

Draft Minutes (349) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2nd October 2023

Attending: C. Wildman, D. Howlett, A. Bradley, S. Inman, M. Harrop, M. Throup

Apologies: P. Wherity, N. Heseltine, P. Dewhurst,

Observing: M. Parker, M. Wilson, S. McWhinney, J Smart, L O'Neill, L Parker, J Rodgers, S. Stephenson, Cllr S Myers (items 1-6), P. Cummings, S Canavan (item one only), W Parvaz (item one only)

Public Questions

Public questions notified in advance from S.. Canavan about KMPC signage policy and its enforcement and also from L. O'Neill about an allegation that a parish councillor had told the Cadwen Barn manager that Old Barn café had been moving his signs. C. Wildman stated that only the factual aspects of KMPC's business signage policy would be discussed. Allegations of persistent removal of signs and damage to those signs was rebuffed. It was agreed that the business policy would be reviewed and re-circulated to all business owners. C. Wildman offered to discuss with the Cawden Barn manager if there were any ways KMPC could assist alleviating some of the locational disadvantages that Cawden barn faces. The allegation against the parish councillor was withdrawn.

Apologies

Apologies were received from P Wherity, P Dewhurst and N Heseltine.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended to update numbering and add M Throup to the apologies list. Proposed by A Bradley, seconded by S Inman.

Matters Arising

C Wildman and M Wilson are still to discuss land boundaries at Gordale.

Council Matters

Nothing new.

Update from Councillor S. Myers

Housing Strategy is out for consultation and it was noted the NYC is the Housing Authority for the NP. A Field Barns strategy has been written with support from the YDNP. The leisure review, with a theme of leisure for well being, is coming to a conclusion. It was noted the this area has some of the most unaffordable housing outside the SE but there is a huge disparity in this across NYC's area. Despite efficiency savings of £25M being required in FY23/24 and a further £30M in FY 24/25 NYC has good reserves and efficiency savings does not mean cuts. It was noted that both NYC and YDNP have 'levelling up' funds available. NYC is the social landlord for affordable housing and is working through the conundrum of more in the wrong place versus fewer in the right place. D Howlett informed Councillor Myers that he was working with the Climate Coalition to coordinate activity. It was noted that the YDNP Millenium Trust has now been streamlined into a single fund.

Traffic Management

There have been numerous recent articles in the press about historical parking issues in Malham. KMPC have prepared a response if necessary outlining actions that have been taken and implemented. It was agreed that an addendum to the Traffic Management Plan would be written and C Wildman also agreed to coordinate an update for locals on progress being made with traffic management in Malham. It was noted that temporary (5 years) planning permission had been granted to the 3 applicants to increase their parking capacity from 28 to 56 days per annum. Highways have agreed to a meeting at Gordale to discuss parking matters in that area. No date has been set for this yet. Many parishioners had complained about a number of potholes in the area. D Howlett agreed to collate the data so that it can be sent to Highways; this will include the one at Scosthrop even though it is not in KM Parish.

Update from the YDNP

No updates received.

Update from the National Trust

There had been some discussion with the NT about KMPC's response to one of their recent Planning Applications at Tarn House. KMPC were concerned about the lack of engagement on this Application and until more details were known we could not be supportive. KMPC have found out that the NT are planning a high level internal meeting in October regarding Tarn House and it was suggested that KMPC coordinate a local meeting on the same subject in November. It was agreed this meeting must have high level representation from the NT and other stakeholders. It was agreed that KMPC would arrange a meeting at CEO and Director level – D Howlett and J Smart agreed to pursue this.

Police and Parking Enforcement Update

Nothing to report.

Finance

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

Balance on 18/08/23	£44,610.80
Income	
Tomatopay	£17.00
Gordale refreshments	£1720.00
Total income	£1737.00
Payments	
Bank charge	£5.00
Geosphere mapping subscription	£28.80
EDF energy	£88.87
Town End Farm Shop toilet rolls and soap	£46.74
Total payments	£169.41
Total to acct	£1567.59
Net Available in bank	£46178.39
The Malham Initiative acct now has	£2662.95
the Brochure has	£1314.67.
Tree fund has	£40.00
Total available to KMPC	£43475.44

It was noted that the £1720 income covered the last two months and that the Geosphere subscriptions were to support land registry searches.

Planning

No new applications received.

The Future of Malham Tarn Centre

All ready covered under item 9.

Lengthsman Update

Overhanging trees on both Finkle Street and Cove Road continue to cause issues for large vehicles. M Parker agreed to photograph those trees on Parish land and pass them to P Wherity so that appropriate remedial work can be contracted out. No work appears to be done on the trees near the Old School House and in the planation and it was suggested that P Wherity could contact Webbers to pursue this outstanding work. As there are no viable 'green' lawnmowers available it was agreed that M Parker could spend £550 on a petrol mower to replace the existing mower that is no longer fit for purpose. Two quotes had been received to replace the two external door frames and one external door to the toilets; Skipton Joinery for £2196 inc Vat and Timberworks for £1680 inc VAT. It was agreed that we award the contract to Timberworks proposed by D Howlett and seconded by S Inman. The general state of the toilets was discussed and it was agreed that a full inspection is needed to identify what additional work needs to be completed. It was suggested that Bullers are approached for a quote once this inspection is complete.

MEG Update

It was noted that Wendy Carr had agreed that the Millenium Trust could site a tree nursery at Windy Pike. This is a ten year project with YDMT paying for the equipment but not the land. J Rodgers and J smart enquired whether KMPC public liability insurance policy would cover volunteers working on this project on site at Windy Pike. Although MEG activity is already covered for public liability C Wildman agreed to check that this new activity would be covered. It was noted that there would be a tree planning surgery in KM Parish Hall on 14 Oct. The issue of sewerage outflow form the water works was again raised. Although a reply had been received from Yorkshire Water had been received it was felt that it was bland a D Howlett agreed to chase up a more meaningful response.

Litter & Dog Poo

No real change.

Local Housing Needs - Update

No further updates.

Correspondence

Nothing of relevance.

AOB

As noted at the last meeting the NT will no longer be coordinating the 'Carols at the Cove' in Dec. There was general recognition that this is a valuable annual event which should continue if possible. Many factors had to be discussed including: date (2 Dec 23) land owner permission, band availability, seating, gazebos, public liability insurance, refreshments, which charity to support (Action for Children) and song sheets (Methodist Chapel). C Wildman agreed to coordinate activity with S McWhinney, J Smart and J Rodgers.

Next Meeting

Monday 6th November 2023 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.