within Malham. No date planned yet but would require turning power off to the whole village.
- Kirkby Malham – Footpath 05.73/1/1 which was blocked by a fallen Sycamore tree is now clear.
- Visitor Centre goes to winter opening hours (weekends only) at the end of October.

### **Finance report for April**

Balance on 18/08/24 **££35151.02**

#### **Income**

Cash in milk churn donations £623

**Total income £623**

#### **Payments**

Bank charge £5.00

EDF energy £39.99

**Total payments £44.99**

**Total to acct £578.01**

**Net Available in bank £35729.03**

**The Malham Initiative acct now has £2662.95**

<b>the Brochure has</b>	<b>£1314.67.</b>
<b>Tree fund has</b>	<b>£40.00</b>
<b>Contingency fund now has</b>	<b>£9873</b>
<b>Total available to KMPC</b>	<b><u>£21,838.41</u></b>

AB gave a summary of the cash donations over the last 6 months.

Milk churn collections have averaged £540/mth

This is about £160/mth less than the equivalent months last year.

The toilet donations are £1,600 less than last year's total (there is still some to be added to this and has yet to be counted)

We continue to have concerns about the decreasing use of cash. It's very difficult to provide a replacement for tomatopay for the milk churns and expensive to install card readers in the toilets. PW to ask the Gargrave Parish group how they receive donations for their toilets.

New signs are about to be installed on the milk churns and we will increase the suggested donation to £5.

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

The Police will now return to the MCR WhatsApp group.

### **YDNPA Planning Matters**

Nothing new.

### **Lengthsman's Update**

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

The bridge at Beck Hall still needs repairing. It's not a public right of way and is not owned by anyone. The PC would be taking a liability risk if we repaired it as the crossing could be dangerous if the river was in spate and the repair failed. PD to write to Beck Hall expressing our concerns.

The ground fabric around the Smithy Chestnut tree has been exposed and is a trip hazard. MP to cover with some gravel. Some deadwood dropped from the tree during the recent high winds. The tree has been flagged as diseased but not dangerous but we will need to reconsider this in the next tree survey. PW to contact John Webber.

### **MEG Update**

No progress on funding to develop renewable energy projects. Ideally we need volunteers with an engineering background to drive it forward. We could liaise with other groups such as ACE and Energy Oasis.

### **Litter**

Nothing new.

### **Housing needs**

Hundreds of planning permissions have been given in the YDNP but very few houses have been built for economic reasons.

### **Correspondence**

nothing

### **AOB**

Lots of family groups with dogs and school groups are often walking to Janets' Foss and the Scar along Gordale Rd. They seem to be using Google Maps and taking the shortest route. This can be dangerous on such a narrow Rd. A finger post on The Green could help to send them along the footpath. PD to contact Will about this.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.