

## Draft Minutes (346) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Attending:** C. Wildman, N. Heseltine, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, S. Inman, M. Harrop, (M. Throup)

**Apologies:** P. Wherity, D. Howlett

**Observing:** M. Parker, J. Darwin (Area Ranger, National Trust), Alicia Turner (Project Officer for Woodland & Trees, National Trust (Yorkshire Dales)), M. Wilson, J Thacker, S. McWhinney, S. Stephenson, Cllr S Myers, P. Cummings

### Public Questions

J Thacker raised question about the 'gateway' to Malham village; design, timeframe, etc. Question also raised about the cost falling upon KMPC... to which it was confirmed by C Wildman that the cost will be shared (not equally) by KMPC, Highways and a contribution from Cllr Myers grant/fund.

M Wilson expressed a personal view of concern about the 'gateway' speed calming arrangement. The response from KMPC was that this initiative has gone through about 5 years of planning including extensive consultation with, and communication with parishioners.

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved by A Bradley, seconded by C Wildman.

### Matters Arising

2 x new Green wheelie bins now received.

Other items covered in subsequent sections of Minutes.

### Council Matters

Nothing new.

### Update from Councillor S. Myers

Cllr S Myers confirmed to NT representatives present that if the 3 – 4 cottages at Tarn Field centre were converted to residual dwellings then retro-fit costs, ground source heating costs, etc. could benefit from 2/3rds of those costs being covered from grants.

Congratulated Malham on a very good Malham Show on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Childrens Social Services were rated 'outstanding' by OFSTED.

Housing Allocations policy going out shortly.

Housing Strategy going out to consultation in coming 2 – 3 weeks.

Keen to deliver some social housing in Malhamdale so enquired about any thoughts on this, suggested locations, etc., looking ahead over next few years.

Efficiency savings being achieved by NYC over next 2 – 3 years.

Mobile Library costs £75,000 per year to operate and Cllr Myers regards this as a crucial resource. It was confirmed that this service does not any longer come to Malham.

### Traffic Management

Nothing further to add currently.

### Update from the National Trust

Jess Darwin, Area Ranger for NT was joined by Alicia Turner, Project Officer for Woodland & Trees at NT, Yorkshire Dales provided updates from the NT.

Update from Jess Darwin on behalf of Martin Davies, General Manager at Tarn House. NT staff moving into North Wing of Tarn House hopefully from November 23. Main Tarn House...still deciding on what to do with this building.

Tapestries being relocated to The Folly in Settle.

Plans for renovation of 4 cottages: 'Shepherd's', 'Keeper's' and 'Rock' cottages being renovated for holiday lets going forward. **KMPC expressed concern about this stating that it was not holiday homes that were needed but more available, and affordable housing for local people.** 4<sup>th</sup> cottage 'Sandhills' being renovated to become a residential long term let to either NT staff or public.

Monitoring works on reservoir currently.

Public visitor numbers increased materially, causing trespassing issues, inconsiderate behaviour, and BBQ'ing... NT are tackling with permanent bollards on some lanes to restrict traffic movement on land.

New interpretation boards going ahead.

Friends of Malham Tarn run the angling arrangements for the Tarn.

Landscape Recovery Bid... put in place. In touch with landowners and tenants to try and map-out future use of land. A 20 year scheme (rather than previous 5 years). Habit resilience objective 'Bid' being submitted 21<sup>st</sup> September to get green light to progress based on expressions of interest by landowners and tenants.

Nature Accelerator project outlined by Alicia Turner on Nab End – White Rose Forrest. A woodland creation plan. To improve water retention and habitat diversity, planting array of native tree species c. 12,000 trees going into this site. Consulting with relevant bodies. Looking for element of community engagement – e.g. support in tree planting. P Cummings from MEG to liaise on this.

Consultation process – responses to Jess Darwin – by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at email of [jess.darwin@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:jess.darwin@nationaltrust.org.uk)

NT will no longer be doing Christmas carols event at Malham Cover in future which KMPC commented on, saying that it is a great shame that this was no longer going to take place.

### **YDNPA Update**

N Heseltine raised concerns over future review of YDNPA Planning rules around agricultural barn conversion. Major concern about aesthetic impact and damage to affordable local housing issues.

### **Planning**

Application at Tarn House.

### **Finance**

P Wherity, Treasurer provided updated cash account information to report to KMPC Sept '23 meeting as follows:

Balance in account @ 18.06.23:	£43,910.40
Income Received:	+£1,945.66
Payments Made:	-£1,245.26
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Total Movement in Account:	+£700.40
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Net Available in Bank:	£44,610.80
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Incl. Malham Initiative Acc:	£2,662.95
Brochure:	£1,314.67
Tree Fund:	£40.00
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Total Available to KMPC:	£40,538.18
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Subsequent update from A Bradley confirming that donations in Aug '23 have been £1,420 including an exceptional £600 donations from toilets.

### **Police and Parking**

Observed higher visibility of Police in Malhamdale in recent weeks.

Some thefts in general area in recent months... quad bike from Otterburn, bike from Scosthrop stolen.

Police have been called to 2 traffic incidents on road below KM school recently.

### **Lengthsman Update and KMPC Toilets**

Honesty Box by new water fountain at WC has received excellent donations since it was installed.

Lawn mower is at end of its life. Looking into replacement and energy efficient options if feasible. Will report back to KMPC.

Smart Meter has not been fitted to public toilets yet, so **P Wherity to chase up energy supplier please.**

Bridge and river repairs nearing completion and hopefully tidying up as they go.

£1,400 excl. VAT quote from Timberworks for replacement wc doors and frames (x2). Second quote being obtained since the cost quoted exceeded £1,000.

First Bank Holiday when the bins have been able to cope with the visitor's waste, so this is a highly positive development thanks to additional bins supplied by NYC.

Tree surgery work to be completed by Webbers shortly.

### **Litter & Dog Poo**

No real change.

Local support has definitely assisted in managing the litter issues quite effectively.

### **MEG Update**

Jane Smart new 'Chair' wef Jan '24. Peter Cummings then acting as Deputy Chair.

P Cummings provided update confirming that he'd attended a meeting of the NY Climate Coalition Group... it was predominantly high level.

Paul Haslam, a councillor, appointed as a Climate Champion for NYC. P Cummings to contact him to arrange meeting with him.

Next meeting of NY Climate Coalition Group will include discussion of transport issues in our area to P Cummings was asked to supply a copy of the KMPC Traffic Management Plan to this 'group'.

LNRS (Local Nature Recovery Strategies)... looking to progress, so indicates NYC are taking this seriously.

### **Local Housing Needs - Update**

Glebe Cottage in Kirkby Malham... EPC has now been approved. Contractors hopefully starting in coming months, fingers crossed. This should make one property available before too long for local occupancy.

### **Correspondence**

Nothing of relevance.

### **AOB**

Rev S McWhinney from Kirkby Malham explained that the electric costs for KM Parish Hall are increasing 5 fold in 2024.

Overgrown trees/bushes on Finkle Street, Malham creating lot of "litter" as straw is knocked off passing lorries delivering straw to farms. PD on behalf of KMPC to contact Highways re whose responsibility trimming trees is and ask for Highways assistance if possible

**Dates and locations of KMPC meetings in 2024. The May and September KMPC meetings will take place in Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. All other KMPC meetings will be held in Malham Village Hall.**

M Wilson asked about photo shoots, one by J D Sports. C Wildman/P Wherity to meet M Wilson to confirm land boundary to clarify this in terms of future rights and charges/fees.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 @ 7.30pm