

Minutes (374) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 5th January 2026

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

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

Observing: Cllr Myers, R Hudson, S McWhinney, J. Smart, P. Cummings, M. Parker, Rob Hudson, and Steph Hughes (National Trust)

Public Questions

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved

Proposed: MH

Seconded: MT

Matters Arising

Following discussion on precept AB raised important point on our policies and standing orders.

CW has followed up on this and shared the types of polices we need. SM shared that Gargrave had just updated theirs. Action to review Gargrave polices and to determine how these can be edited to fit for our Council.

Changes in Councillors circumstances

No change

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

- Fairly quiet and not lot to report.
- NYC are waiting for final budget settlement from Government and except a cut of £12m with government anticipated a raise in council tax of 5% would be required.

National Trust Update- Steph Hughes

- SH introduced herself as the new Senior Visitor Experience Officer.
- SH said she was working on developing community experiences. This included linking Malham and Keighley History Groups with a visit and reopening of Townhead Barn. And the night sky walk which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. She would welcome other ideas.
- The Heart of the Dales project is now to be submitted to Defra by the end of March. MT noted that farmers would need to have agreed to take part.
- NT will be working on a wider stakeholder engagement plan this year.
- NT are working on links with YDNPA and this includes the development of new signage for Cove and Janets Foss. KMPC will be consulted on wording and messages.
- The FIPL proposal for Janets Foss had been withdrawn.
- SH was asked if renovation work at Home Farm had planning permission. After the meeting SH advised that the work did not require planning permission.
- CW advised Scouts had been in touch on their taking over tenancy of Tarn House. SH said tenancy was close to being finalised and signed.

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- WL had sent an email update:
- Work on the Centre should be finished by end of the year.
- Remedial work will be undertaken on footpath through car park fields which had eroded after recent heavy rains.

- Working with NT on new signage on Cove path.

Risk Assessment & Rock Falls & Tree work on Parish Land

- CW advised that we had received an email from YDNPA that they were re-opening footpath at Gordale. Members noted their surprise that this decision had been made unilaterally by YDNPA. PD will be writing to them on this matter.
- DH advised that Treetops will now be undertaking the tree work at Gordale and Malham Cove. The work at Malham Cove would be undertaken under emergency measures and Natural England and the Police had been informed of this work. DH shared the updated HRA which set this out.
- DH and JS are meeting with YDMT on 2 February to discuss a woodland management plan for all of the Council's woodlands
- DH and JS were thanked for their work on completing Habitat Regulation Assessments for Malham Cove and Gordale.

Traffic Management

Nothing new

Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing.

KMPC Finance

PW shared a financial report ahead of the meeting. In summary current balance is £44,458.82 with £29,468.85 available to KMPC after allowing for contingency and funds restricted to Malham Brochure and Malham Initiative. Income for December **was £82.46 and payments were £1724.81.**

YDNPA Planning Matters

- Support to work on Tarn House on fire alarm and improvements.
- Questions were raised on the application by Scouts for camping and alterations to high Stables. CW to ask Scouts for clarification before decision was made.

Lengthsman's Update

Nothing to report except to note slat bin at bus stop not filled. Action PD to write to highways on this

MEG Update

- Nothing substantive to report

Litter and dog poo

New volunteer had been recruited to help on emptying bins.

Housing needs

Nothing new

Correspondence

Mott Macdonald had written to Chris offered to help on technical assessment of Gordale. DH noted this came about from a contact he had at ARUP. Decision on need for further assessment is still to be made.

AOB

Action will be taken on improving sand bag stall.

Vehicles are following sat nav to use footpath at Kings Cottage. WL to be informed to take action (e.g location of large stones or bollards to make it clear it is not a road).

Next meeting 7.30 pm , Monday 2nd February, Malham Parish Hall