

Minutes (353) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 5th February 2024

Attending: N. Heseltine, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, D. Howlett, Cllr. S Myers, M. Throup

Apologies: S. Inman, M. Harrop, C. Wildman, P. Wherity

Observing: J. Darwin (NT), P. Cummings, M. Wilson, M. Parker, S. Stephenson, R Hudson

Public Questions

None.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted/Approved: NH

Seconded: PD

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

No changes in circumstances. KMPC confirmed that it delegates responsibility and authority to Pat Wherity to instruct solicitors – AWB Charlesworth, Skipton – on behalf of KMPC.

Matters Arising from Previous KMPC Meeting

Response received from National Trust regarding Malham Tarn/Reservoir query raised by KMPC following Jan '24 meeting and representation made by KMPC.

Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor

Thanks expressed by NH to Cllr S Myers for his attendance at KMPC meeting.

NYC has got £6.2m extra in final iteration of Government settlement mostly earmarked for social care.

Settle swimming pool has been granted £21,000 from swimming pool grant. One of only 4 pools in North Yorkshire Council area that received any award.

Interesting statistic is that 24% of housing stock in Hellifield are second homes, excluding holiday homes.

2nd home Council Tax 'premium' (charging 2 x Council Tax) has been passed and should raise between £12m - £16m in North Yorkshire Council region.

Further discussions will be occurring with Julian Smith, MP re SEN matters in the educational area.

YDNPA Update

Provided by Rob Ashford in email format ahead of Feb '24 meeting.

Malham Peregrine Project will be running a viewpoint again on 17th & 18th May; 7th & 8th June; 21st & 22nd June; 5th & 6th July and 12th & 13th July.

National Parks approached NYC about a dog poo bin being added to their collection rounds in Malham as trialling a dog poo bin in front of Visitor Centre/Car Park from end March 2024.

Dark Skies Festival between 9th – 25th February '24.

Comment made that The Buck Inn and Listers Arms have bright lights on unnecessarily through all hours of darkness.

National Trust Update

Provided by Jess Darwin

Dates for Tarn House Open Days now confirmed.

Tuesday 19th March & Saturday 23rd March, plus a 'reserve' date if very busy. There will be guided tours to avoid congestion so a booking system will be operated. This will be publicised in the Feb '24 Parish Magazine. Max 20 people per tour, and perhaps 5 tours per Open Day.

NH (Acting Chair) mentioned that KMPC has not received any details from the NT internal meeting about Tarn House that was held in Nov '23 and what came out of that meeting.

The offer of equipment available from NT (from the Carols at the Cove) has been taken up with S. Stephenson accepting this and will store it for subsequent use in Parish.

Finance

AB confirmed that £720 raised from car parking and banked for 4th Quarter of 2023.

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing specifically raised except incidence of dangerous parking by visitors on both sides of Malham entrance road.

YDNPA Planning Matters

Hanlith Hall planning enforcement case has been withdrawn by YDNPA since upon investigation and assessment no planning regulations have been broken as no planning or activity has occurred.

PW point re Land Registry.

Lengthsman's Update

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

Both rotten door frames (Ladies + Gents) replaced by Timberworks. Very happy with results.

No further development as yet re hygienic surface painting in toilets.

Application for insulation in roof area of toilets (£2,700 quoted), but a reasonable portion (75%) of this cost could be met by Shared Prosperity Fund grant (£2,025). Quote given by Aaron Kemp, contractor. The funding process will take some time to be approved by SP Fund. KMPC would have to meet full cost initially and they recover 75% of the cost from the SP Fund available only for energy saving work/measurements.

MEG Update

PC covered proposal by Millenium Trust for Tree Nursery at Windy Pike, Hanlith. This has been approved by KMPC at Feb '24 meeting to proceed, as proposed and supported by MEG.

Fiona Prothero, Council Officer suggested Place Based de-Carbonisation Plan which would offer advice from experts at NYC up to value of £20,000. Specific relevance to Kirkby Malhamdale could be reliable advice on retro-fitting of insulation and ground source energy options as need to reduce/remove fossil fuel energy. Therefore look at ways to generate power in Malhamdale from natural resources available.

MEG request is for MEG to submit their proposal to KMPC for support to gain access to this using the SP Fund to gain the finance support towards the £20,000.

Litter & Dog Poo

Nothing other than the notification by National Parks about installing a new dog poo bin by Visitors Park Centre.

Housing

No news or update at the Feb '24 meeting.

Correspondence

None

AOB

MW raised question about whether KMPC could control social media reporting on Malhamdale to which response was that we cannot really control 3rd party media.

DH raised question about what action has been taken re the fallen tree at the Cove(?).

Next Meeting

Monday 4th March 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.