

## Minutes (361) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

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

**Apologies:** M.Harrop, P. Dewhurst, S. Inman, Cllr. S Myers

**Observing:** S.Stephenson, P.Cummings, M. Parker, R.Hudson, J.Rogers, J.Smart , Will Locke (YDNP)

### **Public Questions**

None

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

Accepted/Approved: (with modification to the toilet donation figures in the Financial Section)

Prop. DH, Sec. MT

### **Matters Arising**

PW has contacted J Webber re Chestnut Tree next to the Smithy and he will inspect it.

### **Changes to Councillors Circumstances**

None

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

Following the budget, there will be impact of increase in NI contributions from employers for agency staff in sectors such as social care. Although this is partly mitigated by the Government it will still have a big impact. On the plus side there will be more money for SEND , pot holes and for housing including social housing and “retrofitting”.

NYCC will put £1 million/yr into Community led housing which should help free up “stalled developments” and help to build a pipeline of new developments in rural areas.

It is estimated that Registered Providers of Social and Affordable Housing have budgeted £1.8 billion for making homes more energy efficient over the next 14 years. A real challenge but also an opportunity for people to develop the skills to work in a well-paid sector which has a guaranteed future.

### **Traffic Management**

One of the bollards on the chicane has been knocked down again. PD to contact Highways. We will discourage any temporary repairs.

The corner at Black Ghyll on the Settle road has been badly damaged by contractor’s lorries. We have notified Highways.

### **National Trust**

We need to fix the date for a meeting early in the New Year, (the Trust has sent a list of possible dates)

Work on the dam has been temporarily suspended. The trackway to the dam works is a mess but should regrow over the winter.

A new ranger and countryside manager have been appointed.

There have been several submissions for the lease of Tarn House and most meet the criteria.

It was agreed that we merge the agenda point 13. The future of Tarn House with the National Trust section for future meetings.

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

The deal with NYCC re grant to repair paths is not quite ready to sign but should go through.

There will be an organised trek (800 people) to help raise money for Alzheimer’s research on the 9<sup>th</sup> July setting off from the showfield.

### **Finance report for April**

Balance on 18/09/24	<b>£35729.03</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Cash in milk churn donations	£2113
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£2113</b>
<b>Payments</b>	

Bank charge	£7.89
EDF energy	£27.57
Town End Farm shop toilet supplies	£105.90
M.Parker Lengthsman July, Aug, Sept	£386.25
Scottish Water	£592.03
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£1119.64</b>
<b>Total to acct</b>	<b>£993.36</b>
<b>Net Available in bank</b>	<b>£36,722.39</b>
<b>The Malham Initiative acct now has</b>	<b>£2662.95</b>
<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>£22,958.05</u></b>

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

Milk churn collections April to October this year £3,110 compared to £3,049 for the equivalent 6 months last year.

Donations since Covid average around £7,000/yr compared to the £8 to £9,000/yr before Covid. Cash donations are likely to decrease in future. There was much discussion about QR code and credit card donations and we will need to investigate a cost-effective solution over the next few months.

Currently our income from donations is around £2,000/yr short of the income required to run the essential services that we provide based on the 3-year average. (although our costs do vary considerably from year to year). In addition, we also have occasional but unpredictable extra income from filming etc.

In spite of this, there was a unanimous vote to maintain the zero precept.

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

Nothing new.

### **YDNPA Planning Matters**

We support the application to replace the shed at Miresfield.

### **Lengthsman's Update**

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

The potentially hazardous tree roots near the Smithy have now been covered by quarry bottoms.

Much discussion about the wall cladding around the sinks and splashbacks in the toilets. Quotes for the acrylic sheet solution are difficult to get but should be circa £700. AB and MP to liaise about a stainless steel option.

### **MEG Update**

Jane Smart is giving a talk about the Settle ACE project at Kirkby Malham Church Hall on Saturday.

Medical Blister Packs are very difficult to recycle. Joyce Thacker used to take them to Superdrug in Keighley but they have withdrawn the service. Joyce is prepared to continue to collect them and use her garage as a collection point and has already generously paid for a recycling box which is now full. Malham WI has agreed to sponsor the next recycling box which will then be collected when full and recycled. They have also agreed to hold a raffle to help fund future boxes. It was agreed that the PC would match the WI contribution which would be about £209/yr

S.C. Talked about the sustainable energy bid. He is planning to submit a tender to provide a report on the practicalities of improving the energy sustainability in The Dale. It should be able to get grant funding to pay for this, at least in part. We agreed that he should go ahead.

The Action Travel Plan consultation. Rob Ashford has asked for our opinion. The plan is aimed at areas which have more effective public transport connections. It is less suitable for Malhamdale. PD/CW to write to Rob. The next MEG meeting will be at KM Parish Hall, a general meeting followed by drinks.

**Litter**

The litter picker signage at Gordale has been damaged by a vehicle and needs replacing. CW to get a price.

**Housing needs**

The West Wing of The Vicarage has finally got a tenant.

**Correspondence**

A couple of letters from Julian Phillips re surgery times and a Fire and Crime consultation.

**AOB**

none

**Next Meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.