

# Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council (meeting held on Zoom) 7.30pm.

## Final Draft Minutes (313) for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020

**Present** – C Wildman (Chair), J Thacker, C Newhouse, P Dewhurst, A Bradley, J Wright, P Wherity, Neil Heseltine

**Observing** – None – via Zoom

### 1. Public Questions

None

### 2. Apologies

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### 3. Social Distancing / Highways

Some residents feel very vulnerable being exposed to the virus. There are mixed views on opening field parking or not. The cones on Cove road have helped during the day but the visitors post 5 pm are ignoring them and parking as close to the Cove as possible. The closure of the road to Gordale has had a generally positive response. Some people have moved the sign to one side and ignored it. Highways have officially closed the road. Evening visitors are more problematic.

The MCR Group have said that further traffic calming measures are needed. AB suggested narrowing the road, using cones and tape, from the chapel corner through to say 8 Cove Road. This would create a walkway and also slow traffic down. CW said that highways have offered to put in traffic calming measures given social distancing requirements. A further suggestion is to put a temporary 20 mph limit in place as well, plus speed cameras. NH said Highway should be the ones to re-site the cones etc. and not the PC. People are querying why the double yellow lines are not down yet. NH said we should be pushing for cameras and a greater Police presence. AB said could we not have the speed monitoring signs to flash at tourists. CW registered his disappointment that despite promises made, there was a lack of police and traffic enforcement presence at the weekend. **CW to contact David Cairns to progress the above points as a matter of urgency.**

### 4. YDNPA

Help and advice is needed by the YDNPA. CW raised lack of current signage to enable 'new' visitors where to walk. YDNP are preparing a leaflet which will highlight how to get to Janet's Foss etc. and countryside rules about litter, BBQ's etc. There will also be a social media / downloadable version and should be ready by the weekend. Perhaps put temporary A Board signs to show way to Janet's Foss / litter etc. We felt this was a good idea. Less keen on leaflets as these could be discarded and create more litter and contamination. CN described assault on a tractor man today. Some visitors are not interested in rules and private land. **CW to come up with ideas for A-Boards and then circulate to PC members before commissioning them.**

### 5. Police and Parking

Lots of people have filled in the online report 'speeding in your community' form.

### 6. Planning

Cawden Barn. Several neighbouring residents have responded with their concerns. PW raised concerns at the lack of consultation with residents. PD suggested we ask YDNPA to defer on decision making to enable better consultation with residents. AB said it was important the side door and barn door on the common land did not open out for serving onto common land. CW summarised the issues to be parking, preservation of village green, poor consultation. **PD to feedback the summarised points.**

Garden Cottage resubmitted application – **PC members to look at and feedback to PD.**

### 7. Lengthsman – Toilets, bins and litter

CW has a spare blue bin for recycling and will bring over for the Lengthsman. Public toilets – PW we need official guidance on how we clean toilets, social distancing, public liability etc. before we consider re-opening despite the lengthsman offer to re-open. CW – The Buck advertised the use of their toilets last weekend in return for a donation to Cave Rescue Organisation. JT requested the purchase of 10 x litter pickers for the volunteers who have offered to clean up areas. **JT/JW to progress purchasing them.** Volunteers litter picking efforts are much appreciated. It was noted there is an increase of litter generated from the local takeaways, being left around Malham. **CW will speak to the business collaboration group to remind them to encourage tourists to dispose of litter responsibly.**

#### **8. PC Meeting and Protocol**

PW said that we really need to have an AGM which is overdue however the forms have not been received from the auditors yet. The annual Risk assessment needs to be approved at the AGM and this will need modifying given Covid-19. AB said the defibrillator had been checked and was OK. AB was not prepared to open the milk churns at this time. After a debate amongst Members, we agreed to ask the lengthsman to take necessary PPE precautions and empty them. **PW will speak to the Lengthsman to action. PW suggested an evening in July to host the AGM and will advise the best date.** Public questions were advertised on MCR for residents. AB said David Howlett had suggested better signs to direct traffic which could be used for the Safari, Show days etc. PW asked if we knew what regulations were for PC meetings held by Zoom. He suggested we could open up and keep residents on mute so they could at least hear what we were discussing. We are exploring the legalities and technicalities of holding the PC on Zoom. **PD to make enquiries on this.**

#### **9. AOB**

- Malham Tarn – let's not forget that tourists are up there with BBQ's, leaving litter and risky behaviours
- O'Neill's have said they will be seeking to open up their field for parking on Kirkby Brow
- CN raised concerns on behalf of M Wilson re concerns re tourists walking on his fields above Janet's Foss leaving lots of rubbish, creating fires etc.
- Other suggestions were raised re traffic calming was to put gates on access points to the village, a congestion charge, totally pedestrian areas, restricted areas, 'Dalesmaker Volunteers' to give information out and signpost tourists, walks and litter etc., put slurry on the fields used for picnicking. It was asked if YDNP could provide volunteers to be Dalesmakers but NH said YDNP were unlikely to respond due to risk assessment. NH felt we needed to relaunch the countryside code, a real need to educate and inform this new cohort of tourists.

The meeting closed at 9pm.