

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (302) for Monday 1st April, 2019

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

Observing – M+ SJ Harrop, A Heseltine, R Ingham, D Newhouse, R + M Rand, J Heseltine, M Wilson, K Holmes, R Ashford (YDNP)

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

Cllr G Quinn, Cllr A Sutcliffe

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was noted that P Wherity did in fact attend the last meeting on 4th March 2019. The minutes were otherwise proposed as correct by N Heseltine and seconded by P Wherity

4. Matters Arising from March minutes

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- 14/05/18 - **Lengthsman to alter bin front and add 'recycling' sign. Done.**
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- 07/01/19 – Promote Malhamdale being a ‘dogs on leads’ zone in brochure/ with businesses etc **CW to continue to explore creating a bye-law. MT asked if all the landowners got together could they have one overarching bye law? CW to explore.**
- 07/01/19 – Estimates to be sought for proposed remedial work on the village green between the Smithy and Hudson’s field. **JT to contact local contractors to provide estimates for the work. JT confirmed that two have been received and two awaited. PW confirmed we can claim VAT back.**
- 07/01/19 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. **PW to contact tree surgeon to undertake work specified in the Tree Survey. Done. TB informed the meeting that a very large Horse Chestnut at the Beck Hall end of the Plantation was in a poor condition and would need to be carefully monitored.**
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- 04/02/19 - Check with Highways as to when the last grit bins will arrive. **Ongoing PD**
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- 04/02/19 - Purchase additional dog waste bin similar to the ones on Cove Path and Plantation, to be sited near the Smithy. **Ordered. Arrived – R Ashford will get YDNPA staff to erect.**
- 04/03/19 - Meet CW to progress actions for the Traffic Management subcommittee. **JT. Done**
- 04/03/19 - Install a further milk churn on the verge opposite the Showfield Entrance. **AB asked the meeting if anyone had a churn lid. NH and MT to source.**
- 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 updated the meeting on the current position.**

5. Council Matters

None

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr Quinn has given her apologies but hopes to attend the May meeting. In the meantime Cllr Quinn has been meeting with Area 5 to escalate our traffic issues.

7. District Councillors Report

Cllr Sutcliffe is ill in hospital and unable to attend.

8. Comment and input from YDNP

RA has offered a separate meeting to discuss waymarking signs needed for footpath to the Cove Path above Beck Hall. The sign posting as it is currently misleading to tourists as it says ‘No access to Cove’. It needs re-wording plus a way marker past Bombays Barn to encourage walkers down onto the Cove Path across the clapper bridge.

A litter pick at the top of the Cove is required. JT and RA to agree a date for this to be done.

The Peregrines viewing opens this Thursday in conjunction with the RSPB. The dog event date is moving to June. A new date is to be supplied. PW raised concerns about the path at Scalegill Mill which is deteriorating and has been reported to the YDNP. An issue was raised regarding groups still not aware of the footpath towards Janet's Foss just over the new bridge. AB suggested 2 Interpretation Panels adjacent to the Smithy and the ford illustrating the footpaths in the brochure. Karen Griffiths (YDNP) would be helpful re interpretation boards. There was an increasing amount of parking on the banking adjacent to the ford. A possible solution would be to put boulders there to restrict parking but should be considered as part of the Parking Strategy.

9. Parking Strategy for Malham / Malhamdale

A 2nd meeting was held on 25th March. Draft minutes are now available. CW took the meeting through the key highlights from the minutes. The dates of the next meeting are Thursday 2nd May and Monday 10th June.

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPPA

- An appeal has been lodged by Yeoman's Cottage re YDNPPA initial planning decision. This has now been escalated to the Secretary of State. The PC supported the initial application and will write to support again.

b. New Applications

- Pre consultation / proposed base station upgrade at existing mast at Darnbrook Fell, Malham Moor, Settle. PD to contact for further information and correct map.
- Creation of a second storey owners' accommodation over the shop at Gordale Gifts C/54/17C. The PC agreed to support on the proviso there is adequate, identified parking and that it is a dwelling tied to the business.

c. Other Planning Business

None

11. Finance

Acct 1 - £15,750 – No change from March

Acct 2 - £16,259 – includes £3,000 for the Malham Initiative fund and £3,600 for the Brochure which leaves £11,899 available not committed. There was a total income of £3,266 including £435 and £350 from the Milk Churns paid in plus £60 from the toilets. AB indicated that the milk churns would generate in the region of £9,000 in 2018/19. Expenditure was £159 and £181 for the Lengthsman, £18 for toilets electricity and £113 for toilet rolls.

12. Community

LAFSC & Brochure

- Covered elsewhere in the report

Village Green

- Cawoods wall has fallen down onto the Village Green. We hope the owners will repair.

Traffic and Transport

- Covered elsewhere in the report

Maintenance and Repair

- Correspondence received regarding the repair to a bench at the ford. The lengthsman has estimated £65 for the repair. The family who donated the bench will fund the repair.

13. Environment

- The daffodils planted last year have been crushed by pedestrians from the car park fields.
- M Harrop updated the PC on the oil leak into the foul water drain which pooled in the drains adjacent to Chapel Gate Cottage causing an environmental hazard. Yorkshire Water and the Environmental Agency are all involved. Emergency Plan was followed and both agencies felt our local response was sufficient,
- A member of the public pointed out oil visible on the grass verge adjacent to a grate on the Kirkby Malham to Settle road. CW to check
- NH updated the PC on the outcome of the recent Malham Parish Meeting. An informal environment group is being set up.

14. Correspondence

- The Lister Arms have offered to sponsor the dog waste bins in return for adverts on the waste bins. The PC to thank them for their offer however other accommodation providers are already involved.
- The number of thefts locally has increased recently. Parishioners are encouraged to be extra vigilant
- Parish Meeting on 20th March. NH provided a comprehensive update on matters discussed. A new chair is needed for the Parish Meeting from 2020. CW asked if there needed to be a Parish Meeting. It was felt it is a legal requirement. NH suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Sandy Tod. PD to action this. A 'Vacancy for Chair' to be advertised in the Parish magazine. CW to action.
- A list was provided by the MP for local surgeries

15. Any other business

- M Wilson asked a question if CDC were still having Parish Liaison Meetings. KMPC were not aware of any local dates.
- M Wilson asked if there would be electric charging points. RA said Grassington and Hawes were planned currently and might be extended to Malham.
- A member of the public advised AB that a child had hit a road sign that was too low, at children's height. AB added that the sign should be removed and re 01/04/sited.

Date of Next Meeting: 13th May 2019 including AGM – Start time at 7 pm

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

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- 01/04/19 – JT to add problem of parking on grass at Ford to Parking Strategy.
- 01/04/19 – contact Karen Griffiths re Interpretation Boards near to Smithy and Ford – **CW**
- 01/04/19 – CW to check oil leak on grass verge on Settle road.
- 01/04/19 – PD to send letter of thanks to Sandy Tod
- 01/04/19 – CW to put advert in Parish Magazine for Malham Parish Chair
- 01/04/19 – child height road sign to be removed near the Visitor Centre – CW/ Lengthsman