

Minutes (372) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3rd November 2025

Attending: C. Wildman M. Harrop N. Heseltine A. Bradley, D. Howlett, M. Throup, and M Egan

Apologies: P. Dewhurst and P. Wherity

Observing: Cllr Myers, R Hudson, P. McWhinney, S McWhinney, J. Smart, S .Cummings, M. Parker, and W. Locke (YDNPA), Sarah Peel and Claire Braeburn (National Trust)

Public Questions

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved

Proposed: MH

Seconded: AB

Matters Arising

Changes to Councillors Circumstances

No change

Margaret Egan was coopted as Malham Moor Councillor.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

- NYC are waiting for final budget settlement from Government. Expect this to be challenging and will need to find savings without closing any services. Under SAM's portfolio, housing leisure and culture, no cuts have been made so far due to savings from local authority reorganisation.
- Highways: Are to review speed limits in whole of NY. This will include narrow country roads with a speed limit of 40 mph on all. He asked any roads in our parish we would consider needing a limit e.g outside the school.
- Conston bridge work is due to start on 10 November. There will be no closure of bridge but there will be traffic control.
- New Head of service for bridges thinks there is a solution with an additional bridge that won't cost a fortune. To be taken to our area committee and expect them to support and will need to find funds.
- NYC is responsible for disabled facilities to stay in own home. Ombudsmen challenge NYC as taking too long to do this sometimes up to 2.5 years. NYC developing new strategy and resources to make sure they are delivered in a timely manner.

National Trust Update- Claire Braeburn

- CB introduced herself as the Community Participation and Volunteering Officer
- There is also a new senior visitor experience officer
- Area ranger not here today and CB gave a report
 - Beth XXX now Area Ranger and will come to Parish council Meetings
 - Ian Clemment, Countryside Manager may come occasionally
 - Tarn House tenant I about to sign lease end of Nov for High stables. There will be planning permission for high stables and camping. Will take on Tarn house after work completed.
 - FIPL application for Janet Foss. Will have consultation on options. There will now be no steel staircases proposed.
 - Sandhill let permanent to family. Other houses National Trust holiday lets - £1m investment. No update on when this may happen. Councillors noted house have now been empty for about five years. Darnbrook cottage now permanent let.
 - There has been an interest in renting Waterhouses as office and may have to lower rent.
 - Home farm is now being renovated.

- Malham Tarn – work done. Work done when wet. Ground damage. NE and YDNPA on how to mitigate impact. Working with JBA to help solve this problem.
- Heart of the Dales – working on finalising submission for 11,000 ha for nature and heritage 35 farmers. Want to involve us in more consultations. Waiting for extension beyond December – confident that Defra will give one. MT said still they don't know what they (farmers) are signing up. Looking at how climate change can be integrated.
- Townhead Barn – opened in summer. No anti-social behaviour so far. Collecting feedback from visitors. Happy to receive feedback from Council. Considering a second handbook store. SM noted we already have one in the Church. MP note it would need supervision.
- Discussions with Park on visitor centre to work together.
- Dark skies night event on 29 November was sold out.
- CB asked on MCR use Councillors said very happy for NT to use and share information.

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- Gordale six-month closure notice up today.
- Starting work on footpath through car park fields so can be used throughout the year. This was with the agreement of the 3 landowners funded by FIPL
- Work on changing place started at visitor centre and will be closed for month.

Rock Falls & Tree work on Parish Land

- BMC came did day work to clear stones. Report of their work has been give to the Council. Film crew made a donation to BMC for this work.
- DH waiting for trees to be removed at Gordale
- DH and JS are completing Habitat Regulation Assessment for Malham Cove. Discussion on bats and survey. DH said waiting for advice from Natural England. Councillors agreed we should assume we have bats roosting in some of the dead ash trees.

Traffic Management

Nothing new

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing.

KMPC Finance

No report

Discussion on a precept would take place during the December meeting.

YDNPA Planning Matters

- Alterations at Buck Inn. Agreed to Support.

Lengthsman's Update

Nothing to report

MEG Update

- HRA work mentioned (see above)
- Tree nursery workshop was held
- Butterlands wild flowers planting is to take place
- The next meeting (27 Nov) would review the year and be an early Christmas party.

Litter and dog poo

MH reported litter and dog poo appeared to have got worse recently.

Housing needs

Nothing new

Correspondence

Sarah and Andrew Peel had raised the issue of filming and that this would further promotion of Malham as a tourist destination that was not needed. Others highlighted the disturbance and road and footpath closures. It was agreed to revise our policy on filming and that all decisions on filming should be made at Parish meetings. Also agreed that the sum received by the Council of £5k was small and CW should ask if this could be increased.

Julie Stehenson from Malham Show and CW had worked together on common approach to Macmillan Mighty Hike that is planned for 27 June. They had sent a joint email setting out conditions that needed to be met. These included on the use and direction of loudspeakers and that all walks must be circular – starting and finishing in Malham.

DH reported Yorkshire water had responded to his email after 5 months to say a scheme was planned for our sewage works but gave no details of this. DH had replied asking them for more information.

AOB

Carols at the Cove will on 6 December from 1 to 2:30pm Councillors are a £200 donation to band and this goes to the hire of their hall. Agreed that volunteers organising the event will decide where money raised for selling mince pies etc will decide where to donate this money. Last year donations went to the school.

Next meeting 7.30 pm , Monday 1st December, Malham Parish Hall