

# Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

## Minutes (303) for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**Present** – C Wildman (Chair), J Thacker, A Bradley, N Heseltine, C Newhouse, T Bullough

**Observing** – M+ SJ Harrop, A Heseltine, R Ingham, D Newhouse, S Tod, M Parker, Cllr Quinn

### 1. Public Questions

There were none

### 2. Apologies

P Dewhurst, M Throup, P Wherity, Cllr Sutcliffe, R Ashford (YDNP)

### 3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were proposed as correct by A Bradley and seconded by C Newhouse

### 4. Matters Arising from April minutes

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- 02/10/17 – The meeting looked at proposed memorial boulder re Polly James. **Location of memorial agreed near to the Smithy. CW reported they have found a stone more akin to limestone. Sculptor making a site visit at the end of May.**
- 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. Ongoing. NH reported a further meeting with Mr Cooper who will put in writing his position and the PC to respond accordingly.**
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- 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 CW has set up a residents only FB page. Pat Wherity to provide a set of words re parking donations. Done**
- 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 waiting for the Samaritans to provide the 6 signs. Ongoing. Signs will be completed this week. Should be in place by the next meeting.**
- 03/12/18 – **CW to invite D Howlett to a future meeting on environmental issues. Ongoing. Done. The MEG group will replace this action.**
- 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. Ongoing.**

- 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. Ongoing.**
- 07/01/19 – contact Highways about poor condition of road below Windy Pike in Hanlith – **PD has had further response from Highways which states the road is not yet bad enough to merit resurfacing. Done.**
- 07/01/19 – establish who owns land at grass verge near High Trenhouse – **PD has emailed Highways and awaiting a response. It was noted more trees have been planted on the grass verge near the crossroads. Ongoing.**
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- 07/01/19 – Estimates to be sought for proposed remedial work on the village green between the Smithy and Hudson's field. **JT confirmed that two have been received and two awaited. PW confirmed we can claim VAT back. A third estimate has now been received. A local estimate is awaited. JT to now source grants to support this work.**
- 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. **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. A further diseased tree has been identified. Estimates to undertake the work are now with PW.**
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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. **R Ashford will get YDNPA staff to erect. Done.**
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- 01/04/19 – JT to add problem of parking on grass at Ford to Parking Strategy actions. **Done**
- 01/04/19 – contact Karen Griffiths re Interpretation Boards near to Smithy and Ford – **JT**
- 01/04/19 – CW to check oil leak on grass verge on Settle road. **Done**
- 01/04/19 – PD to send letter of thanks to Sandy Tod. **Ongoing.**
- 01/04/19 – CW to put advert in Parish Magazine for Malham Parish Chair. **CW put on FB/Website.**
- 01/04/19 – child height road sign to be removed near the Visitor Centre – CW/ Lengthsman

## 5. Council Matters

None

## 6. County Councillors Report

Cllr Quinn had been in contact with Sharon Fox (Area 5) today. A period of consultation needs to take place re the double yellow lines on Finkle Street and on the brow. David Bell is now the new lead. Cllr Quinn is to invite him to a meeting in Malham. Surface dressing is imminent and the existing single / double yellow lines will be refreshed. Road closure planned to enable replacement of the 2 cattle grids on Malham Moor. There will be a diversion from 28<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Quinn is to ask if it can be deferred to 30<sup>th</sup> May to accommodate the Safari. We can now purchase our own 30 mph signs at a cost of £2500. CW has been given information from Cllr Quinn. A59 at Kex Gill is closed for 1 week. The Blue Badge Scheme is being revised. CW reported the Village Green hadn't been reinstated at Kirkby Bridge. Also concrete bases have been left under the bridge, plus the walls don't align. Cllr Quinn will follow up.

## **7. District Councillors Report**

Nothing received due to continued incapacity

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

AB and CW highlighted a section of footpath is 'missing' off Back Lane on the way to Pikedaw. It has not been registered as a footpath. The National Park cannot signpost the route unless this is registered. Also a part of Back Lane is not registered.

## **9. Parking Strategy for Malham / Malhamdale**

- a. Parking counts - Heather Yendall from NYCC has sent information for March. A request has been made to re-locate the counter. 32000 cars passed the counter in the month of March. This information correlates with what AB has been recording. The data suggests a peak point between 11 am and 3 pm.
- b. Pre Travel visitor information – CW has covered this on the Malhamdale website.
- c. Student – JT has approached Leeds University
- d. Visitor information sign – Sandy Tod has enquired about electronic signs. Costs would be in the region of £7k. Planning permission would be needed.
- e. Malhamdale Facebook – CW has set up residents only site. Done,
- f. Bus service schedule – JT – no progress
- g. Park and Ride – JT – no progress
- h. Quiet Roads and Cycle Routes, Rob Ashford progressing
- i. KM School – PD contacted NYCC re 30 mph / 20 mph zone
- j. Double yellow / single yellow – Cllr Quinn / PD
- k. Additional parking – 4 fields. All charging £5
- l. Slow down / speed bumps – PD / Cllr Quinn
- m. Voluntary Giving Scheme to create route landscaping - ongoing
- n. Passing place only signs / Holgate Head – PD / Cllr Quinn
- o. Parking on ford at Chapel / stones / interpretation boards – AB / CW (covered earlier)

Next meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at Malham Village Hall 8pm.

## **10. Planning**

a. Decisions by YDNPA  
None

b. New Applications

- C/54/95D – Accraplatts Farm. Construction of a roof over existing feeding area, No comment
- C/54/158A – Ghyllstones. Siting of 2 x camping pods. Councillors queried why was the original application for Shepherds Huts withdrawn / rejected and on what basis. The new application and the proposed location of the camping pods will have a greater impact on local residents than the previous application of the Shepherds Huts. The PC supported the previous application and could not support this one.

c. Other Planning Business  
None

## **11. Finance**

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

Acct 2 - £16,259 – Income of £1,380.32 and expenditure of £4,450.71. Therefore available cash in no 2 account is £15,942. The milk churns were up 17 % on previous years.

## 12. Community

### LAFSC & Brochure

- A Boatwright has resigned his position of lengthsman. He is happy to continue mowing grass. Approaches to local cleaning companies to be made and to request quotations for cleaning of the local toilets and emptying the bins. CW to progress. An observer offered to help out with the bins and toilets if needed which the Chair appreciated but felt that the monies raised from the toilets/ parking should be paying for this service.

### Village Green

- Nothing to update

### Traffic and Transport

- New bus timetable is available. The Tarn shuttle bus is still running.

### Maintenance and Repair

- Good to see that the gates are repaired on the path to Janet's Foss.

## 13. Environment

- The Malhamdale Environment Group (MEG) held its first meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 10 people. A range of issues were discussed from water refill points to collecting crisp packets at YHA, bio diversity monitoring, garden birds, tree planting in car park fields to offset carbon emissions, 'swishing' events, seedling exchange, filling stations for eco-friendly products, a visit to Allerton Waste Recycling, bee hives, community apple press and cardboard recycling etc. The next meeting is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We have a write up in the Parish magazine thanks to Jill Heseltine. A Parish walkabout is to be undertaken. They will set up some objectives at the next meeting. It was agreed that the MEG Group was to be a subcommittee of the KMPC. CW highlighted the Aire Flood defence scheme including hedge and tree planting, dams in the beck etc.
- Issue raised regarding a local resident clearing ivy off the wall at the Plantation without permission. PD to be asked to write a letter to him asking him to cease this activity.
- Weekly bin clean being checked out with NYCC. PD.
- The weight of the dog poo bin bags can easily be up to 20kg and were difficult to carry. CW suggested the PC purchase a trolley that could be used by the volunteer rota. JT to put it to the Volunteers.
- The new poo bin erected near the Smithy was a disaster over the Easter weekend, needing emptying three times due to general rubbish being placed in it. AB had it removed and we need to give some thought as to where else it could be located. JT to put to the volunteers.

## 14. Emergency Plan

Mike Harrop has contacted YDNP about locating a sandbag store in their car park. The existing store at the Listers Barn has about 90 bags. We really need another store ideally at the YDNP car park. 3 wooden stores could be erected which could be used to hold up to 250 bags.

## 15. Correspondence

- Insurance policy due for renewal. JT queried if it covered volunteers e.g. on poo bin collection, emergency plan. PW to follow up.
- Jane Tomlinson run for charity is due to go through Malham 11<sup>th</sup> August. They have asked if they can use the Village Hall as a check point for the walkers who will start and finish in Settle. There could be up to 1250 people walking through the village during the day.

- 'The Struggle' bike ride will be coming through the village on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Safari! Stewards will be provided to manage the situation.
- A vintage tractor rally will be coming through Malham this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. It is expected that there will be up to 100 tractors driving through the village prior to lunch time.
- The National Trust received a complaint from a member complaining about the use of Janet's Foss for swimming.

#### 15. Any other business

- A question has been asked if the notice board in Kirkby Malham belonged to the Parish Council or to KMPH. It was agreed that it belongs to the KMPH.
- JT asked if Ronnie's Shop could be registered as an 'asset of the community value'. The Parish Council have agreed to nominate. JT to follow up and keep the Parish Council involved.

Date of Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 - Start time at 7.30 pm

Subsequent meetings: 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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- 13/05/19 – Contact local cleaning companies to take on the public toilets – **CW**
- 13/05/19 – Write to Malham resident about unauthorised removal of ivy from Plantation wall – **PD**
- 13/05/19 – ask poo bin volunteers if a trolley could be helpful to transport heavy bags – **JT**
- 13/05/19 – ask poo bin volunteers where the 'Smithy' poo bin might best be resited – **JT**
- 13/05/19 – check if the Parish Council insurance covers volunteers - **PW**
- 13/05/19 – register Ronnie's Shop as an Asset of Community Value - **JT**