

## **Minutes (363) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025**

**Attending:** P Wherity, N Heseltine, A Bradley, D Howlett, S Inman, M Harrop.

**Apologies:** P Dewhurst, Cllr. S Myers , M Throup , C Wildman, Will Locke.

**Observing:** P Cummings, M Parker, J Smart

### **Public Questions**

None

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Accepted/Approved:

Prop. SI, Sec. AB

### **Matters Arising**

none

### **Changes to Councillors Circumstances**

Scott Inman will be moving to the Isle of Man and so tendered his resignation to the Parish Council. We thanked him for his excellent service over the last few years and wished him well for the future.

### **Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor**

None this time

### **Traffic Management**

Nothing new

### **National Trust**

Nothing new.

### **YDNPA Update** (from Will)

- Car park improvement works are starting 13<sup>th</sup> January – parking area near toilet blocks will be re-laid with improved drainage and the triangle of grass near the entrance will have removable fencing installed to allow for seasonal parking if/when dry enough.
- Ash Die Back – 3 x trees felled in the car park in December.
- Landscape trail – Some erosion of the path surface and the riverbank caused by recent flooding along section from Malham village towards Janet's Foss. Looking at what repairs are needed.
- Gordale – Agreed with landowner to replace the gates at the entrance/roadside. Awaiting materials from supplier. Some erosion of the path surface in recent flooding will need repairing also.
- Awaiting confirmation of Budgets for 2025/26 to confirm which Projects can be completed. Cawden path improvements have been put forward as the highest priority Public Right Of Way project in the Southern area of the National Park.
- The Draft Local Plan 2025-40 has been published. This relates to the Planning and Development policies. Further consultation will be carried out in Feb/March. Further details at: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2023-40/>

### **Finance report for Nov/Dec**

Balance on 18/10/24	<b>£36,722.39</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Cash in milk churn donations	£300
VAT reclaim	£1034.38
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£1334.38</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Bank charge	£7.05
Bank charge	£5.00
EDF energy	£28.34
EDF energy	£29.94

Merritt and Fryers – limestone hardcore	£69.00
Town End Farm shop toilet supplies	£46.74
Town End Farm shop toilet supplies	£70.62
Town End Farm shop Xmas trees	£138.00
R and J Thacker Blister pack box	£146.30
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£540.99</b>
<b>Total to acct</b>	<b>£793.39</b>
<b>Net Available in bank</b>	<b>£37515.78</b>
<b>The Malham Initiative acct now has</b>	<b>£2662.95</b>
<b>the Brochure has</b>	<b>£1314.67.</b>
<b>Tree fund has</b>	<b>£40.00</b>
<b>Contingency fund now has</b>	<b>£9873</b>
 <b>Total available to KMPC</b>	 <b><u>£23,625.16</u></b>

It was agreed to use “Peoples Fundraising” to process QR code donations from the toilets and car parking. ***PW to generate the codes, set up the system and circulate. MP to make signage for the toilets and AB for the parking. (Suggested Parking donations should now be £5)***

### **Police & Parking Enforcement Issues**

The Police are now back on the WhatsApp group chat.

Thanks were given to Simon and Robert for making such a good job of managing the parking fields over the year.

### **YDNPA Planning Matters**

Following a unanimous decision, ***PD to write in support of the Yeoman’s cottage application.***

We had no objections to the plan to convert the existing farm barn at Micklaw Hill.

### **Lengthsman’s Update**

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

The toilet upgrade was discussed and it was agreed that Mick should go ahead with the plan to replace the cisterns and to fit the stainless-steel splashbacks. We would investigate the provision of a grey water/water harvesting system at a later date. We are to monitor any change in water usage following the upgrade. ***CW to put a formal proposal for the match funding to HF Holidays.***

### **MEG Update**

The tree planting season is in full swing. Part of the plan is to plant some rare willow species up at the Windy Nursery

The microgrid report. Research into grants is ongoing.

### **Litter**

Nothing new

### **Housing needs**

Nothing new

### **Correspondence**

We’ve had a letter asking if we could allow the siting of a memorial bench. We are happy with our policy that doesn’t allow memorial plaques on the benches but would allow a new bench if there was a need to replace an existing bench. Some of the benches on The Green facing the river have deteriorated as they stand on wet ground. A new, several new benches could replace these but would need either gravel on concrete slabs to site them on. ***It was suggested that we register a list of potential bench donors as they contact us. MP to do an annual check on the state of our existing benches and of the kerbstones in the village as part of our annual risk assessment.*** Some of the kerbstones need re-setting.

### **AOB**

none

**Next Meeting** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.