

Minute (354) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4th February 2024

Attending: C Wildman, P Wherity, P Dewhurst, A Bradley, D Howlett, Cllr. S Myers, M Throup, S Inman, M Harrop.

Apologies: N Heseltine

Observing: J. Darwin (NT), P. Cummings, J. Smart, M and L Parker, S Stephenson, R Hudson, S Morris.

Public Questions

None.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted/Approved: AB Seconded: MT

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None

Matters Arising from Previous KMPC Meeting

We have submitted the application to register The Plantation. It may take some time for the Land registry to process it, maybe over a year. On the last 2 occasions the solicitors worked without charging us but this time we will need to pay the legal costs.

Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor

Cllr Myers gave his apologies but sent us this report

“N Y Council voted with a large majority to increase Council Tax by 4.9%. Members feel we have little choice if we are to keep the Council in good financial health and able to continue to deliver services.

The second homes Council Tax Premium passed almost unanimously. The money raised will be invested in Housing and Housing Services and I am currently working up a scheme as to how that might be spent including delivering Social rent housing in the National Parks.

The announcement of Short Term Holiday Lets coming within the Planning system is to be welcomed.

So with the above and NY's approval of my HRA budget with a commitment to building/ acquiring 620 new Council Homes over the next 5 years we might make some progress in providing homes and stopping the erosion of our Communities.

And in other news, Leeds Building Society are trailing a policy of not lending on Buy to Let Holiday Homes in NY in 4 areas, the two National Parks, Central Scarborough and Whitby. Hopefully others will follow suit.

In the meantime I am going to meet up with the Head at Settle and KM Primary to talk about SEN and see if there is anything I can do to help in any way.”

Traffic Management

Concern was expressed about the delay in the timing of The Malham Gateway. PD to contact SM about the offer of his support extending into the next financial year.

National Trust Update

Provided by Jess Darwin

Dates for Tarn House Open Days now confirmed and booking now live and also advertised in the Parish Newsletter. Each slot to be limited to 15 people.

Tuesday 19th March & Saturday 23rd March, plus a 'reserve' date if very busy.

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.

Equipment from NT (from the Carols at the Cove) has been delivered to S. Stephenson who will store it for subsequent use in Parish.

General Discussion re the stocking rates at Darnbrook Farm have been reduced and so one of the 2 farming families have had to move out. Payments from the Government's Land Recovery Scheme will be made but this is still leading to rural depopulation with its known effects on the community.

Noted that High Trenhouse had offered to rent some of the now empty properties around Tarn House from the NT. They have a need for accommodation for their workforce who in some cases travel from as far as Leeds. The NT have not taken up this offer.

YDNPA Update

Nothing new

Finance report for January and February

Income – Cash from parking and toilet donations £746

Payments Bank charge £10

EDF energy electric bill £50
Taylors tiling (gents toilet) £696
Town End Farm shop toilet supplies £178
Scottish water £278
Grant to KM Parish hall to renovate the top floor £2000
Timberworks, door frames for the Toilets £840
Ross Dixon Defib pads for KM £71.94
Net Total from account £3,378
Available in Bank £39,258

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing new

YDNPA Planning Matters

Nothing new

Lengthsman's Update

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

EDF have finally managed to fit the smart meter although currently there is insufficient signal to make it work properly. Update on Sewage overflows from the Malham sewage plant. 70 overflows last year but all when there was an excess of storm water that the reed bed filtration system cannot cope with. The increased input from tourists particularly in the summer months is not a problem. Under normal flow conditions the reed beds are able to adequately process it. This will continue to be the case until the sewage treatment plant is upgraded at some point.

It would help if any new developments incorporated soakaways to avoid unnecessary storm run off

The footpath near Prior Hall has been badly damaged by the builders. PD to write to the owners and ask them if they would be happy to reinstate it.

MEG Update

The Curlew project is now under way. There will be a "Cry of the Curlew" exhibition in the Parish Church from the 12th to the 14th April. On the 25th April there will be a MEG meeting at Town Head farm Shop.

Thanks to Peter Cummings for his work on the application for grant funding from the SP fund to help with the costs of insulating the roof space above the Toilets.

There has been an offer of a no cost feasibility study about how Malhamdale could move towards net zero. All agreed that we should accept it.

Correspondence

None

AOB

Glebe Cottage is almost ready to be rented out, around £900 to £1,000/mth.

PW to contact John Webber about clearing the fallen tree near the Cove and also about this year's tree survey which needs to be on a more formal basis.

Jonathan Riley from Sustainable Transport for The Dales, is to come and talk to us next month.

Next Meeting

Monday 8th April 2024 @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.