

## 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 14 November 2016, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Hick, Jones, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass and Martin Rae (Clerk).

The chairman welcomed Ian Hick to his first meeting as Councillor representing Thornton Bridge parish and was sure that his wide experience and local involvement would be of great benefit to the council.

**1. APOLOGIES for absence:** Cllr Merson, DCllr Brown

**2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS:** Cllr Hick 4c,4f &6c

**3. MINUTES of the meeting** of 12 September 2016, having been distributed previously and amended at 6b (DCllr Brown Report), were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman following proposal by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Helliwell. Matters arising not covered in agenda – none.

### 4. FINANCE

**Clerk reported:**

- a) Balance at 14 November 2016 **£4,320.51** (expected 31/3/17 balance £3,000)
- b) AA Foster Grass cutting 2<sup>nd</sup> half year **£385.00 payment agreed**
- c) Coronation Hall rent of room **£8.00 payment agreed**
- d) HBC precept 2<sup>nd</sup> half year **£1,600 rec'd** 28 Sept
- e) Northern Electric Wayleave **£49.38 rec'd** 28 Oct
- f) S137 monies **paid:** BCC **£30.00**, Beyond Pews **£30.00**, Royal British Legion **£35.00**

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

**a) HBC – Request for Parish Precept calculation for 2017/18**

The clerk had distributed a draft calculation to councillors prior to the meeting outlining a need for £4,000 but indicating that the end of year balance of circa £3,000 gave the option of retaining the precept at current year's level of £3,200.

Cllr Helliwell proposed a precept of £4,000, seconded by Cllr Jones. Carried by a majority vote.

Cllr Wilkinson commented that this would show as a 25% increase on the parish portion of a household's council tax – albeit a small actual amount.

**ACTION CLERK**

**b) HBC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN Consultation** The consultation period had started on 11 November and was due to finish on 23 December. The clerk had previously distributed information to councillors about accessing the plan and brief notes on certain aspects of it. Cllr Hick considered that it was very important for the parish council to submit comments. The chairman proposed that a separate meeting should be held to discuss the council's response once councillors had had more time to look at the plan and perhaps attend the display in Boroughbridge's Jubilee Room on 22 November.

**ACTION CLERK**

**c) HBC Written answer to question raised at Parishes Consultation 24 Oct**

This had been copied to Cllrs by the clerk soon after the consultation meeting. The question had been submitted by Cllr Merson and concerned the role of parish councils in commenting on planning applications, with special reference to Kirby Hill and district. The written answer had clarified the issue and was generally welcomed by councillors although it had not addressed the concern that parish councillors frequently felt unqualified to comment since they lacked sufficient knowledge about 'planning grounds'. Cllr Hick considered that parish councils' comments were taken very much into account and that planners valued the 'local knowledge' that these comments provided.

### 6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

**a) NYCCllr Windass** reported on the role of the HBC Planning Referral Committee, which he chaired, and reiterated the point made earlier by Cllr Hick about parish council's comments being taken seriously, especially where they were about material planning concerns.

In DCllr Brown's absence he also talked briefly about HBC's finances stating that at the end of the second quarter the savings achieved mounted to nearly £250k.

Regarding NYCC the main ongoing, and as yet unresolved, issue was the proposed Devolution, the outcome of which could be an elected mayor for a Greater Yorkshire.

Cllr Windass spoke of the local matter of a proposed HGV ban in Boroughbridge about which a further meeting with NYCC Highways was to be held on 17 November.

The Allerton Waste Recovery Plant was progressing well and it was noted that comments had been made regarding the chimney being not as intrusive as at first feared. The plant was due to start test runs in 2017.

Cllr Windass ended his report with the information that NYCC had been nominated by other councils as the best local authority in the country.

Cllr Widdows told him of the trouble he and Cllr Collins of Langthorpe PC were experiencing in getting NYCC Highways to take action on the dangerously weak state of the wooden guard rail on the footpath in Leeming Lane opposite the entrance to St. John's Walk. Cllr Windass agreed to look into the matter and report back.

**b) DCllr Brown** Cllr Brown had sent his apologies.

**c) BACLA** Cllr Helliwell reported that all was going to plan and that BACLA would take over the running of the library on 1 December, based on a Service Level Agreement with NYCC and working in partnership with Northallerton. He reported that BCC were very satisfied with their new premises above the library.

**d) Flood Committee** Cllr Helliwell reported on the recent visit by Andrew Percy, Minister for Communities. The minister, with members of the Boroughbridge Flood Committee and HBC Emergency Services, toured the areas on Milby Island that are prone to flooding and fortuitously met one of the residents for a lively exchange of views. The Boroughbridge Flood Committee was acknowledged by the minister as a model of good practice.

**e) Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG)** Nothing to report. The October meeting had not taken place.

**f) 'Developing Your Skills as a Councillor' Course 7 November** Cllr Jones had attended this and reported that he had found it excellent and enjoyable. He brought to the meeting some of the notes, a selection of which the clerk will scan for the benefit of other councillors. He also mentioned a booklet that was available as a 'good guide' for councillors. The clerk will contact YLCA for more information.

**ACTION CLERK**

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

**a) Waste Land** below All Saints Drive. The clerk had visited Mr and Mrs Knaggs, of Lantern House, earlier in the week. They were now much happier with the state of the land and with the work undertaken by Adam Ellis on the new fencing. Mrs Knaggs had written a letter of thanks to Mr Ellis, copied to the parish council.

**b) Milby Island Management Project** – Cllr Merson had asked the clerk to report to the meeting that the project was still alive but progress was slow. He and Mike Collins of Langthorpe PC hoped to have a first meeting of interested parties in the near future.

**c) NYCC Highways issues** – the clerk reported that he had again chased NYCC Highways Area 6 about the 'siding out' of the Leeming Lane footpath. They had confirmed that the order for this work was still 'on the books' but very low priority. Cllrs again discussed the option of having volunteers do the work but problems with this approach included insurance for roadside working.

Cllr Jones asked if consideration could be given to electronic vehicle-activated signs being erected on Leeming Lane at both ends of the 30mph speed limit area. It was agreed that the clerk would investigate this further and report back at the next meeting.

**ACTION CLERK**

**d) Village green benches** – The clerk had obtained a quote from Tiffney Joinery for £504 (inc VAT) for the replacement of timbers on both the benches for which Cllr Smailes had previously obtained a higher quote. Cllrs discussed the alternative of using 'plastic wood' similar to the seat at the entrance to Skelton Road and the chairman asked the clerk to investigate the possibility of obtaining replacement planks made of this material.

**ACTION CLERK**

**e) Land at the corner of Leeming Lane and St. John's Walk** Cllr Hick considered that this small patch of land, formerly maintained by NYCC and now badly neglected, provided an opportunity for some type of improvement project similar to those recently completed by the Brighter Boroughbridge Partnership. He had already made tentative approaches to this group who, despite having a lot on their plate at present, showed some interest in the idea. Cllrs agreed that this was worth pursuing and that Cllr Hick should discuss the matter further with the Brighter Boroughbridge group. Cllr Hick suggested that residents of St John' Walk should also be invited to take part in any resulting project since it was important to have nearby residents at hand for ongoing maintenance.

**ACTION CLLR HICK**

**8. PLANNING**

**a) 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 APPLICATION – RESERVED MATTERS*

**b) 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.

*RESERVED MATTERS DECISION PENDING*

**c) 6.47.30.C.OUTMAJ 16/02152/OUTMAJ**

**Land South of Home Farm Church Lane, Kirby Hill**

**Outline** Application for residential development of up to 34 dwellings with access considered Mr and Mrs P Ellis

*PENDING DECISION*

Tree Preservation Order (TPO 46/2016) made on three sycamore trees

**d) 6.47.81.A.FUL 16/03577/FUL**

**Hillcrest, Hillcrest Gardens Kirby Hill**

**Mr and Mrs Poole**

Demolition of existing extension, erection of single storey extension, erection of porches and alteration to fenestration.

*GRANTED*

**e) 6.57.66.B.PROW 16/04429/PROW**

**Footpath 15.94/3/1 Field 439448 467406 Milby**

**Harron Homes**

Diversion of 500 metres of footpath due to creation of new housing development for a period of 18 months.

*THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS ON GROUNDS THAT CLOSURE OF THE FOOTPATH (NOT A DIVERSION AS INDICATED ON APPLICATION) IS DETRIMENTAL TO A HEAVILY USED PUBLIC AMENITY.*

Next Meetings (2017)    **16 Jan 13 Mar 8 May (inc AGM) 10 Jul 11 Sept 13 Nov**

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

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