

Minutes (377) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th April 2026

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

Apologies: M. Harrop, P Dewhurst, P Wherity and M Egan

Observing: Cllr Myers S. McWhinney, M Parker, W Locke (YDNPA), Peter Cummings

Public Questions - None

Minutes of the Last Meeting Approved with minor amendments. Proposed: AB? Seconded: NH?

Matters Arising

Risk assessment is to be updated.

Changes to councillor's circumstances - none

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- Visitor centre has re-opened a few minor works are still to completed. A new centre manager is to take up their post soon.
- Revisiting permissive access down unmade road to Miresfield (Rotten Row) for trampers. Will be contacting residents
- New YDNPA CEO to be announced on Tuesday and will take up their post in September.
- WL was asked about lambing signs. He will check if these have all been put up. A discussion on signs and messages on dogs on leads followed. One action, was for KMPC to write to YDNPA on tightening up signage and messages that dogs needed to be on lead and to link this to ground nesting birds

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

- Brought attention to [road closure](#) between Otterburn and Hellifield from 23 to 27 April for pothole repairs. Meeting noted that as pot holing repairs this would not mean a complete closure.
- There is on-going discussion between NYC and Mayor on allocation of highways budget. Current proposal is a reduction to North Yorkshire of 2% and an increase in budget to York. A reduction could put pressure on Dales bus. A discussion on use of school buses by public was held and SM advised NYC were looking into this.

Update from National Trust

- NT had sent apologies and CW gave an update from the meeting between NT and KMPC. This had agreed a ToR for the meeting and discussions on: Heart of the Dales; summary of the conservation plan for KMPC; refurbishment of Home Farm which is now on the market for rent; other houses await funding before being rented so could remain empty for a further period; good news on Water Houses as this could become a hub for access.

KMPC Finance

PW sent in the update below.

Balance on 18/02/26	£39,033.07
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Income

Feb QR code donations	£143.13
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Donation - cash to Post Office	£247.00
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Total income	£390.13
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Payments

Dales and Bowland donation	£1,000
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EDF energy Feb	£43.22
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Treetops forestry village tree surgery	£3,576
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Annabelle Bradley, Splashbacks and signage	£80.96
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Annabelle Bradley locks and cash bags	£76.12
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Town end farm shop toilet supplies	£79.62
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Total payments	£4,855.92
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Total from acct	£4,465.79
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Net Available in bank	£34,567.27
The Malham Initiative acct now has	£2662.95
The Brochure has	£1314.67
Contingency fund now has	£9370
Total available to KMPC	<u>£21,219.66</u>

Risk Assessment tree surgery and rockfalls

- DH noted we had received a woodland management from YDMT and this would be discussed by MEG with a report to the Council for next meeting.
- Tree work is almost complete.
- DH agreed to draft article for June parish mag to update parishioners on tree work and Gordale.

Lengthsman's Update

- Stainless panels had been fixed but waiting for stainless steels screws to complete the job
- Still waiting for the plumber to finish the work in the toilets will explore other options.
- Request to PD to email to move to twice a week collection of bus stop bin.
- Hazel had been cut in plantation and residents are using it to dump their grass cuttings. Discussion on signage was held and need to agree wording.
- MP had discussed painting of toilets with RB. Meeting agreed to proceed with this in September.

MEG Update

- Initial tree planting had taken place in landowners' field on path in car park fields.
- Curlew monitoring was underway.
- Awaiting a reply to a letter to Mayor on Great British energy funds allocated to the Mayor
- Second conference on community climate action is to be held on 11 July in York DH is helping organise this.
- CW discussed annual review from MEG for Chair's report. PC agreed he and Jane Smart would take this forward.

Traffic Management, Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

- Soil was building up near chicane and double yellows are covered. Request to highways to do this, if not perhaps working party to do the work ourselves was needed.

YDNPA Planning Matters

- 1 Finkle Street. All agreed but would like to ask YNPA to request wooden windows not PVC.

Litter and dog poo

Nothing new.

Housing needs

Nothing new

Correspondence

- CW reported after a meeting HF had kindly agreed to provide £5k to cover the costs of the tree work.
- Buses are back to summer and Sunday timetable.
- NYC asked about an invoice for grass cutting. CW to go back for clarification.
- Channel 4 asked for filming at cove on 15 April. CW to go back and ask for more details before agreeing.

AOB

- CW outlined we now need to revise policies. These were allocated as follows:
 - Standing orders CW
 - Financial regulations PW & AB
 - Risk assessment MH
 - Records PW
 - Press & Media DH
 - Councillor protocol MT

- Grievance Policy All
- Disciplinary policy – All
- Code of conduct All
- Biodiversity – DH
- IT – CW
- Asset management – To be advised
- Draft of the policies are in this folder
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/gn5abtr0uadkm4u9zfw9/ALdHatC8SFOCBuTeb4c8NtA?rlkey=b5a4smdq7lwmx9q3ka5snuyi&st=kr1cyjas&dl=0> . All are requested to make a start on this update at next meeting

Next meeting 7.30pm, Monday 11th May, Malham Parish Hall