

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (296) for Monday 1st October, 2018

Present – C Wildman (Chair), P Dewhurst, T Bullough, M Throup, C Newhouse, J Thacker, P Wherity, A Bradley

Observing – M + SJ Harrop, M Wilson, A Heseltine, L+ M Parker, R Ingham, Sgt P Evans, Rob Ashford, Cllr A Sutcliffe, Cllr G Quinn, D Brooks, D Newhouse,

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

N Heseltine

3. Minutes of last meeting

Were proposed as correct by P Wherity and seconded by T Bullough

4. Neighbourhood Policing

Sgt Paul Evans was in attendance from North Yorkshire Police. He has had a long career in the police force and has been in North Yorkshire since 2001. He wanted to assure us that Craven District was one of the safest places in North Yorkshire with Malhamdale the safest place in Craven. He demonstrated this by sharing that since 1st October 2017 to the end of September 2018 there had been 40 calls made for police assistance in Malhamdale. The same period for the previous year there had been 56 calls made. One of the Parish Councillors queried if this was due to the frustration of reporting through the 101 number. Sgt Evans was keen to stress the police were anxious to improve the 101 scheme and acknowledged our frustrations with it.

We have two dedicated PCSOs for the Craven area and they are Emily Hewitson and Lee Britton.

Police will attend to highway obstruction matters but enforcement for parking on double yellow lines is the responsibility of Harrogate District Council. CW was keen to have local police involved in the development of our Visitor and Traffic Management Plan. Sgt Evans welcomed this opportunity.

Discussion was held on the merits of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Sgt Evans welcomed such schemes and went on to point out a pilot Rural Watch Scheme that was taking place in Grassington.

This is where members of the public were trained as Police Volunteers and covered by Police Insurance, volunteers were vetted to ensure appropriate information sharing could take place and they also were given access to a police radio. These volunteers could also claim mileage from the Police and Crime Commissioner. They were in effect the 'eyes and ears' of the local police force.

Sgt Evans encouraged local people to sign up to the 'community messaging' scheme which is proving effective. This can be accessed by text, phone or email.

A question was asked about the protection of Birds of Prey. Sgt Evans explained that the Rural Task Force are trained wildlife officers. There was a dedicated officer working out of Settle looking at wildlife issues. Another question was asked on how many officers there were available at night to cover the area and the response was that there were 3 or 4 double crewed cars available which in Sgt Evans experience was enough to meet local demand. Sgt Evans is exploring better working with Keighley and Cumbria police to stop crime coming into the Craven area.

Sgt Evans and RA talked about having posters up on YDNP property that encouraged those considering taking their life at the Cove to contact the Samaritans.

Sgt Evans can be contacted on paul.evans@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

5. Matters Arising from September minutes

Actions from September

- 02/10/17 - CW to look at plaque in Plantation re historic donation to the village- minutes of Parish Meeting from 1935 have been sourced and wording will be used to create memorial. **Ongoing**
- 02/10/17 - Parish Council to look at remedial work on village green area next to the Smithy. YDNP have suggested flagging the area. Parish Council to consider. **Pending**
- 02/10/17 - CW and NH to meet with owners of Eastwood House re hedge and fence. **Pending**
- 02/10/17 - Further to meeting with owners of Eastwood House, PD to follow up with letter confirming agreed outcome.
- 02/10/17 – PD and CW to establish policies for climbing, abseiling, drones and filming. CW has looked at the British Mountaineering Council guidance and if it can be adapted to include our position on abseiling then this would suffice. CW has sought advice from S. Gledhill on Drones given the latest legislation. A member of the public raised the issue of the PC position on climbing at Gordale Scar and CW confirmed that the BMC guidance on climbing at the Scar was sufficient. **Ongoing.**
- 06/11/17 -10 wooden 'no parking' signs have now arrived and with A. Boatwright for installing. CW to remind lengthsman. **CW to follow up re siting of new signs.**
- 04/12/17 – L. Parker to purchase naturalised daffodils for 2018 planting. Volunteers will be needed. **PW to liaise with L Parker re cost and transfer money. Now ordered.**
- 09/04/18 - CW to check the visibility of the Ladies and Gents illuminated signs during daylight. To get letters painted. Condensation is not making the signs any clearer. **Ongoing**
- 09/04/18 - CW to add the way that parking donations were spent to the Malhamdale Facebook site. NH to action. **ongoing**
- 14/05/18 - Trial having one bin for recyclables and one for litter outside the public toilets – **CW to follow up with A. Boatwright.** M. Wilson offered to drill bottle and can sized holes in the lid of the recycling bin. **Ongoing.**
- 14/05/18 - Fencing needs urgent repair in Victoria Pub, Kirkby Malham, car park – **PD to action**
- 02/07/18 – PD to enquire with CDC re public liability cover for volunteers linked to the Emergency Plan. **Pending.**
- Meeting to be arranged in October for Atkins consultants to meet the various communities of interest re traffic management. **Date agreed for Thursday 25th October 1.30 and 7pm.**
- Height and shape of bridge on Green Lane; location of proposed signage in Kirkby Malham – **PD to action. Done.**
- Emergency Plan follow up article for the Parish Magazine. **M. Harrop volunteered to do this. Done.**
- Concern was raised about Highlining activity at the Cove on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. CW explained that little could be done about this as the anchor points were on private land. RA informed the meeting that the YDNP Wildlife Officer was in touch with the group concerned.
- The PC had a further discussion on their possible role in helping prevent further tragic deaths at the Cove. YDNP will put posters up in the National Park toilets. **JT to follow up with the Samaritans.**

6. Council Matters

One Parish Councillor had moved residence and this had been recorded on the relevant form.

7. County Councillors Report

Ken Martin (from Area 5) has been ill since we met back in July. Area 5 has 3 staff down. Cllr Quinn will chase up Area 5 re road sweeping. On October 8th work starts again at KexGill using a traffic light system. There will be a 1 week road closure to complete the work at the end of November. The NYCC website has lots of useful information on bridges and road closure. You can also get personal updates specific to roads you use. James Malcolm (Area manager) is supporting the Skipton office until recruitment takes place.

8. District Councillors Report

Cllr Sutcliffe reported that the Local Plan had gone out to the Government Inspector. He hopes that comments will be received by Christmas but could be up to March 2019. Cllr Sutcliffe encouraged applications to the District Councillor fund.

9. Comment and input from YDNP

Rob Ashford reported that YDNP had done some work at Calton. There will be a YDNP boundary sign at Eshton. There will also be one at Otterburn and Long Preston. There will be an electric charging point installed at Grassington and Hawes. There are none planned for Malham. Rob to draft a plan for the proposed work on Common Village Green land adjacent to the Smithy, an issue was raised about consent that might be needed from Planning Inspectorate. **PW to follow up.**

9. Parking Strategy for Malham

CW updated the meeting on progress to date. The vast majority of residents questionnaires will be done on line and a paper version will be available for those who are not on computer. There will also be a business / visitors version. The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 25th at 13.30 and 19.00 hrs at Malham Village Hall. Publicity will happen by poster, social media and flyers in car windows etc.

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPPA

- Cawden Barn, Malham was rejected despite support from the Parish Council
- Yeoman Cottage, Kirkby Malham, was rejected despite support from the Parish Council

b. New Applications

- None

c. Other Planning Business

- None

11. Finance

Account 1 – £ 7,801 – No change

Account 2 - £ 27,946, there was £1197 raised since the last meeting - toilets (£ 95) and parking (£1,102). Electricity, the Lengthsman and the first payment to the Traffic Management Consultants to pay.

12. Community

(a) LAFSC & Brochure
Nothing to report

(b) Village Green
Nothing to report

(c) Traffic + Transport
Kirkby Malham Bridge repairs – CW raised concerns there might be a diversion from Airton to Kirkby Malham, PD to clarify. M Wilson reported that at the Parish Liaison meeting it was said that road sweeping are coming every 2 years plus gully emptying.

(d) Maintenance and Repair Issues
None

13. Malhamdale Emergency Plan

M Harrop reported that the Manager of the Listers had agreed a location for the sand bag store at the Lister Barn which would be out of sight. A 'Homebase' type heavy duty plastic store can be purchased for approx. £114. The Parish Council agreed to its purchase.

14. Environment

Nothing to report

15. Correspondence

- A letter had been received from the Royal Mail about trying to prevent scam mail.
- A flyer received about Julian Smith MP surgeries

16. Any other business

- Report back from Parish Liaison meeting. M Wilson updated the meeting on the issues covered:- Shared ownership; Local Plan; Attracting families to rural areas; Trade waste; recycling. K9 Gaslight project did not get proper consideration due to position on the agenda
- Neighbour Watch Scheme. **JT to explore reinstating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

Date of Next Meeting: 5th November

Subsequent meetings: 3rd December, 2019 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May (AGM), 3rd June, 1st July, August recess, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December

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- To explore possible consent needed for work to be undertaken on common land/ village green adjacent- **PW to follow up.**
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- Heavy duty container to be purchased for sand store at the Listers Barn – **M Harrop**