

Minutes (366) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th April 2025

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

Apologies: P. Wherity, D. Howlett, M. Harrop

Observing: P. Cummings, R Hudson, Rev. S McWhinney, M. Parker, J Darwin (NT) and W. Locke (YDNPA)

Public Questions

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved

Proposed: M Throup

Seconded: A Bradley

Matters Arising

Covered during the course of the April '25 meeting as relevant.

C. Wildman to raise the campervan matter with Alan Hulme, YDNPA.

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

- Housing needs question raised by Cllr. Myers, commented on NT use of houses on Malham Tarn estate as these are very predominantly becoming holiday rentals, which does nothing to support local housing needs/provision.
- There are 8,200 second homes in North Yorkshire.
- Next North Yorkshire election will be in 2027, review on electoral boundaries to even up are councillor size/population numbers.

Traffic Management

- Occurrence of a moped incident on Malham raikes, with resulting Police appeal.
- Bollard broken on the chicane entry into Malham.
- Double yellow lines on road in Malham at Chapel Gate corner, from ford up to traffic calming needs sweeping and possibly re-painting. PD to contact Highways.

National Trust - Update from Area Ranger: J Darwin

- Woodland Management Plan for Malham as part of UKWASC, will reach out to YDNPA, Parish Council, local farmers as consultees over next few months.
- Woodland creation at Darnbrook has been completed.
- Old office as Waterhouses now on the market to rent as office space.
- Senior Visitor Experience Officer now appointed.
- Friends of Malham Tarn fishing licence is working well in surveying fish, as well as fishing.
- Electricity North West on site, led to rolling power cuts of Malham Moor.

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- On Summer opening hours so Visitor Centre open 7 days per week.
- 1st Trampler arriving at Visitor Centre this week to assist disability visitors, with 2nd Trampler vehicle due shortly.
- Local Plan available to view and comment on via website.
- Sand bag store in car park looking tired and in need of repair/restoration – M Harrop to be asked to look into this.
- Cawden footpath improvement work to be undertaken (240m long section) using 2m wide aggregate path with steps on steep sections (80 – 100 steps) and hand rail for disabled visitor assistance.

Risk Assessment & Rock Falls on Parish Land

- Document circulated to all councillors. This document will form an invaluable piece in the annual risk assessment
- Risk assessment document was discussed and views on how to best comply with obligations to the parish council towards managing and mitigating its possible responsibilities.
- Discussion of the risk assessment document – which is in ‘draft’ form to be undertaken by KMPC – to arrive at an agreed position/document.
- To form part of the Annual Risk Assessment process for KMPC.

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing to report

KMPC Finance

Balance on 18/02/25:	£29,552.25
Income:	£8,307.78
Payments:	-£205.64

Total from acct:	£8,102.14
Net available in bank:	£37,654.39
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Contingency fund:	£9,873.00
Available to KMPC:	£23,758.11

YDNPA Planning Matters

New planning notifications:

- **Planning Application: C/54/109H** – Camping pod, The Clearing, Beck Lane, Malham, Skipton, BD23 4DG
- **Planning Application: C/47/33H** – Erection of roof to cover silage pit, to reduce risk of diffuse pollution at Kirkby Beck Farm, Kirkby Malham, BD23 4BL
- **Planning Application: C/54/36T** – Notification of amended info – Beck Hall Car Park, Malham, BD23 4DJ

Lengthsman's Update

- Approval of £2,500 grant from HT Holidays, as a 50% contribution towards the toilet renovation and improvement works in Malham.
- Water dispenser unit fixed by M. Parker.

MEG Update

- Discussion around the tender process for an energy generation feasibility study with 3 quotes of £6,246; £22,096 and £33,264 indicating a big range in the costs involved in undertaking a feasibility study, prior to any decision to proceed. Question about whether there is a genuine appetite and input (and expertise) to take this forward or not (?).
- KMPC indicated that it does not have the resource (financial or expertise) to support this yet, until (and without) further input from external specialists. Left with MEG to keep KMPC updated if this does progress in any way.

Litter & Dog Poo

Nothing to update.

Housing Needs & Local Housing

Nothing outside Cllr. Myers comments.

Correspondence

- Email from activist about dog welfare at Burns Barn. No action as RSPCA has visited and given all clear that there is no animal welfare issue.

AOB

- Smart Meter debate and situation continues to progress. Some signs of progress **but** too early to say anything conclusive but looks positive in general.
- There is a Walter Morrison room at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall now open.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th May 2025 including AGM, commencing **at earlier time of 7.00pm and in Kirkby Malham Village Hall.**