

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (304) for Monday 3rd June, 2019

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

Observing – A Heseltine, D Newhouse, R+ M Rand, J Rogers

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

P Dewhurst, Cllr Sutcliffe, R Ashford (YDNP), A Bradley, N Heseltine, Cllr Quinn

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were proposed as correct by C Newhouse and seconded by T Bullough

4. Matters Arising from May minutes

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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. **A local estimate is awaited. JT to now source grants to support this work. Local quote now received and JT in discussion with Andrea Burden at SDF about grant.**
- 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. **A further diseased tree has been identified. Estimates to undertake the work are now with PW. Now awaiting birds nesting period is over before tree work begins.**
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- 04/03/19 - Contact Natural England to undertake an assessment of erosion at Gordale Scar **CW, AB and R Ashford met with Natural England on site. Awaiting a report from Natural England. Report received and copy to be given by C Newhouse to M Wilson.**
- 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 read out the letter received from the Postal Review Panel. Will follow up using the Village Hall for the original postbox. NH had received confirmation from C Wood that the postbox is indeed listed and the matter been passed to the enforcement team. JT has submitted further complaint to Postal Review Panel.**
- 01/04/19- RA to set up meeting about better signposting for top path to Cove. **CW/AB and R Ashford have met but as yet little progress made. Interpretation Panel to be considered for the Chapel Ford. JT to follow up and include in any Grant Bid with the remedial work.**
- 01/04/19 – JT and RA to organise litter pick at top of Cove. **RA organising. Done.**
- 01/04/19 – contact Karen Griffiths re Interpretation Boards near to Smithy and Ford – **JT**
- 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. PD to check the constitution and establish if we need the Parish meetings.**
- 01/04/19 – child height road sign to be removed near the Visitor Centre – **CW/ Lengthsman. D Newhouse volunteered to remove.**
- 13/05/19 – NYCC to defer the road closure until 30th May – **Cllr Quinn. Done**
- 13/05/19 – David Bell, Area 5 new manager, to be invited to a meeting in Malham – **Cllr Quinn**
- 13/05/19 – Contact Bridge section at NYCC to ask them to reinstate the village green at Kirkby Bridge, remove concrete bases, check alignment of walls – **Cllr Quinn**
- 13/05/19 – Contact local cleaning companies to take on the public toilets – **CW. To also add the bin emptying and putting out for refuse collection.**
- 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. No interest from the volunteers. Done.**
- 13/05/19 – ask poo bin volunteers where the ‘Smithy’ poo bin might best be resited – **JT. No appetite to add to the Miresfield route.**
- 13/05/19 – check if the Parish Council insurance covers volunteers - **PW. Done. JT to communicate with the rota group that it does cover volunteers.**
- 13/05/19 – register Ronnie’s Shop as an Asset of Community Value – **JT. Agreed that a decision would be taken on registration at the 1st July PC meeting.**

5. Council Matters

None

6. County Councillors Report

In her absence Cllr Quinn sent an email.

Contractors had agreed to start work on the cattle grid on 30th May so that will not interrupt the Safari

Re surface dressing query - information boards will go out in advance of the start date and residents directly affected will receive a letter and a leaflet.

The cobbled areas have been checked and are not maintainable at public expense so it is assumed that the PC is responsible for them.

The highways officer has been asked to inspect the bridge wall at Kirby Malham

The village green area adjacent to the bridge in Kirkby Malham, ask Cllr Quinn to chase up date for reinstatement

7. District Councillors Report

Nothing received due to continued incapacity

8. Comment and input from YDNP

Nothing further to report

9. Parking Strategy for Malham / Malhamdale

The traffic data captured by Annabelle will not be completed for the next month due to other commitments. Both Roger Rand and David Newhouse have volunteered to complete in Annabelle's absence.

Highways have agreed to move the counter to the bottom of the Brow during imminent road surfacing works.

Next meeting Monday 10th June – Malham Village Hall

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPA

None

b. New Applications

None

c. Other Planning Business

None

11. Finance

Acct 1 - £15,581 –

Acct 2 - £17,724 – The KMPC operates 4 funds in account 2.

- The MI Fund or Malhamdale Plan fund for implementing the Malhamdale Plan includes funds belonging to the Malhamdale Renewable Energy Group.
- The LAFSC (Lengthsman and Facilities subcommittee) is a subcommittee of M1 which was set up to maintain the Public Conveniences and Parish Council property. It is funded by visitors to Malham who make donations for car parking in the village and the use of the toilets.

- The Brochure Fund is used to pay for production, printing and distribution of the brochure out of advertisers contributions and
- The Tree Planting Fund pays for tree planting out of contributions from visitors and residents to offset greenhouse emissions.

12. Community

LAFSC & Brochure

- CW put an advertisement out on FB with a view to replace Allan Boatwright as Lengthsman. Allan has agreed to continue cutting the grass. CW has some possibilities for cleaning the toilets and emptying the bins. Traffic cones are also an issue and general jobs. PW to check claim sheets and provide a summary of the jobs that have been done.

Village Green

- Nothing to update

Traffic and Transport

- Nothing to update

Maintenance and Repair

- It was reported that on Deadman's Lane that a wall had fallen down. It was unsure whose responsibility it is to put back up. The YHA are to be asked if it is theirs and report back. CW to check with YDNP if it is their remit.

13. Environment

A report from Sandy Tod was read out,.

Our second meeting will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 4th June in the Listers Arms at 7.30pm. We had intended to do a walk to identify potential project sites, mainly for tree planting, however everyone has been too busy and we will be arranging a later date at tomorrow's meeting. Jill is contacting landowners about tree planting on the car park fields and has had a positive response from Rob Hudson.

We have had email discussion about tree planting and there are two schools of thought, those who favour "guerrilla" planting on verges and empty spaces, and those who favour creating woodland wildlife corridors. Once we have identified potential planting sites we will investigate feasibility and draw up an action plan with costs to ensure that efforts are put into initiatives that will have the most impact in mitigating the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss.

I have been in touch with Don Vine, Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on the Upper Aire catchment. He is keen to involve us in a practical capacity in some of his projects. I have invited him to tomorrow's meeting and either Don or a colleague will attend.

14. Emergency Plan

No update re sand bag store at YDNP

15. Correspondence

There was none

15. Any other business

- **The Safari** – The Safari had a successful 5 days. All income still not received. It was commented that social media was reaching a lot more families. A number of animals had gone out to grass in Grassington for their holidays!
- A member of the public suggested that we write a letter of thanks plus a donation to the Cave Rescue Organisation thanking them for their recent intensive activity on Fountains Fell, on top of the Cove plus another 2 incidents. They have a fundraiser on FB. All agreed that £500 should be donated. PW to action and send a letter.

Date of Next Meeting: 1st July 2019 - Start time at 7.30 pm

Subsequent meetings: August recess, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December

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- 03/06/19 – Gather traffic data for June in A Bradley's absence- **D Newhouse and R Rand**
- 03/06/19 – create summary of Lengthsman jobs – **PW**
- 03/06/19 – Check if fallen wall at Deadman's Lane is YDNP remit – **CW**
- 03/06/19 – donate £500 and write a thank you letter to CRO - **PW**