

Minutes (378) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th May 2026

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

Apologies: P Dewhurst. M.Harrop, M Egan Cllr Myers, C.Braeburn.

Observing: Cllr Myers, S. McWhinney, J. Smart, R. Hudson, M Parker, W Locke , R.Hudson, P.Cummings.

Public Questions - None

Minutes of the Last Meeting Approved . Proposed: AB, Seconded: NH

Matters Arising - none

Update from County Councillor, Cllr. S. Myers

The bus from Settle to Skipton (580) is not always well used so is losing money as fuel costs rise. Ongoing discussions about it.

Thanks was given to Simon for his regular attendance and hard work.

Changes to councillor's circumstances - none

National Trust

No report this month

There have been issues with anti-social behaviour in holidays and at weekends when the NT staff are not on duty. Drinking, BBQs and rubbish being left. Also, significant problems with wild camping and fires. We will mention this to the NT

YDNPA - Update from Area Ranger: W Locke

- A new CEO for the NP has just been appointed.
- Repair works have begun on Mastilles Lane.
- Mill Leat path at Scalegill, some delay as access needed across land to the North. Should start once land ownership issues have been resolved. Also waiting for Army Foundation College volunteers to help.
- Trek 26 for Alzheimer's Research will be held on Saturday.
- The Peregrine viewpoint has just opened . Peregrines are about but the female is still quite young so less likely to breed this year.
- There's a fire risk from the timber lying on the ground in Gordale. NH to take a quad up to look.
- Tranlands. Planning granted in 2005 and work started in 2010 so planning still valid.
- Currently trying to do without the dog poo bin at the Centre. MP reported a significant increase in poo bag litter in the village as a result. We need to monitor the situation.

Gordale Report

This is to be a monthly item on the agenda where visits to Gordale to inspect the signage and report on any significant rockfalls can be minuted and a record kept. PW reported no new rockfalls last month and signage still in place but one sign at the entrance to the gorge had been scratched. We need to keep an eye on this. NH to have a look and report back this month. Would be good to have a photographic record. CW to ask the BMC to do another inspection of the Rock Face following the work on the trees and the winter weathering season. We plan to do this each Spring and should be part of our risk assessment.

KMPC Policies and Procedures review.

Files to be shared on Google Drive and next meeting we will adopt the policies that have been modified.

AB to set up a trial Zero accounting system to see if it's worthwhile adopting.

Financial summary

Balance on 18/03/26	£34,567.27
Income	
HMRC VAT reclaim	£1951.55
HF Holidays grant	£1703.79
March QR code donations	£277.37
Total income	£3932.71
Payments	
Scottish Water	£15.38

EDF energy March	£38.26
Treetops forestry Gordale tree surgery	£3,033.60
Yorks Local Council subs	£168.00
Merrit and Fryers sundries	£42.80
Bank charge	£1.39
Town end farm shop toilet supplies	£70.62

Total payments	£3,370.05
Total to acct	£562.66
Net Available in bank	£35,129.93

The Malham Initiative acct now has	£2,662.95
the Brochure has	£1,314.67
Contingency fund now has	£14,075.00

Total available to KMPC **£17,077.31**

PW to provide a QR code to allow donations from the public to support our management of Gordale and the Cove following the considerable expenditure from the clearance of trees affected by Ash Die Back.

Parish Council Vacancy

MH has submitted his letter of resignation. Thanks was given for all his hard work over the previous few years. We need to find a replacement Councillor for the Malham Ward.

Traffic Management, Police & Parking Enforcement Issues

Nothing new

YDNPA Planning Matters

Concerns were expressed about changes at The Listers and The Buck, particularly about the proposed name change to the Buck. We are to request a meeting with Thwaites management.

Concerns expressed about the proposed pole on Cawden Green. The pole is to support broadband/phone coverage. There is a phone number to ring for further information.

Local Housing

The cottage at the Vicarage is back on the market and available for rent.

Lengthsman update

We need some additional notices re cash donations in the toilets. MP to provide. The stream bank on the Village Green is collapsing as a result of the poor work recently done by contractors. MP to provide a photo and CW to contact Highways.

Holiday cover for MP. Dates will be needed for potential candidates. PD to write to Thwaites to see if their cleaners could offer any help with our public conveniences.

MEG Update

A guided walk along the Boardwalk on Tarn Moss planned for 4th June

12th June there will be a "Saving the Curlew" meeting in KM Parish Hall. There will be a Curlew surveyors walk the day after.

The Community Climate Conference 26 is schedule for 11th July.

Litter and dog poo

Correspondence

Nothing new

AOB

Nothing new

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