

## KIRBY HILL AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(incorporating Kirby Hill, Milby, Thornton Bridge, Humberton & Ellenthorpe parishes)

**MINUTES** of the parish council meeting held at 7.00pm on 11 July 2016, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Merson, Smailes, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass, DCllr Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk). Four members of the public attended, including Nigel Jones, prospective co-optee.

**1. APOLOGIES for absence:** Cllr Widdows

**2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS:** none. The clerk reminded the meeting that the parish's Code of Conduct was published on its website

**3. MINUTES of the meeting** of 2 May 2016, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. Matters arising – new bus services, see 6a NYCCllr Windass's report.

### 4. FINANCE

**Clerk reported:**

- a) Balance at 11 July 2016 **£2,815.76**
- b) ArborTech **£390 paid** (Tree removal)
- c) Coronation Hall rent of room **£8.00 payment agreed**
- d) HMRC PAYE for Apr/May/June **£97.38 payment agreed**
- e) AA Foster grass cutting 1<sup>st</sup> half yr (incl 2 extra cuts) **£385 payment agreed**
- f) HBC Precept 1<sup>st</sup> half yr **£1600** (inc council tax grant) **received**
- g) Bank mandate. Clerk explained that the new mandate was not yet in place but was being organised – slowly!

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **HBC** - Review of arrangements for Parish Consultation meetings. To be held twice yearly in future, and for all Harrogate District parishes together as one large group. Questions no longer need to be tabled in advance but if they are then they will need to be of District wide interest rather than of relevance only to an individual parish. NYCC Highways, who previously received most of the questions, will no longer attend the meetings. DCllr Brown hoped that NYCC might be encouraged to start a similar parish consultation scheme.
- b) **HBC Elections Office** – Permission for Co-option to Kirby Hill Parish council vacancy. Mr Nigel Jones, of St John's Walk, introduced himself to the meeting and explained why he was interested in being co-opted. Cllrs then asked him to leave the room while they discussed the application. Cllr Merson proposed that Mr Jones be co-opted. This was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and agreed unanimously by the meeting. Nigel Jones was welcomed back into the Meeting as one of the four councillors for Kirby Hill parish. The vacancy for the Thornton Bridge parish councillor remains unfilled.
- c) **Rose Moulton** – letter of thanks for the parish council £500 donation to the All Saints Church toilet fund.
- d) **email from Maureen Murphy** – thanking parish council for the tree removal at School House
- e) **HBC – Commuted Sums balance sheet** Sums totalling over £400 still to be spent by January 2019 on green spaces and sports equipment, accruing from 5 Manor Drive development. £176 is available for Leeming Lane verges. Cllr Smailes had previously asked for discussion about benches but it was not thought appropriate to have a bench at this site. Discussion about benches will go forward to the agenda for the September meeting. It was agreed to notify Langthorpe parish council of the £235 available for sports equipment (for the Leeming Lane play area and football kickabout).

**ACTION CLERK**

### 6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) NYCCllr Windass reported on the changes to **bus services/schedules** in the area which had left Kirby Hill with a much poorer service. He explained that the 1A service is run as a totally commercial enterprise by Transdev and that too few people were using the Kirby Hill stop to make it viable. He said there had also been complaints from residents about buses driving along St John's Walk. The 'Little Explorer' 22/23 service, replacing the old 142/143 service, is still subsidised by NYCC but the subsidy may be reduced. The schedule is very inadequate for Kirby Hill but pressure is already being put on Transdev to increase the frequency of journeys because of the imminent arrival of some 450 army personnel and their families at Dishforth airbase, many of

whom will need to rely on public transport.

Cllr Windass also reported on the Planning Committee's two day meeting on the Kirby Misperton fracking application and on progress with the building of the Allerton Waste plant, which was on course for testing in 2017 prior to going into operation in 2018.

**b) HBC** DCllr Brown reported. Despite 'full-on' Mayoral duties, Nick unusually had a free evening and was pleased to attend the meeting, saying how much he had valued his working relationship with the parish council over the years. The decision of the Boundary Commission is due on 26 August. No impact on the Kirby Hill and Langthorpe area. Bishop Monkton and Cundall will probably move into the Newby ward. Following NYCCllr comments about the Allerton waste plant Nick stressed that both he and Robert Windass had fought against this and were as dismayed as most other people at the monstrous nature of this intrusion into the countryside. As to whether or not the plant would be financially successful, it would be years until the outcome was known.

With regard to the new bus schedules and the reduced service's effect on social exclusion Nick hoped that 'good neighbourliness', the church and community spirit might help fill the gap, with the giving of lifts etc.

Nick had been in contact with Mr and Mrs Knaggs of Lantern House in Kirby Hill about their complaints against John Ellis regarding the undeveloped and neglected land behind their property (at the bottom end of All Saints Close). They had written twice to John Ellis with no reply. Nigel Jones had brought along copies of letters from the Knaggs and from another resident. DCllr Brown had taken the matter up with Gary Bell of HBC Planning who had informed the Enforcement Officer. The clerk will write to Mr and Mrs Knaggs with an update. **ACTION CLERK**

Nick informed the meeting that both he and Robert Windass had spoken at Planning Committee against the Gladman application for 145 houses in Milby.

**c) BACLA** John Helliwell reported on recent activity and meetings with NYCC. It was now certain that the library would be managed and operated by BACLA volunteers, as a Community Library, possibly even from October. BACLA had very recently become a registered charity and a business plan had been drawn up.

**d) SNG** DCllr Brown stressed the importance of there being parish representatives at the Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings, which were open to everyone, as he saw this sort of representation as part of the whole point of parish councils.

**e) Boroughbridge Flood Committee** John Helliwell reported on recent activity and training carried out by HBC's Ian Speirs. He was confident that the committee now had a strong presence in the town (south side of river) and on the north side (Langthorpe/Milby) ready to face what the winter storms might bring.

## **7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES**

**a) Parish Council Website** - The clerk reported that he had applied for grant funding from the Government's 'Transparency Fund' through the agency of YCLA (Yorkshire Local Councils Association). The application was to cover the costs of a computer and training as well as the creation of the website.

**b) YCLA Membership** – The clerk had previously emailed councillors a document showing the advantages of affiliation with YLCA. The annual cost, based on the numbers of electors in the parish, would be £277. It was proposed by Cllr Helliwell and seconded by Cllr Merson that the council proceeds with affiliation. **ACTION CLERK**

**c) Waste land behind All Saints Close** – covered in 6b) above.

**d) Van advertising on A168** – It was noted that the van had now disappeared.

## **8. PLANNING**

**a) 6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON**

Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement  
*ONGOING*

**b) 6.22.74.A.OUTMAJ 15/04164/OUTMAJ**

**Gladman Developments Ltd**

Outline applic for up to 145 dwellings with access considered, at land comprising field at 439826 457466 Milby

*OUTLINE GRANTED – AWAITING DETAILED PPLICATION – RESERVED MATTERS*

**c) 6.57.66.A.REMMAJ 15/05451/REMMAJ**

Reserved matters application under permission 6.57.66.DVCMAJ for erection of up to 176 dwellings at field 439448 467406 Milby.

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**d) 6.57.20.H.FUL 16/01092/FUL**

**Canal House, Milby**

Erection of single storey extension and alteration to valley roof.

*GRANTED*

**e) 6.47.91.FUL 16/01223/FUL**

**Hillside, 19 St John's Walk, Kirby Hill**

Demolition of conservatory and utility room, erection of single storey extension, alteration of garage to form pitched roof, conversion of loft into living space and installation of dormer windows.

*GRANTED*

Next Meetings (2016)    **12 Sept**   **7 Nov**

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Signed.....Date.....