Minutes (342) of Kirkbymalhamdale Parish Council Meeting - Mon. 6th Feb 2023

Attending P.Wherity, D. Howlett, S.Inman, A. Bradley, N Heseltine, M. Throup, M. Harrop

Apologies C Wildman, P. Dewhurst, Cllr Myers.

Observing M. Parker, P.Cummings and S. Stevenson.

Public questions

none

Minutes of the last meeting

were approved_by SI and seconded by DH

Matters arising

none

Council matters

Nothing new.

Update from Councillor S.Myers

Cllr Myers unable to attend but has sent an email which was read out. The £4000 grant for the traffic calming measures has been approved and Highways have received it. SM has met with North Yorks MPs to garner support for a move to get Government to change the Planning Classes so that PP is required for Holiday lets, AirBNB and second homes. **DH to contact SM to see if the PC can help in any way**.

Traffic Management

The white transit van abandoned opposite The Listers now gone. Thanks was given to Simon Stevenson for opening the field for parking. The system is working far more effectively now that the 3 field owners are coordinating their efforts.

Update from the National Trust

We are still awaiting data about the number of empty properties on the Tarn House Estate. DH to chase Martin about a date for the meeting. Concerns expressed about any Historical documents. They should be given to the History Society. **DH will enquire**.

YDNP update

There was a brief discussion about the state of the footpath heading up the hill from the snack wagon at Gordale. This is Open Access land so maybe not within the YDNP's remit to improve it.

So far there have been no objections to the proposed permissive path past Coronation Villas. There are to be 2 meetings about the proposals at the YDNP Centre on the 20th Feb.

NP volunteers had been re-walling alongside the path to Janet's Foss. Some of the top stones have been fallen off/ removed. **NH will sort it out**.

YDNP have laid some slabs along Back Lane to reduce erosion. They have only been 50% effective and are not in keeping with the area. **NH will contact Rob**. The cellular paving in the Car Park will shortly be finished and the lambing signs are about to go out.

<u>Planning</u>

No additional Plans received. The inappropriate signs outside Beck Hall are still there and have recently been joined by an "A" board. **PD to contact planning on his return**.

Finance

Currently we have £43,530, after paying £5 bank charges, £Village Hall meeting fee, £103 for electrical work, £420 to Webbers, £ 324 to P Wherity for replacing the defib battery, £22.91 electric bill and £221.70 water bill. We received £13 from Tomatopay (parking and toilet donations).

Included in the total are reserved funds of which the Malham Initiative account has £2,662, the Malham Brochure £1,314 and the tree fund £80

PW has finally managed to get HSBC to supply a deposit card, they had forgotten to order it. £50 to be added to the Parish account to compensate for hours wasted on the phone and visits to banks. AB reported that donations in the milk churns are down.

Lengthsman and toilets.

All agreed that we go ahead with the water dispenser outside the toilets. Thanks to Mick for researching it.

Litter

There has been a request for more litter picking volunteers.

Tree Survey

PW has accompanied John Webber to survey all the trees on Parish Land. The report is attached as a PDF. All together the cost will exceed the £1000 limit that would trigger getting competitive quotes. However, it will be difficult to get another tree surgeon to spent half a day that would be required to look at all the trees. Webbers pricing has always been more than competitive and experience has shown that he does a good job. The work can be done in separate sections over a period of time which would not exceed the £1000 limit and can be invoiced separately. It was agreed to ask Webbers to do the job.

The report has drawn our attention to the dangerous Ash tree on John Cawood's land near the bus stop. We have already notified Julie Cawood that it needs urgent attention but **PD to write to John Cawood to reinforce the message.**

Housing Needs

There will be a meeting on the 14th Mar with The Dean of Ripon to discuss local housing needs in the Dales. This to include the potential of the cottage attached to the vicarage. Rev Sue McWhinney, Chris Wildman and Neil Heseltine to attend. There are concerns that several recent sales have gone for 2nd homes.

MEG Update

There is a meeting with the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition in the near future.

There is to be a talk on the 30th March by Sandy Tod about the work that the ACE group has been doing in Settle.

CW is to host a meeting at the Farm Shop on the 25th May about Food, Climate and Agriculture.

Correspondence

none

AOB

- John Cordingly is replacing to protective grids over the cave entrance under The Cove. All agreed this was a good idea. **AB to let him know.**
- The Malham Show Committee have decided to limit the use of the show field to 5 events/yr to avoid causing a nuisance to residents. One of which may be the MacMillan walk. This time with smaller busses!
- The Malham Meander is scheduled for May.

Next meeting - 6th March at 7.30pm