

Minute (370) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1 September 2025

Attending: C. Wildman, M. Throup, D. Howlett, M. Egan, M. Harrop

Apologies: A. Bradley, , N. Heseltine, P. Dewhurst A. Bradley, P. Wherity

Observing: S Myers, J. Smart, J Powell, S McWhinney, P Cummings and W. Locke (YDNPA), M. Parker

CW welcomed Margaret Egan as prospective councillor for Malham moor.

Public Questions

The meeting was informed of the sad death of David Cook. The Council wanted to share their condolences.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved Proposed: MT Seconded: DH

Matters Arising

- BT replied to say they intend to remove Kirkby Malham phone box. NYC have asked them not to remove and asked them to review their decision.
- PW to write to Settle Town Council on supporting double yellow lines to ensure access for vehicles esp. emergency vehicles.
- MH is exploring options for new sandbag store in Malham
- We are waiting for Highways to install the double yellow lines for Gordale
- We need to follow up with Show on writing to Macmillan's on next years mighty hike. This can be raised by CW/DH at next Show meeting later this month.
- Bench sponsorship - CW approached businesses but no positive response yet.

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

None.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

August is a quiet month but still a few things to note:

- NYC officer has done a good job keeping pressure on BT to keep phone boxes across the county
- Under a strategic investment review Craven is to receive more resources for leisure services including improving access.
- Nine new council houses in Gargrave should be coming soon – 9 new ones
- Local plan consultation under way for NYC (does not include the Park)
- Conston bridge repair has been delayed as hard to find a contractor undertake work and keep bridge open during repair.
- Under his locality budget Simon is looking for projects requiring funds between £300 - £1000 from our parish. We agreed to share this.
- Also discussed was a possible visit by the Deputy Mayor who is our police commissioner and to ask police to come to our meetings a few times a year.

National Trust Update

- No update was received but the Council to meet with NT on 15 Sept Orchid house 1:30-3:30pm
- WL informed meeting that FIPL proposal had been submitted for work at Janet Foss.

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- Cove path bank repairs have been undertaken and resurfacing of paths is to take place
- Work has starting on Pennine way from Mires Barn and this will include laying stone flags in the marshy area.
- A second tramper is to be based at Malham Centre. In addition, there are trampers at the Listers and with the National Trust. So a total of four. Councillors welcomed this development.
- A FIPL application has been made to improve path through RH car park field
- It was noted Planning application for changing place, porch and solar panels at Malham Centre had been made. This had been supported by the council.
- The Car park dog poo bin is being emptied daily by staff. Need to ask for this to be emptied by NYC

Ash Tree Felling

CW gave an update on Forestry commission visit and report. He also acknowledged very useful report from JS. He noted felling at Malham cove is a priority due to safety concerns. For future surveys it would be better for these to be in July/August when trees are in full leave. We will need Natural England permission for the work and this may mean using a European species check list. For the future their maybe small grants from YDMT for managing our woodlands. MEG will follow up on this. Final decision on trees to be felled will be taken over a site visit with John Webbers the preferred contractor.

To identify the preferred contractor an assessment of three tenders had been undertaken separately by four councillors. This resulted in the agreement that John Webber was the preferred contractor.

Risk Assessment & Rock Falls on Parish Land

The new rock fall signs are to be installed up in the coming two weeks.

Traffic Management

- Noted that there is a road closure near the school on either 8 or 9 sept closure for road works as manhole cover has sunk.
- Concern was raised on the closure of main street for work by Yorkshire. This centre on range of issues: complete lack of notice of closure; hole being dug in wrong place thereby extending the works; poor signage for closure and diversion; timing of work just before weekend resulting in road closed over a weekend with impact on residents, visitors and businesses; and, large bus got stuck on the diversion. While YW have the right to make repairs and ask highways to close road. Agree to write to highways to share our concerns and ask them to avoid similar things happening in the future.
- Also agreed to ask Highways again to repair bollards on the Malham entrance.

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing to report except to note incident in Park Car Park

KMPC Finance

Report was received and in summary:

Balance on 18/06/25	£36725.57
Total income	£1519.62
Total payments	£1927.74
Total from acct	£408.12
Net Available in bank	£36,317.45

YDNPA Planning Matters

- Since last meeting two applications had been received and both support by the council. These were for Malham centre and EV charger at Town Head
- Noted we should again ask Park for enforcement on Beck Hall signs and barrier.
- We should follow up on right of way across beack with alan Hulme.

Lengthsman's Update

- Village toilets almost finished and need one more visit from plumber. Electrician made electrics safe. Stainless sheet and signage had been ordered.
- Fixed tap in Ladies toilet.

MEG update

- CW noted a wader report and funding request from Jonahtan Heath had been received
- The next MEG on 11 September will focus on recycling with an officer from NYC attending. 2 oct will focus on trees.
- MEG has been nominated for community impact award by NYC – nominated by YDMT
- There are open days to see for retrofit houses in Bentham and Horton

Litter and dog poo

Nothing new

Housing

Nothing new

Correspondence

- CW recede £500 for one day filming at the Cove on 22 Aug. social media for a brand.
- CW approached by a film company to film in October in and Malham cove. They would use Show field as well. CW had quoted them £5000.
- A letter had been received from Julian Smith MP on his surgeries.

AOB

- DH informed meeting he was waiting a reply from Yorkshire Water on improvements to Malham sewage works.

Next meeting 7.30 pm , Monday 6th October, Malham Parish Hall