

Minutes (380) of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1st July 2026

Attending: C Wildman, N Heseltine, P Dewhurst, M Throup, D Howlett, M Egan, A Bradley, W Locke (YDNPA).

Apologies: P Wherity, M Harrop, Cllr. S Myers, J Smart

Observing: M Parker, P Cummings, Rev. S McWhinney, J Bagley, L Parker, R Layton, P Crabtree (NY Neighbourhood Police Inspector)

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

Matters Arising:

Not heard anything from National Trust at this time on the possibility of a 'duty phone'. Certain bins are being emptied, but some others are not. Further contact with NYC to be made.

Changes to Councillor's Circumstances:

MH, Parish Councillor for Malham Ward has tendered his resignation creating a vacancy for a Parish Councillor representing Malham Ward.

Update from County Councillor, Cllr S Myers :

Cllr. Myers will provide a summary by email having given his apologies for being unable to attend the July '26 meeting in person.

Regional Meeting (Friday 3rd July):

Chris Wildman (KMPC) and Alan Hulme (YDNPA) attended a meeting involving NYC, Police, Fire Services, Public Safety, Highways to discuss tourist visitor numbers, health dangers arising from cold water swimming and bathing, parking & safety issues. Increased police patrols are occurring and have been noticed. Further meeting taking place in 2 weeks.

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

Footpath resurfacing at Gordale with dust/gravel – now complete.
Resurfacing repairs in car park, Malham during a few evenings in July.
Working with Brownies and Guides, Clapham & Austwick on signage to encourage visitors to take their litter home with them.
Resurfacing of Scalegill Mill footpath delayed until September '26 for logistical reasons.
Seasonal ranger support being increased over Summer months.
NYC will increase their presence to assist with parking issues.
YDNPA Visitor Centre... scaffolding to go back up in order to complete and rectify the roofing works.
The trampers will be in use again over coming months.

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

No update on this occasion.

Neighbourhood Police Inspector, Paul Crabtree attended meeting:

Offered periodic attendance at KMPC meetings, perhaps 2 or 3 times per year (April and October).

CW explained that the visitor numbers coming to Malhamdale creates very major traffic and parking issues, anti-social behaviour (e.g. disposable BBQ use).

Parking services has capacity to increase their patrols and are doing so in Malhamdale.

Burnsall Park is being closed completely so some concern of displacement impact adding to visitor numbers in Malhamdale, although the risk felt to be modest.

Response to events probably best served using the 101 phone call service.

Police resources are allocated based on reported events and the reported events in Malhamdale are extremely low.

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:

PD 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: 6th July 2026.

KMPC Policy & Procedures Review:

Further KMPC policy drafts will be produced in draft format, item by item, for consideration and approval once acceptable.

Nothing further to report at the July '26 meeting.

KMPC Finance

Balance on 18/05/26	£38,381.63
Income	£1,634.35
Payments	- £392.44

Total to Account £1,241.91

Net Available in Bank £39,623.54

Breakdown of this is:

The Malham Initiative acct	£2,662.95
The Brochure fund	£1,114.67
Contingency fund	£14,075.00
<u>Total available to KMPC</u>	<u>£22,885.59</u>

The Brochure fund can be utilised for relevant future projects that are deemed suitable, as these arise.

Note that £200 from the Brochure fund has been utilised to make a donation towards the funding of the Malhamdale Monthly Magazine which is printed and circulated to all homes within Malhamdale each month.

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:

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.

Grit bin by bus stop and Malham bridge discussed with NYC and will be refilled... either covered by NYC or they will invoice KMPC.

Decision made to accept the painting quote provided by Robert Hoyle, to undertake the redecorating work on the toilets owned by KMPC.

MEG Update:

Malham river fly sampling by Aire Rivers Trust... using grass bank opposite Chapel to run a small charitable training event 6pm – 8pm Thursday 20th August '26.

Curlew event has occurred and generated wide interest.

North Yorkshire Climate Coalition conference on 11th July in York.

YDNPA Planning Matters:

The Buck has applied for additional licencing hours. CW to seek clarification.

Manor House, Kirkby Malham... KMPC position is 'No Comment'.

Tarn House, Malham Moor... KMPC position is to 'Support'.

Housing Needs & Local Housing:

Glebe Cottage, Kirkby Malham is available for rent again at £925 per month from Leeds Diocese.

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

Covered earlier in minutes under Neighbourhood Police Inspectors useful comments and input.

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.

Issues have been seen with unemptied 'hidden' bins (for example the one on the footpath, sited on the blind side of the wall near Moon's Farm, Cove Road). NYC have been informed of this and hopefully will include this bin in their weekly (twice weekly) emptying service.

Correspondence:

Request from someone wanting to do drone filming at Gordale. CW to advise this is against KMPC policy.

Filming enquiry from HUB agency in Leeds for client Care Co. CW to advice of KMPC fee of £500 with no drone use permitted.

AOB:

Nothing to discuss.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings:

August – no meeting Summer Recess

7th September 2026 KM

5th October 2026

2nd November 2026

7th December 2026