

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (301) for Monday 4th March, 2019

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

Observing – M+ SJ Harrop, A Heseltine, L + M Parker, R Ingham, D Newhouse, Cllr A Sutcliffe, R + M Rand, J Heseltine, M Wilson, L + K Hodson, K Holmes

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

Cllr G Quinn

3. Minutes of last meeting

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

4. Matters Arising from February 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**
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- 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. Recent incidents of base-jumping were noted. It is hard to stop these.**
- 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. **Lengthsman to alter bin front and add 'recycling' sign. Ongoing.**
- 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 all farmers, waiting for the Samaritans to provide the 6 signs.**
- 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. **The owner is not well but assurances have been made the car will be moved.**
- 07/01/19 – Attempt to get unused van on roadside opposite Listers to be moved. **PD to prepare letter giving a deadline for the van to be removed.**
- 07/01/19 – plant rosebush left on village green at the Smithy – **Done**

- 07/01/19 – contact Highways about poor condition of road below Windy Pike in Hanlith – **Highways have responded negatively, PD to take this up with them.**
- 07/01/19 – establish who owns land at grass verge near High Trenhouse – **PD has emailed Highways and awaiting a response.**
- 07/01/19 – Promote Malhamdale being a ‘dogs on leads’ zone in brochure/ with businesses etc – **The Craven Herald recently had a front page feature on this issue. There continues to be serious sheep worrying incidents. PD read out a briefing paper on bye-laws prepared by Craven DC. CW to continue to explore creating a bye-law. MW played nuisance messages left on his voice mail re dogs on leads. MW was advised to report to the Police.**
- 07/01/19 – Estimates to be sought for proposed remedial work on the village green between the Smithy and Hudson’s field. **JT reported one estimate has been received and others being pursued. The PC felt that local contractors should be approached to provide estimates for the work.**
- Annual Tree Survey to look at Ash Tree in Atkinsons Copse re Chalara Die Back and also Trees on the Common Land at Lime Croft and advise what work if any needs to be done. **TB has completed the tree survey. No action recommended for the trees at Lime Croft. Some work to be undertaken to various trees which the PC agreed to fund.**
- Traffic Management Action Plan sub-group to be set up. **Done.**
- **CW** to seek removal of signs on the village green with the Manager at the Listers. **Ongoing**
- **PD** to check with Highways as to when the last grit bins will arrive. **Ongoing.**
- **PD** to check with Highways if ‘slow’ signs could be painted on the tarmac as you drive into the village. **Ongoing.**
- **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. **Ongoing.**
- **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. **Ongoing.**
- **PD** to purchase additional dog waste bin similar to the ones on Cove Path and Plantation, to be sited near the Smithy. **Ordered.**

5. Council Matters

None

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr Quinn has given her apologies. She had recently awarded a County Councillors Grant of £800 towards KMPH kitchen refurbishment. Cllr Quinn hopes to be attending our PC meetings from April.

7. District Councillors Report

Cllr Sutcliffe gave a brief report and indicated that the Council Tax will be an increase of 5% + £5 on band D properties. He also reported on the referendum planned for the 20th May on the adoption of the Local Plan for Gargrave. The Local Plan would be in force for 30 years if more than 50 % of those who vote, vote in favour of the plan.

8. Comment and input from YDNP

A detailed reply had been received about dogs on leads and that the Cove Path has been resurfaced.

9. Parking Strategy for Malham

JT talked to the subcommittee minutes from the first meeting that had been held on the 28th February. 3 members of the Parish Council were in attendance plus 10 local residents. All the points in the action plan were discussed at length. These minutes have now been made available to the PC and all those in attendance at the meeting. JT to meet with CW to agree on the actions to be taken forward and by whom. It was noted that by now having 4 fields available in Malham to open to the public, this has made a huge difference to parking when demand is there. A huge thank you to the owners of the fields. The date of the next subcommittee is Monday 25th March at 8pm in the Village Hall. This is open to all in Malhamdale.

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPPA

none

b. New Applications

- None

c. Other Planning Business

- PD advised that the owners of Yeoman's Cottage Kirkby Malham are likely to appeal on the recent YDNPPA refusal.
- NH thanked PD on a recent letter sent to the YDNPA planning application.

11. Finance

Acct 1 - £15,750 - We had received 75 % costs of the Atkins report back from SDF which came to £7,481

Acct 2 - £16,259 – includes £3,426 for the Malham Initiative fund, £750 - Milk churns this last month. AB indicated that the milk churns would generate in the region of £9,000 in 2018/19. After discussion it was agreed that an additional milk churn to be sited on the other side of the road to the entry to the Showfield. AB to progress.

The Treasurer therefore felt there was in the region of £11,500 - available for spend

The Treasurer felt the PC needed to consider what they needed to keep in reserves for 2019/20 and what they needed to be available to spend. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the AGM in May.

12. Community

(a) LAFSC & Brochure
Nothing to report

(b) Village Green
Nothing to report

(c) Traffic + Transport
CW had received an update regarding Kirkby Malham Bridge and is now due for completion on March 22nd. There will be a road closure on 20th / 21st March to take away the temporary bridge and undertake tarmacking etc. The site will be removed on the 29th March and also there will be a new 'Welcome to Kirkby Malham' sign, a 30 mph sign and a 'Slow' sign. The Village Green will also be reinstated.

(d) Maintenance and Repair Issues
TB reported loose cobble stones outside the Buck Inn / public toilets that do need repairing. PD will add this to the Area 5 e-mail.

13. Malhamdale Emergency Plan

Nothing to report

14. Environment

MW had brought to the meeting a piece of TUFA from Gordale Scar waterfall. He has raised concerns about it disintegrating and suggested that YDNP do an assessment on how safe it is to climb. TB suggested Natural England should be invited to come and assess the erosion to this SSSI. CW to progress. MW also raised concerns about the number of falling rocks coming down off the Scar. There is a sign saying 'Beware of Falling Rocks' and this does cover the PC and its liabilities.

15. Correspondence

- None received

16. Any other business

- NH raised the issue of the missing post box. RI said the George Box style is quite rare. It was moved from the old post office cottage to its present site in 1951. It was originally installed in 1903. It was felt that the PC should complain to the Post Office about the lack of consultation, concerns about the disregard for listed building consent. JT to follow up.
- The erection of a roof over the bus stop was discussed. As the land where the bus stop sits is not our land the actual land owner would need to be approached. The PC therefore declined to be involved.

Date of Next Meeting: 1st April 2019

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

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- 04/03/19 - Meet CW to progress actions for the Traffic Management subcommittee. **JT**
- 04/03/19 – Install a further milk churn on the verge opposite the Showfield Entrance. **AB**
- 04/03/19 – Email Area 5 about repairs needed to loose cobbles outside the public toilets **PD**
- 04/03/19 – Contact Natural England to undertake an assessment of erosion at Gordale Scar **CW**
- 04/03/19 – Complain to the Royal Mail about no public consultation about removal of post office facility, closure of the historic post box and no regard for the listed building status. **JT**