

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes (306) for Monday 2nd September, 2019

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

Observing – A Heseltine, D Newhouse, J Heseltine, Cllr Sutcliffe, M Wilson, L + M Parker, Fran Graham

1. Public Questions

There were none

2. Apologies

P Wherity, T Bullough

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were proposed as correct by M Throup and seconded by C Newhouse

4. Fran Graham, National Trust

Fran had asked to come to the Parish Council to talk about the minor woodland restoration work scheduled to take place in Janet's Foss later this year. It needs to work for residents and tourists alike. The path would only need to be closed for short periods to allow felling to take place. Janet's Foss is a SSSI site and there has been a Woodland Management Plan in place since 2018.

Recommendations are to fell 4 or 5 mature sycamores to create a woodland glade, allowing the site to self-propagate. All licenses are in place to allow the work. Fran welcomed the PC's thoughts on the most suitable time post the October school holidays until the end of December school term. Communications could include a briefing sheet for the visitor centre, a notice on the Malhamdale .com website, the open Malhamdale Facebook page, residents Facebook page and the Parish magazine.

Concerns were raised regarding access to the circular route and length of any closure to the footpath. Signage is to be put up in advance at either end of Janet's Foss to alert walkers. Fran agreed to keep the Parish Council updated on progress by email.

5. Matters Arising from July minutes

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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 **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. PW/CW have met and documents will come back to future meeting for ratification.**

- 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. Estimate received from electrician 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. JT to obtain.**
- 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.**
- 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. Done.**
- 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 to submit SDF bid for remedial work. Bid submitted but YDNP are seeking further information. JT progressing.**
- 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. Done**
- 07/01/19 - Seek removal of signs on the village green with the Manager at the Listers. **CW Ongoing. Done.**
- 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. 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 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 once PW has established from Land Registry who owns the land. CW to obtain quote from DJ Willan.**
- 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. **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. Done.**
- 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. CW to ask RA for a waymarked route.**
- 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. JT has sought quotes from 3 companies. Simon Watkins from Friends Meeting house to also be asked.**
- 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. PD has consulted with CDC and will now seek advice from national Parish Council body.**
- 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. PD to follow up with Highways as to lack of progress.**
- 13/05/19 – register Ronnie's Shop as an Asset of Community Value – **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 at the September meeting. J Heseltine volunteered to seek out a meeting with the owners. A full and frank discussion took place and after much debate CW put the matter to the vote. Of the six Parish Councillors present (excluding the Chair who had the final vote if there was a tie), 3 said no, 2 yes and one abstention. The Parish Council therefore would not be seeking to register South View as a Community Asset. CW to inform Mr Ingham.**

- 03/06/19 – Check if fallen wall at Deadman’s Lane is YDNP remit – **CW**
- 01/07/19 – send a letter of thanks to Polly James **PD. Done**
- 01/07/19 – Listers to be asked to repair damaged cobbles on entrance to their car park – **CW. Done**
- 01/07/19 – Letters to be sent to 3 field owners re car parking – **PD/JT. CW agreed it should be sent in his name. PD to action**

6. Council Matters

Tony Bullough has submitted his resignation as Parish Councillor for Malham Moor due to his retirement in October. The PC noted his valued contribution over several years and he will be missed. NH made some suggestions as to who could fill the vacancy. **PD to advertise the vacancy.**

7. County Councillors Report

Nothing received from Cllr Quinn.

8. District Councillors Report

Cllr Sutcliffe reported the Councils resolution to get involved in the Tour de Yorkshire 2020. A contribution of £180k been allocated from various sources. It was only carried by 1 vote.

Hellifield Flashes is still on the agenda despite local anger at the plans. Two public meetings have been held which were well supported.

9. Comment and input from YDNP

Nothing further to report than the email re visitor interpretation panels from R Ashford

10. Parking Strategy for Malham / Malhamdale

A further meeting was held on 15th July. The next meeting is Monday 23rd September at 8 pm. JT asked for a Chair for the meeting as she will not be available due to personal reasons. CW reported unhelpful behaviours from some residents towards some Parish Council members which is not acceptable.

10. Planning

a. Decisions by YDNPA

Waterhouse’s application has been withdrawn

b. New Applications

Satellite dish at Darnbrook Fell, Malham Moor

c. Other Planning Business

None

11. Finance

Acct 1 - £15,563.31 – (In the last month income was a donation from P James of £500, a cost for the defibrillator batteries of £228)

Acct 2 - £20,663.17 – (after income of £1,833.05 received and bills paid of £1,602.76)

12. Community

LAFSC & Brochure

M Parker thanked JT for covering toilets and bins over his holidays. The gents and ladies signs get misted up due to lack of ventilation so it was agreed that M Parker remove and dry the glass frequently and allowed to dry out. M Parker to also adjust the recycling ‘slot’ so the blue bin can be removed more easily. An additional blue and green bin is required. **PD is to request.** NH requested that the lengthsman to keep the gully holes clear on Cove road and also the channel near the Listers clapper bridge.

Village Green

Nothing further to update

Traffic and Transport

There are concerns that have been raised at people parking up Cove road at the original access gate for ambulances/ emergency vehicles. Otherwise single yellow lines have made a big difference.

Maintenance and Repair

Nothing to report

13. Environment

The MEG group are keen on tree planting on various sites. Bids will be submitted. The next meeting is 12th September at 7.30 pm at the Lister Arms. CW is to promote on the website.

14. Emergency Plan

YDNP have given permission for 2nd sandbag store in the Visitor Car Park. The only criteria being that it has to be clad with wood. M Harrop has sought an estimate from the Boatwrights'. The bin and cladding will be a cost to the Parish Council. The Emergency Plan will come to the October PC meeting for ratification.

15. Correspondence

There was none

15. Any other business

- M Wilson reported there has been some filming at Gordale by a Nottingham church group
- CW reported that a Ryan Garry has requested a days' filming mid – September. CW to follow up
- M Throup concerned that YDNP are putting £50 k into a cycle race and yet unable to fund interpretation boards.
- C Newhouse reported criminal damage in their field at the bottom of the brow on the previous night.
- There was an incident at Gordale campsite on Friday night. G Wilson was assaulted.

Date of Next Meeting: 7th September 2019 - Start time at 7.30 pm

Subsequent meetings: 4th November, 2nd December

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- 01/07/19 – Quotes to relay the tarmac around the public toilets to be obtained. **JT to obtain.**
- 02/09/19 – Advertise the vacancy for a Malham Moor representative on the Parish Council. **PD**
- 02/09/19 – **CW to inform Mr Ingham re decision not to register South View as a Community Asset.**
- 02/09/19 – **PD to request a further blue and green bin.**