

Minutes (364) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3rd Feb 2025

Attending: N Heseltine, D Howlett, M Harrop, M Parker, M. Throup, Cllr. S Myers, Ian Clemmett (NT)

Apologies: P Dewhurst, C Wildman, Will Locke (YDNPA), P Wherity, A Bradley, Jess (NT)

Observing: P Cummings, J Smart, R Hudson, S Stephenson

Public Questions

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted:

Prop. DH, Sec. MH

Matters Arising

None

Request to ask YNPA while they are working on car park to put cross drain across the entrance.

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None

National Trust Update

Ian Clemmett introduced himself as the new countryside manager. He reported:

- Ash die back felling had ended at Janet Foss and replanting is to take place
- Landscape project – peat land surveys for restoration are to take place
- Tree planting at Darnbrook is to take place with local people on 6 Feb
- Workshop was held with farmers on tree planting opportunities
- New strategy for NT for next ten years is planned this will include focus on nature recovery, ending unequal access, and developing and strengthening partnerships.
- NT have a preferred bidder for Tarn House and contractual discussions are underway before bidder is announced. Meeting between NT and KMPC on Tarn House is planned for 25 February.

MT noted NT had had meeting with tenants on landscape project, but greater clarity was still needed on plans especially for NT to build partnerships.

SS noted there was a dead deer in Janet Foss. And would also be useful if NT could have signage on why felling of ash trees was taking place as many visitors aren't aware of reason - ash dieback

MT noted would be important for NT to manage more people coming in esp. at weekends as this looks like it will be encouraged under the new strategy.

Update from Cllr S Myers, County Councillor

Focus was on an update on budgets. NYC had experienced an unexpected cut in £14.2m rural grant before Xmas. This has put budgets under pressure and the need to use £4.2m in reserves and to look for more efficiency savings and this could include cuts to locality grants. SM noted we pay more council tax than central London.

Good news was that revenue from increased council tax on second homes is ring fenced and can go into support for social housing. There is a Community trust for housing that can help housing charge social rents and make new housing make schemes viable.

Tackling homeless head on with long term solutions and with a multiple agency approach is a priority for NYC.

There is a bid for a second home upgrades of £27m where income threshold might be lower. NYC has received praise for its first scheme.

At the end of SM's presentation DH set out the challenges of smart meters not working in Parish and in many other places in the Dales and North Yorkshire. SM asked DH to send him an email on this. Councillors also

agreed that DH should pursue links under MEG with Settle and Clapham groups on what they were doing on smart meters. DH noted MEG would have an article on smart meters in next Parish Magazine.

Traffic Management

MH and CW met with David Cairns, Area 5 Highways (Skipton) with result the it has been confirmed that the white marks which appeared on Gordale Lane are where repairs to the road are to be made.

MP reported after complaints from residents of camper vans parking in the village and Malham moor. He had put a question to NYC. He had received a reply from area planning in Skipton saying unless they were causing an obstruction or dangerous this was perfectly legal. MP was advised when approached by residents to inform them of this. One option that could be explored was a by-law or to put up signage asking people not to park overnight.

YDNPA Update

WL sent an email update with three points:

- Malham Visitor Centre – Open again on Weekends from 1st Feb.
- Visitor Centre Accessibility Improvements – Archway into picnic area is being raised, Rear entrance door will be made wheelchair accessible, a new tramper will be based at the centre in the near future.
- Gordale – gates have been replaced.

JS noted YNPA have published plan for consultation that ends in March. MEF plan to make a submission.

Finance report for Nov/Dec

PW provided the following financial summary that was noted by councillors

Balance on 18/12/24	£37515.78
Income	
Cash in milk churn donations	£1078
Total income	£1078
Payments	
Bank charge	£8.68
EDF energy	£34.30
M.Parker Lengthsman Oct	£97.50
M.Parker Lengthsman Nov	£45.00
M.Parker Lengthsman Dec	£30.00
Skipton Brass, donation to Carols at the Cove	£200
Scottish Water	£247.51
Total payments	£662.99
Total to acct	£415.01
Net Available in bank	£37930.79
The Malham Initiative acct now has	£2662.95
Te Brochure has	£1314.67.
Tree fund has	£40.00
Contingency fund now has	£9873
Total available to KMPC	<u>£24,040.176</u>

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

No new issues. On parking RH noted that this had been a much drier year this year so far and that had benefited parking on the fields. NH noted appreciation for field owners in organising car parking.

YDNPA Planning Matters

Councillors noted comments had been made on Beck Hall application to tarmac car park and the need to link this with barrier and signage where planning applications were apparently not made. PD is to send a letter to YDPA on this application.

Lengthsman's Update

Provided by M. Parker, Lengthsman

He noted:

- ditches had been dug out in plantation to alleviate ponding on Cove Road
- QR notice was up in gents and ladies would be done soon
- On toilet upgrade. HF holidays are waiting for proposal. CW to action this

MEG Update

JS noted:

- YDMT birds nest project approved and we will get more info from YDMT at next MEG meeting.

PC noted:

- Feasibility study on local energy received three tenders with different totals: £33k, £23k, and £5830. Going to ask questions for clarification and then decide on preferred bidder and then look for a grant potentially under the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) which DH noted should be open in next financial year starting in April.
- New NYC Waste prevention and recycling officer wants to speak to MEG and this will be on zoom on 18 Feb.

DH noted:

- North Yorkshire Climate coalition of which MEG is a member is to hold a day event titled Inspiring Community Climate Action in North Yorkshire on March in Harrogate. He will share more details.

Litter

Nothing new

Housing needs

Nothing new

Correspondence

None

AOB

Gordale Rockfall

DH noted he had visited Gordale and there had been a recent and significant rock fall, and he felt that while we had signs saying beware of falling rocks these could be more prominent. Councillors agreed the following:

- When our insurers report back that PW had requested is received to decide on whether we need any further legal review or action but in the interim to:
 - To review our risk assessment and ensure it was up to date
 - To review existing signage and consider need for temporary signage

Milk churn signs

Councillors agreed to the replacement signs with QR and asked MP to follow up with AB to action this.

Next Meeting Monday 3rd March @ 7.30pm in Malham Village Hall.