

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (305) for Monday 1st July, 2019

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

Observing – A Heseltine, D Newhouse, R+ M Rand, J Heseltine, K Holmes, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Sutcliffe, M Wilson, L + M Parker

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

A Bradley, N Heseltine

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were proposed as correct by P Wherity and seconded by M Throup

4. Matters Arising from June 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. **Sculptor site visit made and stone now ready. Builder likely to install stone in the next couple of weeks. This has now been completed and Polly James has sent a donation of £500 towards the remedial work. PD to send a letter of thanks to Ms James.**
- 02/10/17 - CW and NH to meet with owners of Eastwood House re hedge and fence. **NH reported a further meeting with Mr Cooper who will put in writing his position and the PC to respond accordingly. Ongoing.**
- 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. **We need to review our annual risk assessment wording on climbing. CW/PW. To also review the draft policies. PW shared a risk assessment that has been done for Castleberg in Settle. This could be adapted to suit Malham Cove and Gordale. PW/CW to meet to finalise.**
- 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. Village Hall electrician to be asked to offer advice on 5th June. Estimate received and to be considered by CW. Toilets were deep cleaned by Bulloughs. The tarmac around the toilet block needs attention and quotes to be sought.**
- 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. **Signs arrived. YDNP will put up w/c 17th June. This has now been completed.**
- 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. Police and Highways been informed about the car. Car has been removed.**

- 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. Police and Highways been informed about the van. Van has been removed off the Highway and onto owners land.**
- 07/01/19 – establish who owns land at grass verge near High Trenhouse – **Mr Varney has confirmed by email to Cllr Myers he has no permission to plant the trees.**
- 07/01/19 – Promote Malhamdale being a 'dogs on leads' zone in brochure/ with businesses etc. **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 in discussion with Andrea Burden at SDF about grant. JT to submit bid for remedial 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. **Awaiting birds nesting period is over before tree work begins.**
- 07/01/19 - Seek removal of signs on the village green with the Manager at the Listers. **CW Ongoing**
- 04/02/19 - Check with Highways as to when the last grit bins will arrive. **Ongoing PD**
- 04/02/19 - Check with Highways if 'slow' signs could be painted on the tarmac as you drive into the village. **Ongoing PD**
- 04/02/19 - 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**
- 04/02/19 - 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**
- 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 to provide.**
- 04/03/19 - Email Area 5 about repairs needed to loose cobbles outside the public toilets **Area 5 responded saying they are not financially responsible. PD to challenge.**
- 04/03/19 - Contact Natural England to undertake an assessment of erosion at Gordale Scar **Report received from Natural England and copy to be given by C Newhouse to M Wilson. Done**
- 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 has submitted further complaint to Postal Review Panel. We have been informed the original post box will be repainted red but remain sealed up. A new post box is to be erected, on a pole, on the perimeter wall of the toilet block.**
- 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.**
- 01/04/19 – contact Karen Griffiths re Interpretation Boards near to Smithy and Ford – **JT has spoken to Ms Griffiths and advice obtained. Cost is likely to be in the region of £1,200 +VAT. Agreed that a separate SDF bid be made for this.**
- 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. **PD to check the constitution and establish if we legally 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. Done**
- 13/05/19 – David Bell, Area 5 new manager, to be invited to a meeting in Malham – **Cllr Quinn to arrange.**
- 13/05/19 – Contact Bridge section at NYCC to ask them to reinstate the village green at Kirkby Bridge, remove concrete bases under bridge, check alignment of walls – **Cllr Quinn to chase up.**
- 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. Done.**
- 13/05/19 – check if the Parish Council insurance covers volunteers -**JT to communicate with the rota group that it does cover volunteers. Done.**
- 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. After much discussion involving PC members and Observers, it was agreed that a further meeting be sought**

with the owners of South View before a decision would be taken. J Heseltine volunteered to seek out a meeting.

- 03/06/19 – Gather traffic data for June in A Bradley’s absence- **D Newhouse and R Rand have done this and will pass data to Annabele.**
- 03/06/19 – create summary of Lengthsman jobs – **PW. Done.**
- 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. Done.**

5. Council Matters

None

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr Quinn advised Members were being lobbied due to crisis in Adult Social Care and School Transport. Dementia Forward have won a contract with NYCC and are setting up a special café in St Andrews church in Skipton on Wednesdays. Cllr Quinn also shared the Herbert Protocol which is in place for vulnerable adults who go missing. Helen Bradley is the local worker who can be contacted for dementia advice on 03300 578592.

7. District Councillors Report

Cllr Sutcliffe advised there was little to report but would send JT a copy of the latest District Councillor grant application form

8. Comment and input from YDNP

Nothing further to report

9. Parking Strategy for Malham / Malhamdale

The minutes from the sub – committee held on the 10th June for the Visitor Access Action Plan were ratified. JT will announce the sub-committee meetings on the ‘Residents FB page’ to try and encourage more interest. All actions were agreed on the minutes including writing to all three field owners to ascertain which dates they might open for the remainder of 2019 and annually thereafter. Date of next meeting is July 15th.

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPA

Accraplatts Farm approved conditionally on June 14th

b. New Applications

None

c. Other Planning Business

Airton Chapel planning application was discussed. This is for a conversion into a community hall / caretaker 4 bedroomed residence, and a 7 bedroom holiday letting accommodation. Concerns were raised at the potential of yet another community hall in the Dale

11. Finance

Acct 1 - £15,291 – after bills paid

Acct 2 - £20,432 – after income received and bills paid

12. Community

LAFSC & Brochure

Work is in progress to secure a lengthsman

Village Green

Nothing further to update

Traffic and Transport

MT reported that the cattle grid on Cove Road is currently in hand **but** there has been no work done for 3 weeks.

Maintenance and Repair

Nothing to report

13. Environment

The next meeting is Tuesday 16th July 7.30 pm at the Listers. Three community walks have taken place. Tree planting suggestions are currently restricted to Malham to start with. Landowners are to be asked if they are agreeable to planting. Woodland Trust will give free trees. Significant grants could be obtained for fencing, tubes and planting. The vision proposed by Sandy Tod needs to be discussed at the next MEG meeting on the 16th July and ratified at the next PC meeting in September.

14. Emergency Plan

No update re sand bag store at YDNP

15. Correspondence

There was none

15. Any other business

- D Newhouse raised the issue of spare traffic cones now some yellow lines have been painted. He offered to put them up on Finkle Street, opposite the entrance to Hill Top House and also adjacent to Cromwell Cottages / Beck Hall. This was well received by the meeting.
- M Throup reported that the Police were keen to set up a local Rural Watch scheme. Volunteers were requested, names to M Throup please.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd September 2019 - Start time at 7.30 pm

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

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- 01/07/19 – send a letter of thanks to Polly James **PD**
- 01/07/19 – Listers to be asked to repair damaged cobbles on entrance to their car park – **CW**
- 01/07/19 – Letters to be sent to 3 field owners re car parking – **PD/JT**