

# KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

*(Incorporating: Kirby Hill, Milby, Thornton Bridge, Humberton and Ellenthorpe)*

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 12 January 2010 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given. The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Smailes(Chairman), Helliwell, McKenzie, Parr, Renfrew, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown (from 7.45), and Martin Rae (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies:** NYCCllr Watson, BB Police, Cllr Merson, Cllr Lister and DCllr Brown for late arrival due to HBC meeting.
- 2 **Code of Conduct:** Cllr Wilkinson expressed an interest in agenda items 7a,7b and 8a
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting** held 10 November 2009 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
- 4 **Finance**
  - Balance 12/01/10 - **£2,529**
  - Rent of room to pay £8.00
  - Beyond he Pews sponsorship - £25 agreed –to pay
  - CAB request for donation – declined
  - SLCC subscription – agreed. £61 to pay
- 5 **Correspondence**
  - a) **HBC Elecoral Register 2009/2010**  
Received. 521 electors currently.
  - b) **BB High School – Invitation to Sports Centre Opening**  
This event, on 7 January, had been postponed due to bad weather
  - c) **NYCCllr John Watson – email re personal budget grants**  
These had been oversubscribed. Also, the proposal for a defibrillator had not been regarded as fitting the criteria for grant funding under this scheme.  
[the Clerk at this point informed the meeting that John Watson, in presenting his apologies, had also reported on the gritting situation in N Yorks, where the council was coping on priority roads but , having good supplies of salt/grit, had been forced to share with neighbouring councils who were running out]
  - d) **HBC Dept Community Services – Commuted Sums**  
New Balance sheets had been distributed. The Kirby Hill Parish ones showed new monies available from the development at 5 Manor Drive and indicated where these could be spent (by 2019). The largest sum, over £1000, was allocated to the Village Halls category, but for the Water Rats hall in Borougbridge. There was also an allocation to Kirby Hill cemetery.
  - e) **Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership**  
Funding was available for projects and a list of suggested project areas provided – eg alcohol abuse by youth. Councils were invited to put forward proposals. It was felt there was a link with the Safer Neighbourhoods Group (which had no funding) and Cllr Helliwell, chairman of the SFG, took the correspondence for further consideration. **POSS ACTION CLLR HELLIWELL**
  - f) **Rotary Club Ripon – Youth Volunteering awards**

Ideas were sought for nominations in the parish. The clerk asked for any such nominations to be passed to him by 15 February.

**g) Strutt and Parker –Ogdens site - Milby industrial estate.**

Invitation to the parish council as Coronation Hall owner, and to other property owners on the site, to sign their agreement to improvement and widening works on the access road all the way to Ogdens site.

Clerk reported that he had spoken to other owners and that a sub-group of councillors had met with the chairman on 25 November to discuss the letter. The clerk had subsequently written to Strutt and Parker on 26 November to decline to sign the council's agreement because as custodian trustee of the Coronation Hall it had no role in the hall's administration.

The issue would be raised by the clerk at the next Coronation Hall

Management Committee meeting

**ACTION CLERK**

**6 Clerk's/Councillors' Reports**

**a)Police Liaison** – Cllr Helliwell reported on the 8 December meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group at which the inadequacy of the police response to the November flooding incident had been discussed and sincere apologies from the police were given.

**b)Joint Parish Council** – the clerk reported on the proposal put to the last Joint meeting by Dunsforth that punitive charges should be made for retrospective planning applications. This had met with unanimous support and the case taken up through YLCA (Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc), who would discuss the issue at its branch meeting in Harrogate on 8 February with a view to taking it forward nationally. As many parish councillors as possible were being urged to attend the 8 Feb meeting but the clerk pointed out that Kirby Hill & District Parish Council was not actually a member of YLCA so would not in theory be permitted to take part in the meeting. Cllrs Smailes and Widdows said they would be able to go to the meeting.

Nominations were sought for representation on the Joint Parish Council for the coming year, in which a KHPC councillor would also be chairman. Cllr Wilkinson proposed, and Cllr Renfrew seconded, that Cllr Helliwell should be representative and chairman. Cllr Renfrew said she would be happy to be the second parish representative if dates were suitable. Clerk to send copies of recent minutes to John and Mary.

**ACTION CLERK**

**7 Ongoing matters/updates**

**a. Kirby Hill MSA** –The clerk reported on the latest RAMS meeting. The public inquiry beginning on 25 May 2010 at County Hall might not now include the two applications for MSAs at Baldersby Gate. These could form the substance of a second inquiry since the Inspector did not wish to delay the main inquiry.

Individual members of the RAMS team would be working over the winter on their relevant areas of expertise to be ready for the cross examination at the inquiry.

Gareth Owens, RAMS chairman, had updated the Kirby Hill website with a huge amount of documentation relating to the MSA, including a library of documents for the 2120 inquiry. This would grow as further documents from all the various parties were made available.

**b. B6265 Layby** - Donna Hodgson of NYCC Highways had visited the layby and agreed about the appalling state. She proposed a site visit. The clerk had given her a selection of dates and was awaiting her response. He

would then get a site meeting fixed with maybe a couple of councillors and the chairman. **ACTION CLERK**

- c. Commuted Sums** The clerk had received three quotes for the provision and planting of an oak or willow tree at the locks (from the £165 allocated from the Milby Crown Farm development). HBC's, at £106 inc VAT, was the lowest. Tuckers at £109 and Thorpe Trees at £163. Cllrs agreed to go with the Harrogate BC quote and for an oak rather than a weeping willow. **ACTION CLERK**

**d. Tree Planting through Yore Vision grants**

The clerk reported on meetings he'd had with Yore Vision and other parishes regarding the urgent need to get parish tree planting projects identified in order to secure the funding before the end of the financial year. Following advice and site visit from HBC's Arboricultural Manager (adviser to this YoreVision scheme) the clerk had proposed a row of hornbeams in Leeming lane by the layby and 5 oaks at the Helperby Road/Scaldhill Lane junction (nr Sion Hill).

**e. Army Foundation College**

DCllr Brown, who is on the College's Independent Advisory Panel, informed the meeting about the availability of a task force of 30-40 young soldiers available, through their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, for undertaking all sorts of community work and asked the council to bear them in mind. Cllr Helliwell considered that a project cleaning up the river and canal might be a candidate. It was thought this would be a suitable matter for the joint parishes to discuss. **ACTION CLERK**

**f. St John's Walk street signs/ street lighting**

The clerk reported that the additional street sign for the St John's Walk junction with Church Lane was on order and that NYCC had provided a case number to the promised investigation of the poor lighting between Pond House and the Blue Bell Inn.

**g. Meetings Change**

The Parish Meeting would now be on 27 April (not 4 May) in the Bradley Room. Ms Rankin of HBC would not, after all, be available to give her recycling talk.

## 8. PLANNING

**a. 6.47.52.B.OUTMAJ(EIAMAJ) 08/05860/OUTMAJ(EIAMAJ)**

Heather Ive Associates – MSA Kirby Hill see 7a

**b. 6.47.83.FUL 09/0007/REFPP**

**Shepherd 17 The Grange Kirby Hill**

Erection of first floor side extension.

*APPEAL GRANTED*

**c. 6.47.KIOSK 09/04681KIOSK Leeming Lane Kirby Hill**

Consultation. Clerk reported that BT had already confirmed by email that if parish did not go ahead with adoption of kiosk the service would still remain until a further consultation.

*Council agreed to respond to HBC as 'B' "PC objects to the loss of the telephony service because of its use in emergency and because not everyone always has mobile phone with them" AND 'D' "The PC does not wish to adopt the kiosk"* **ACTION CLERK**

- d. 3 Manor Drive – extension. Planning Enforcement query**  
*Extension was of such dimensions that planning permission was not required . Confirmed by HBC Planning – email, 17 November.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

***Coronation Hall Bradley Room (upstairs) at 7.00pm unless shown otherwise***

- 9 March**
- 27 April** (Annual Public Meeting) 7.30pm
- 4 May** (plus Parish Council AGM) (Downstairs meeting room)
- 13 July**
- 14 September**
- 9 November**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

**NEXT MEETING:    Tuesday 9 March 2010 7.00pm**

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