

## **Minutes (368) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Attending:** C. Wildman, N. Heseltine, A. Bradley, P. Wherity, D. Howlett,

**Apologies:** M. Harrop, P. Dewhurst, M. Throup, Cllr. S Myers

**Observing:** R Hudson, S. McWhinney, S. Stevenson, J.Smart, M.Parker and W. Locke (YDNPA)

### **Public Questions**

None

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

Approved

Proposed: NH

Seconded: DH

### **Matters Arising**

none

### **Changes to Councillors Circumstances**

None.

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

Not available

### **YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke**

- Cawden footpath improvement work in progress and fence will be erected to keep walkers from straying from the path but will still allow stock to cross through gaps.
- A cycling event to raise money for Water Aid is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July
- An Army Foundation Group is coming up to help with some path maintenance.

### **National Trust -**

Bank holiday patrols have been operating and are planned for other busy periods over the summer.

### **Risk Assessment & Rock Falls on Parish Land**

Several Councillors (CW, DH, PW, PD, MH, MT and NH) have met in Gordale to assess the Rockfall Risks and to inspect the paths. CW had a site visit to Gordale on the 28<sup>th</sup> May with John Fulwood from the British Mountaineering council regarding the rock fall risk. They are happy to help and he will provide a report for us to include in our risk assessment. He also agreed to attend a future meeting. It was agreed to install some more permanent signage, on the gate at the entrance to Malcolm Wilson's land, next to the footpath at the southern boundary of Parish Land, and at the corner at the entrance to the gorge (where the current wooden sign is) The sign would include a falling rock symbol and the wording "Beware falling rocks" DH to research the design possibly based on existing National Trust signage, and AB to obtain a quote from her supplier. We could ask the YDNP to install it for us.

### **The Tree Survey**

Webbers have provided a comprehensive survey and risk assessment of all the trees on Parish Land. 28 have been marked as hazardous and will have to be felled or monolithed, and others will need to be pruned. Previously we have had less formal tree surveys and these have not identified problems on this scale. This is likely to be very expensive. We will ask for a quote from Webbers and also from 2 others. CW to contact the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the NT, YDMT and YDNP for advice.

### **Traffic Management**

We have had several complaints from residents about the chaotic traffic conditions associated with the car boot sale at Hill Top Farm at the weekend. Traffic was queuing back as far as the school and many pedestrians were walking down the hill into Malham along a very narrow and busy road. Whilst the Parish Council support fundraising initiatives to raise money for Kirkby Malham Parish Hall we do not think that this is a

suitable location for the car boot sale because of the difficult access for traffic and the danger to pedestrians walking down the road. It is concerning that there may be plans to repeat this in the future. PD to write to the Village Hall Committee to express our concerns.

Sue Mc Whinney clarified the status of Kirkby Malham Village Hall. The Parish hall is running well at the moment and fund raising income is covering the outgoings, but in the future it may have to close and could be sold or just become derelict if it was not financially viable. It is not owned by St Michael's church but by the diocese. The lease is up for renewal but that is expensive and currently unaffordable to the committee that runs it. It could be maintained under the conditions of the previous lease but this is far from satisfactory. If it were to be sold then proceeds would go to a similar charity, not the community, or the local church.

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

There have been several, attempted break ins recently. We still do not receive any Police Reports (unlike most other Parish Councils).

### **KMPC Finance**

Balance on 18/04/25:	£36,936
Income:	£481
Payments:	£739
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Total to acct:	£280
Net available in bank:	£37,216
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Contingency fund:	£9,370
Available to KMPC:	<b>£23,869</b>

We currently get around £250/ month from the QR code donations on top of the cash donations from the milk churns and the toilets.

The Annual Audit papers have been signed off

### **YDNPA Planning Matters**

- none

### **Lengthsman's Update**

- Still awaiting a reply from Nigel Spencer to fit the new cisterns in the toilets. The splashbacks will be delivered next week. 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..
- There has been a request to donate a memorial seat to the village with initials, a date and a daffodil image to be carved into it. It was agreed that it would set a precedent to allow this and whilst the daffodil would be ok the initials and date would be inappropriate. PD to write in reply.

### **MEG Update**

Jane Smart provided us with an annual update which will be attached to the AGM minutes.

### **Litter and dog poo**

Lots of stickers have recently appeared on signs, seats etc AB has removed them

### **Housing needs**

Nothing new

### **Correspondence**

CW has found a possible solution to internet provision in the village halls. Community First Yorkshire want to try and set up digital hubs in village halls. CW to follow up.

**AOB**

CW has replied to the correspondence relating to the removal of the public phone boxes expressing our objections and highlighting the need to retain them based on lack of mobile coverage and potentially high risk of suicide and accidents.

Next meeting 7.30 pm , Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July , Malham Parish Hall

