

Minutes (379) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1st June 2026

Attending: C Wildman, N Heseltine, P Dewhurst, M Throup, D Howlett and M Egan

Apologies: P Wherity, A Bradley, M Harrop, C Braeburn (NT), W Locke (YDNPA)

Observing: Cllr S Myers, P McWhinney, J Smart, M Parker, P Cummings, I Clemmett (Countryside Manager, National Trust)

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approved: DH, Seconded: NH

Matters Arising:

Various Action Points summary was circulated after the May '26 KMPC meeting by CW and this is being worked on.

Changes to Councillor's Circumstances:

DH has been elected as Public Governor on Board of Governors for Airedale Hospital.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr S Myers :

- Suggested emailing details of donations weblink and woodlands donations page (including QR code) to Press Officer at NYC for additional publicity and awareness.
- Brierley Homes (owned by NYC) has recorded a loss in its last financial year so NYC is making a provision for this (of £7m) and investigating cause and reviewing its governance,.
- Meeting with Julian Smith MP regarding visitor numbers in the Dales and risks being created by this – parking problems, public safety issues caused by this, etc.
- Question raised by ME about NYC policy on rural school support. SM indicated that a review is being carried out with understanding that action is required to support rural school viability and their importance to rural communities.

Update from YDNPA - Area Ranger, W Locke (provided by email):

- Looking to do some resurfacing of the footpath to Gordale later in June/July to add some more aggregate to the surface in areas where this has washed away. Footpath will remain open during these works.

Update from National Trust provided by Ian Clemmett, Countryside Manager:

- High Stables has been signed up by The Scouts so now formally in tenancy.
- Reviewing parking practicalities of High Stables.
- Malham Tarn House requires major expenditure on replacing canopy around the front and other things. c. £350,000 of cost anticipated overall.
- Sold Town Head Barn at Buckden to help with funding this expenditure.
- Waterhouses – offices being let to a holistic therapist under a commercial letting.
- Home Farm property is now let on a residential letting.
- The 3 cottages are now not being progressed as holiday rentals and should become available for residential letting.
- Sold a farm house at Tosside near Forest of Bowland, generated further funds to be used towards renovation of Malham Tarn House.
- Heart of the Dales landscape recover scheme deadline has been extended.
- Farmer 'one to ones'/drop-ins at Kilnsey and at Tarn House as part of the Heart of the Dales initiative.
- Connecting groups to nature initiative is progressing various activities.
- Visitor management actions are being undertaken e.g. more staff at weekends. DH requested NT set up a "duty phone" as a hotline for reporting unsocial behaviour.

Risk Assessment on Parish owned land:

- There needs to be an annual review of land, property and equipment prior to the AGM and this needs to be recorded in the KMPC Annual Risk Assessment document. This will be covered by PD and PW with the lengthsman's input.

Gordale Visit Report:

- NH has done a visit to Gordale and Malham Cove which confirmed no evidence visually of any recent rock fall incidence, with the public footpath open and accessible. All the existing signage warning of risk of possible rock falls was in place and clearly visible. Date of visit: 21st May 2026.

KMPC Policy & Procedures Review:

- Press & Media policy draft was approved and agreement to adopt was taken.
- Biodiversity, Climate & Environment policy draft was approved and agreement to adopt was taken.
- Further KMPC policy drafts will be produced in draft format, item by item, for consideration and approval once acceptable.

KMPC Finance

Balance on 18/04/26	£35,129.93
Income	£5,210.53 (includes £5,000 NYCC Precept)
Payments	- £1,958.83

Total to Account	£3,251.70
Net Available in Bank	<u>£38,381.63</u>

Breakdown of this is:

The Malham Initiative acct	£2,662.95
The Brochure fund	£1,314.67
Contingency fund	£14,075.00
<u>Total available to KMPC</u>	<u>£20,329.01</u>

- The Brochure fund (standing at £1,314.67). CW to provide a summary of the historical scope of this fund so it can be utilised for relevant future projects that are deemed suitable, as these arise.
- The Malham Initiative account funds were discussed and an understanding was reached that these funds can be used towards certain KMPC approved activity, specifically including MEG related initiatives.

Lengthsman's Update:

- AB has spoken with local parishioner who is willing to provide grass cutting holiday cover if/when the KMPC Lengthsman is away.
- Twice weekly NYCC emptying of community bins currently in force and seems to be happening, which is good news and helps manage litter/waste during peak visitor periods. Lengthsman to notify PD if/when a collection by NYC is missed and PD will contact our direct points of contact at NYC on this who are Mike Lennon, Locality Manager, and Brian Blackwell, Area Manager Waste & Street Scene (West Area).
- Robert Hoyle, Painter & Decorator quoted full redecoration of toilet block (c. £2,000) inside and out (excl. Noticeboard). Further quotes required in line with KMPC policy – at least one more – as the expenditure/cost involved exceeds £1,000. **PD to arrange quote from a painter & decorator he knows. A formal tender evaluation process should then be conducted by KMPC to determine who this work should be awarded to.**

MEG Update:

- Boardwalk nature trail at Malham Tarn, Thursday evening 4th June.

- Saving the Curlew evening at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall on 11th June at 7pm.
- 11th July event – Community Climate Conference at 10am – 4pm in York.
- 10th September – MEG visit to Broughton Hall on a re-wilding project.
- Gordale small woodland management plan speaker attending the MEG meeting on Thursday 4th June.
- Curlew walk initiative called The Curlew Way is being developed.

YDNPA Planning Matters:

- Nothing to report.

Housing Needs & Local Housing:

- Nothing to report.

Traffic Management (incl. Police & Parking Enforcement Issues):

- Significant parking issues experienced over May '26 Bank Holiday weekends, with illegal parking on double yellow lines roadside at Chapel Gate.
- Police, ambulances, and fire engines called out to car crash (overturned vehicle) at Gordale – thankfully no serious injuries reported.

Litter & Dog Poo:

- The double bin emptying service from NYC has been working well currently to help manage the increased visitor rubbish during the Summer period.
- Additional litter picker unit available and ongoing discussion on where it could be deployed most usefully.

Correspondence:

- Nothing material to report.

AOB:

- Nothing to discuss.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings:

6th July 2026

August – no meeting as Summer Recess

7th September 2026

5th October 2026

2nd November 2026

7th December 2026