

# Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

## Minutes (300) for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

**Present** – C Wildman (Chair), P Dewhurst, M Throup, J Thacker, A Bradley, N Heseltine

**Observing** – M+ SJ Harrop, A Heseltine, L + M Parker, R Ingham, D Newhouse, Cllr A Sutcliffe, Martin Davies (National Trust), Natasha Rowland (National Trust), R Rand, J Heseltine, M Wilson

### 1. Public Questions

There were none

### 2. Apologies

Cllr G Quinn, P Wherity, T Bullough, Carole Newhouse

### 3. Minutes of last meeting

Were proposed as correct by A Bradley and seconded by M Throup

### 4. National Trust Podsite Planning Application

Martin Davies and Natasha Rowland attended from the National Trust ( NT ) to talk through to the Parish Council about the detailed application for the creation of 10 x camping pods and 5 x safari bell tents over 1 hectare of an agricultural field at the NT to be known as 'Waterhouses Developments'. 2 of the 10 pods may / would allow dogs. An additional pod would be located for washing up etc. and a small pod to be used for a shower facility. This would give 11.5 pods in total. The letting season would be mid-February to mid-November. This would be a 15 year proposed site.

The maximum capacity of this site would be 66 people. There would be no external lighting except on down lighters at the shower / toilet block and an LED internal light in the units. At the end of November each year the site would be given over to grazing.

There are plans to access Darnbrook Limestone Spring for additional water. Surveys will need to be done before laying electric cables to minimise disturbance to possible architectural heritage. The site would like to employ 1 x full time person to assist with bookings/ cleaning / maintenance etc.

Concerns expressed at the meeting were: ability to limit the number of dogs coming to the site; the usage of at least 700 gallons of water needed per day, capacity of the septic tank which would create additional demand and concern that this might affect the nearby Tarn moss; about disturbing the tranquillity; about whether more than 1 car would come per pod and the pressure this would create on the NT office parking and the layby on the Arncliffe road; about supervision of the 15 different units and noise / light disturbance; the fact that the field is an SSSI so how can this be developed?; possible disturbance to adjacent existing residents' nearest the proposed site.

Assurances were given that the habitat regulations addressed these concerns, additionally National England would not support an application of this nature if there were going to be pressures on this SSSI area.

Links to the new Visitor Traffic Management plan were made and concerns about additional pressures this site could make on the village. All points raised came back to the management of the site.

## 5. Matters Arising from January minutes

- 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 – The meeting looked at proposed memorial boulder re Polly James. It will be ready by Christmas. **CW to agree site option with Ms James.**
- 01/10/18 - To explore possible consent needed for work to be undertaken on common land/ village green adjacent- **PW to follow up. Ongoing. Done – there are no objections to remedial work.**
- 02/10/17 - CW and NH to meet with owners of Eastwood House re hedge and fence. **NH has met one of the owners informally and tacit agreement reached that the hedge and fence are not permanent features. After discussion it was agreed that NH to enter further discussion and reaffirm the Parish Council position that the hedge and fence need to be removed and the confirmation that the land remains a public space.**
- 02/10/17 - Further to meeting with owners of Eastwood House, PD to follow up with letter confirming agreed outcome. **Pending**
- 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. **Ongoing.**
- 06/11/17 - **CW to follow up re siting/ height of new ‘no parking’ signs. Done**
- 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 and CW to do similar on the Malhamdale website. **Ongoing**
- 14/05/18 - M. Wilson offered to drill bottle and can sized holes in the lid of the recycling bin. **CW to bring spare blue bin to village for use. Done. Lengthsman to alter bin front and add ‘recycling’ sign.**
- 14/05/18 - Fencing needs urgent repair in Victoria Pub, Kirkby Malham at the car park – **PD to action once new owners have settled in. Ongoing.**
- 01/10/18 - The PC had a discussion on their possible role in helping prevent further tragic deaths by suicide at the Cove. YDNP will put posters up in the National Park toilets. The Samaritans have agreed to supply posters. **JT has secured permission from two farmers, one more to follow up.**
- 03/12/18 – **CW to invite D Howlett to a future meeting on environmental issues. Ongoing.**
- 07/01/19 – Attempt to get unused car at top of Finkle Street to be moved. **JT to follow up. Ongoing.**
- 07/01/19 – Attempt to get unused van on roadside opposite Listers to be moved. **CW to follow up.**
- 07/01/19 – ensure dog bin at Gordale is on latest brochure –**CW to action. Done.**
- 07/01/19 – plant rosebush left on village green at the Smithy – **JT to action**
- 07/01/19 – contact Highways about poor condition of road below Windy Pike in Hanlith – **PD to action. Done but awaiting response from Highways.**
- 07/01/19 – establish who owns land at grass verge near High Trenhouse – **CW to follow up. Done.**
- 07/01/19 – Rob Ashford to be notified about excessive litter at the top of the Cove – **JT to follow up. Done**
- 07/01/19 – Promote Malhamdale being a ‘dogs on leads’ zone in brochure/ with businesses etc – **CW to follow up. Done. Brochure now printed. National Parks are holding a ‘responsible dog owners day’ on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. It was felt that agreement needs to be reached on the message/content of the ‘dog day’ course. CW to follow up. Cllr Sutcliffe suggested creating a local bye-law on keeping dogs on leads and that David Roper-Newman or Annette Moppett at CDC could be contacted for advice on creating a bye-law. PD to follow up.**
- 07/01/19 – Estimates to be sought for proposed remedial work on the village green between the Smithy and Hudsons field. **JT to action. One has responded not interested, one agreed to meet and two to chase up.**

## **6. Council Matters**

None

## **7. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Quinn had emailed a short report to the Clerk which in summary was that Gritting Operations will be posted on the Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts and also advice for drivers on winter driving. Of interest was a 'warm and well service' that has been commissioned by the Council and Citizens Advice. This will provide support to people worried about winter, living in cold homes or struggling to pay bills. There is a single point of contact for any North Yorkshire resident on 01609 767555.

## **8. District Councillors Report**

Cllr Sutcliffe reported the Hellifield Flashes development will hold a special meeting at the end of March. Kirkby Malham Parish Hall had received a grant of £500 and was in the process of being paid once additional information had been provided.

## **9. Comment and input from YDNP**

Note the previous item discussed about responsible dog owners course. Atkinson Copse has an Ash tree that has Die Back and needs to be removed. CW to progress with Tony Bullough and include with the annual tree survey. Resurfacing the Cove path with gravel had been done and a new signpost had been put up for Janet's Foss at the side of the Smithy.

## **10. Parking Strategy for Malham**

The final plan had been received. It had a good management summary and action plan. The PC received the plan and agreed it would be made publicly available on the Malhamdale website and Facebook site. Our local Duke of Edinburgh volunteer did their first traffic survey yesterday. This was welcomed by the PC. A sub group is to be formed by the PC to oversee the traffic management action plan. **JT to discuss with CW then move forward.** Since the publication of the Atkins plan the Show Committee has purchased an additional field which has already helped the village with its parking problems.

## **11. Planning**

### **a. Decisions by YDNPPA**

- Nothing to report

### **b. New Applications**

- One received from the National Trust re camping pods. ( see item 4 – already discussed ) PD will summarise the PC issues / concerns and submit the PC views to the YDNPPA. Agreed we would support subject to our concerns being addressed.

### **c. Other Planning Business**

- None

## **12. Finance**

The remittance advice had been received from YDNP for the Visitor Traffic Management Plan so the funding would be with the Parish Council shortly. The No 1 Account had £8,269.15 as at 18/12/18 and the No 2 account had £15,463.17. There had been £9,270.16 out of the No 2 account which was largely the Traffic Management Plan and that much of this would be reimbursed from the YDNP/SDF funds.

### 13. Community

- (a) LAFSC & Brochure  
Brochure now ready and available at the Farm Shop
- (b) Village Green  
Nothing to be discussed. Concern was raised at the signs in front of the Lister Arms. CW to follow up with Darren ( the manager ) again.
- (c) Traffic + Transport  
Not all the grit bins have arrived. PD to follow up. The contents will be replenished by the council. Concern was expressed at the lack of 'Slow Signs' as you come into the village. PD to follow up with the Highways dept. Concerns were raised about the number of accidents at Black Gill on the Settle Tops. Whilst it is not our area we felt an obligation to bring this to the attention of Highways to express our concerns. New brackets were needed on the signpost at the narrow section near CW house. The bridge at Kirkby Malham is still scheduled to be finished mid-February.
- (d) Maintenance and Repair Issues  
The Ash tree in Atkinson copse already discussed. The surface water grate outside the Listers Barn and also outside 8 Cove road need clearing. PD to follow up.

### 14. Malhamdale Emergency Plan

Nothing to report

### 15. Environment

Nothing to report

### 16. Correspondence

- E-mail received from a resident of Malham – Johnathon Strange, regarding common land near Lime Croft on Tarn road. It was agreed we would reply saying annual tree survey would look at the trees and advise if any work was needed. **CW to follow up.**

### 17. Any other business

- Settle Stories poster received. AB to put up on notice board
- It was agreed we would purchase an additional dog waste bin for the land adjacent to the Smithy
- Development of land for houses adjacent to Green Gables has started
- D Newhouse asked if a salt pile on Cove Road near one of his fields could be re sited as the water run-off is going onto his land. It was agreed that the pile could be moved to the other side of the road.

Date of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Subsequent meetings: - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, August recess, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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- Traffic Management Action Plan sub-group to be set up. **JT to discuss with CW and progress.**
- **CW** to seek removal of signs on the village green with the Manger at the Listers.
- **PD** to check with Highways as to when the last grit bins will arrive.
- **PD** to check with Highways if 'slow' signs could be painted on the tarmac as you drive into the village.

- **PD** to check with Highways if new brackets could be fitted onto the narrow road sign in Kirkby Malham just up from junction to Settle.
- **PD** to check with Highways if road drains could be cleared from 8 Cove Road down to in front of Listers Barn as surface water is gathering from the grates.
- **PD** to purchase additional dog waste bin similar to the ones on Cove Path and Plantation, to be sited near the Smithy.