

Draft Minutes (351) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4th Dec. 2023

Attending: C. Wildman, A. Bradley, P. Wherity, M. Harrop, N. Hesletine, M. Throup, P. Dewhurst, Cllr. S Myers

Apologies: S.Inman, D. Howlett,

Observing:

S.McWhinney, S.Stevenson, P.Cummings, M Wilson, R.Hudson, M.Parker, J. Smart, P.Hargreaves, J.Rogers

1. Traffic Management

There was much discussion about the proposed design for the “Malham Gateway” Concerns were expressed about the difficulty it might pose to trailers, large vehicles and coaches as well as to the School Bus which parks in the NP car park overnight and then turns left into the village in the morning. David Cairns had sent us a printout from the computer simulation used by highways and this was displayed at the back of the hall. This went a long way to allaying many of those concerns. The Parish Council will work with Highways to make sure that the chicane will be passable for all traffic that needs to use it whilst still slowing the traffic flow at the entrance to the village and creating a safer environment for pedestrians.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted, prop. M. Throup, sec. A.Bradley

3. Changes in Councillors’ Circumstances

No changes.

4. Update from S.Myers, County Councillor

NYCC currently has a £25 million budget deficit and potential savings are currently being discussed. It’s taking time to make the transition to a unitary council although hopefully it will eventually be more efficient. There are still some roles to be allocated and systems to be integrated. The areas in most need are Scarborough, Selby and Skipton and it’s hoped that the new system will make it easier to provide more affordable housing in these regions. Simon would be happy to support us if we wanted to campaign for a reduced speed limit outside the school.

5. Update from the YDNP

The NP is to trial the reintroduction of dog poo bins to the NP car park.

6. Police and Parking Enforcement Update

Nothing to report.

7. Finance

Income - £1,353 from parking and toilet donations

Payments- Electric bill £25, Toilet supplies £47, Bank charge £5.

Funds Available £44,800

Therefore, we have decided to post a zero precept for 2024/2025 as we have done for the last 5 years.

The cost of the Malham Gateway chicane is likely to be of the order of £8,000. £4,000 of this will be provided by Councillor Myer’s budget.

We have had a request from Paul Chatwood who runs the Dales Bus service to continue our annual £1,000 of support for the service

“Following the success of the summer DalesBus 864 (passenger numbers were up 28% vs. last year up to the end of September) I’m pleased to advise that this year for the first time it will continue running throughout the winter months on a trial basis. This service will combine with other buses to provide a daily bus service between Skipton, Gargrave and Malham.”

We agreed that it was important to support such a sustainable transport service and agreed to continue to help fund it providing that the service continues to be well used.

The Carols at The Cove Event was a great success. It was agreed that the PC would pay £200 to Skipton Band to help with some of their expenses. It is hoped to run the event again next year

8. Planning

KMPC have contacted Planning about the potential use of Hanlith Hall as a wedding venue. The message has been passed on to the enforcement officer. The residents of Hanlith are very concerned about the potential impact that this development could have on the village. It was suggested that residents should also write to Planning expressing their concerns.

We have a letter from the owners of The Old School House in Malham about potentially excavating the land behind their kitchen wall to provide for better ventilation. This land is designated as Village Green in the care of KMPC and, as such we couldn't give permission for any development that would contravene the Village Green Act. CW will meet with them and discuss.

9. The Future of Malham Tarn Centre

Our message about the future of the field centre has been passed on and the NT will reply in due course. CW to enquire about the outcome of their last meeting. Julian Smith has been informed about the change of use and has expressed some concern.

10. Lengthsman Update

The quote from the tiler/grouter has been accepted and the job is on his "to do" list

The quote for the roof insulation is still in the pipeline.

This is something that could be grant aided and we could contact Simon Myers who still has some funding available. MEG could also be approached to see if grants could be obtained from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

The plastic barriers are still on the green (and others are also propped up by the bridge in Hanlith) These belong to the subcontractors that carried out the work for Highways. We ask Highways to remove them.

Webbers are now working on the trees in the village as identified in the tree survey carried out in the spring. It may be better if we had a more formal tree report next year although we would have to pay for it.

11. MEG Update

Jane Smart is to take over the chair of the MEG group as of next month. There is to be a tree planting day on the 12th Dec. in Eshton.

N.Yorkshire are planning to produce an integrated bus timetable as part of their drive to meet Climate Targets.

12. Correspondence

Covered under other items.

AOB

none

Next Meeting

Monday 8th January 2024 @ 7.00 pm in Malham Village Hall.