

Minutes (367) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12th May 2025

Attending: C. Wildman, N. Heseltine, P. Dewhurst, A. Bradley, M. Throup, P. Wherity, D. Howlett, Cllr. S Myers
Apologies: M. Harrop
Observing: S. Myers, R Hudson, M. Parker and W. Locke (YDNPA)

Public Questions

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved

Proposed: M Throup

Seconded: A Bradley

Matters Arising

Campervan parking in the village - we have had the following response from Alan Hulme setting out the YDNP policy

The current position of the Authority in relation to overnight parking of vehicles is as you point out. Vehicles can be parked overnight (or left) for periods of 24hrs, 48hours and up to one week. This can be increased beyond one week with the approval of the Authority. This is to allow for the use of local accommodation in the area, if parking is restricted or to leave a vehicle in the car park to explore the Dales, using different accommodation providers and then to return to their vehicle after a chosen period. The various time options were specifically created to allow for opportunities to travel around the park staying in different places in a sustainable way (walking, cycling, public transport) and not having to be reliant on their vehicle, as well as allowing users to park a vehicle, if accommodation provision for parking was restricted in the locality of the car park. In relation to, and what I believe you may be more particularly interested in, is our position in relation to the occupation of vehicles overnight in our car parks. This has been raised and reviewed previously on a number of occasions most recently during a full review of the car park Byelaws which were sealed in March 2022 and our position remains the same. The advice we have received from our Planning Department is that, if we were to allow occupation of vehicles overnight this is potentially a change of use of what is currently a 'car park' a place to park a vehicle. As such, if we were to go down this line, a formal planning application would be required and the associated consultation process with neighbours and Parish Councils etc. In addition, if we were to make this an option, we in all likelihood would then be required to provide a range of other infrastructure facilities including waste facilities, toilet waste, water supply etc. There is also the general practicalities of managing sites overnight, including the control of numbers. We have also considered the impact this would potentially have on recognised business throughout the park that cater for this type of visitor and how this balances with our duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park. Then there is of course the probability that even if we did provide this facility, users could still choose to park in areas where there is no potential charge. With all this in mind and having fairly recently reviewed the car park Byelaws in March 2022 this is not something we are not currently proposing to revisit.

The Beck Hall clapper bridge is not currently registered to anyone. We could start the process of registering it as a public right of way but this will be a very long job. Once registered it would be the responsibility of NYCC and the YDNP to maintain it. We will review the damage and decide on the best course of action.

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

- The Govt. funding review will make it difficult for NYCC as funds are being redistributed to areas of "greatest need".
- Kex Gill costs have massively increased.
- 12 new Council houses have been built in Skipton plus 4 shared ownership houses. Next North Yorkshire election will be in 2027, review on electoral boundaries to even up are councillor size/population numbers.
- 9 new council houses and 6 specialist need properties are to be built in Gargrave
- There are plans to develop the Black Horse Pub in Hellifield, with the preferred aim being to preserve it as the only village pub in Hellifield.

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- Cawden footpath improvement work to begin shortly
- Fire Risk notices have been put up
- Sadly, the Peregrin chicks have died on The Cove but parents are still about. No new eggs as yet.

National Trust - Update from Area Ranger:

- MT House agreement still awaiting final documentation
- Next meeting with the NT to be held on Monday 15th Sept at 1.30pm, taking place at The Orchid house next to Malham Tarn House. As many Councillors as possible encouraged to attend.

Traffic Management

- Nothing new

Risk Assessment & Rock Falls on Parish Land

Following consultation with our insurer's legal team and the Yorkshire Local Council's Assoc. we have been advised that

We are not liable for natural hazards like rock falls that occur on Open Access land but we would be liable if we hadn't taken appropriate steps to warn the public of any risk. This would mean

1. Installing clear signage.
2. Carrying out regular inspections to report on any new rockfalls.
3. If frequent new rockfalls do occur we would need to consider closing the footpath

It was decided -

- to source 2 new clearly visible signs the have falling rock symbols (not all visitors will speak English) and the words, "Beware Falling Rocks" Signs to be sited at the entry points to our land on both South and North sides. Signs to be keeping with the environment in as far as is possible.
- To set up a rota of monthly inspections to report on any new rock falls and to keep a log. Initially, a site visit has been arranged to take place at Gordale on Thursday 22nd May, at 5pm. As many Councillors as possible encouraged to attend.

CW to contact the BMC and Natural England for any further advice.

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing to report

KMPC Finance

Balance on 18/03/25:	£37,654
Income:	£481
Payments:	£1199

Total from acct:	£718
Net available in bank:	£36,936
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Contingency fund:	£9,873.00
Available to KMPC:	£23,085

YDNPA Planning Matters

- Garden Cottage application, awaiting a reply

Lengthsman's Update

- The new cisterns in the toilets to be fitted as soon as Nigel Spencer has time. The splashbacks will be delivered soon , AB to send PW the invoice to be paid on delivery.
- Any invoice for the toilet improvements to be copied to PD for the grant application..
- Due to low water levels, sewage treatment is proving difficult and low River levels have higher concentration of contaminants. There has been a recent discharge of some concentrated cleaning fluid from a property in Malham that has contaminated the Reed Bed system

MEG Update

- It could be worth the group getting together with the Settle Energy Club
- It was thought that some of our power comes via the Long Preston/ Hellifield substation, DH to investigate
- DJH is to provide PD with a summary report from MEG for inclusion in the Chairman's Annual Report for 2025 and also in advance of future AGM's.

Litter & Dog Poo

Nothing to update.

Housing Needs & Local Housing

Nothing outside Cllr. Myers comments.

Correspondence

- Dales bus increased summer service to run between Skipton and Malham and to provide a winter Sunday service.
- Favourable reports of high usage of the service so agreed that provide £1,000 grant as in previous years.

AOB

nothing

Next Meeting: Monday 2nd June 2025 Malham Village Hall