

# KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 9 March 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, Renfrew, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown, and Martin Rae (Clerk)

- 1 Apologies:** NYCCllr Watson, BB Police, Cllr Merson, Cllr Lister, Cllr Parr
- 2 Code of Conduct:** Cllr Wilkinson expressed an interest in agenda items 7a,7b and 8a
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting** held 12 January 2010 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed.  
Matters arising:  
DCllr Brown referred to the matter of the task force available from the Army Foundation College. He explained that the force was intended for use on 'meaty' projects where a platoon-sized group (40-45 young soldiers) could be deployed, rather than for use on smaller jobs that had been suggested .
- 4 Finance**  
Balance 9/03/10 - **£2,438**  
Rent of room to pay £8.00  
HBC Maintenance grant rec'd £327.60
- 5 Correspondence**
  - a) NYCC Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme**  
Notice of cessation of the scheme
  - b) HBC Dept Community Services**  
North Yorkshire Housing Strategy. This explained that a new single housing strategy was nearly complete and could be viewed on the website. Cllrs were confused about where this fitted in with the housing strategy in the LDF. DCllr Brown asked what people's views were about the need for affordable housing in the area and considered it would be worthwhile for the parish to do its own survey in advance of the one HBC may be doing later in the year. He would discuss this first with other parishes in the Newby ward for their views on conducting their own surveys. It might then be possible for a standard approach by all the parishes on this.
  - c) HBC Dept Community Services – Emergency Planning Event**  
It was agreed that the clerk(as a member of the Boroughbridge Emergency Committee) and Cllr Renfrew would attend this training in Ripon on 30 March
  - d) HBC Dept Development Services – LDF consultation**  
An 8-week period of consultation would begin in September 2010 on the future planning of rural settlements identified for growth in the Core Strategy. Kirby Hill was a 'group C' settlement, which would only have limited growth.
- 6 Clerk's/Councillors' Reports**
  - a)Police Liaison** – Cllr Helliwell, chairman of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group, reported. The next meeting of the group was 10 March at which

people would be asked again to put forward their ideas on priority areas for policing. Cllr Helliwell explained that three new priorities had to be agreed each quarter and that it was increasingly difficult, in an area of low crime, to come up with these. The Joint Parishes meeting on 4 March had also discussed the issue and had suggested drug/alcohol abuse amongst youngsters. While this was not generally thought to be a suitable candidate for a priority, since much work was already being done by the police and others on awareness, John would raise it as a possibility. Cllr Renfrew felt that more could be done to prevent shops/pubs selling to under-age children. On the matter of police 'surgeries', which had only come to councillors' attention by chance, Cllr Helliwell would recommend at the meeting on 10 March that these should be advertised more widely than in the Boroughbridge & Knaresborough police website.

**b) Joint Parish Council** – the clerk reported on the 4 March meeting at which a main topic for discussion had been councillors concerns about the future of community use of the newly refurbished sports centre. The clerk had been asked to write to the High School's governing body to find out how the centre proposed to handle demands from the community for use of the Centre. The next Joint Parishes meeting had been moved from 17 to 10 June and would be in the meeting room at the Health Centre.

## 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 would not include the two MSA applications at the A61 Baldersby junction. These would be the subject of a later inquiry. The Leeming Bar applicant would be presenting written evidence only to the inquiry so the original timetable for the RAMS evidence would probably change. See also 7e.

The Chairman asked whether the problem of drainage from the proposed MSA site would be put forward as a significant argument in the RAMS case. The Clerk would check but understood it would be covered in the environmental evidence.

**ACTION CLERK**

**b. B6265 Lay-by** - Donna Hodgson and Alan Jobling of NYCC Highways would be meeting the Clerk at the lay-by on 16 March to discuss actions to be taken to close the lay-by to overnighting lorries. See also 7d.

**ACTION CLERK**

**c. Commuted Sums - Trees at Milby Lock.** Sean Wright had agreed that the sum of £78 allocated to Milby island (from the 5 Manor Drive development) could be used alongside the £165 allocated to Milby verges (from the Crown Farm development) to enable two trees to be planted.

The planting was due to take place on 10 March and the clerk would meet HBC staff at the site

**ACTION CLERK**

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

The clerk reported that NYCC had refused to give planting licences for the lay-by and for the selected sites on the Helperby Road. This was ostensibly due to interference with traffic sight lines and possible underground services. The Clerk would take up the issue at the meeting at the lay-by on 16 March and would also discuss with NYCCllr John Watson the county's apparent new policy on tree planting in its verges.

**ACTION CLERK**

**e. April 27 meetings**

The Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April would possibly be used as an opportunity for the RAMS to update people about the MSA inquiry. This would mean a larger attendance than usual and the need to set up the

Bradley studio with chairs following the Beavers' vacating the room at 7.30. It was proposed therefore to start the Annual Parish meeting at 7.45. The AGM would be at 6.30 in the downstairs meeting room and the ordinary council meeting would follow the annual parish meeting. DCllr Nick Brown advised that he would be away on holiday on 27 April and asked for his apologies to be noted.

**OTHER Business (not on agenda)**

Cllr Renfrew reported that one of the new triangular 'Children' signs on the Helperby Road at Humberton had gone missing from its pole. The clerk would let NYCC Highways staff know during his meeting with them on 16 March

**ACTION CLERK**

Participatory Budgeting: The clerk handed out invitations from Rural Action Yorkshire to a workshop on this subject, to be held on 25 March at Harrogate Pavilions.

Parish Noticeboards: rather than pursuing the idea of replacing these the clerk had received an estimate from a local painter of £60 each for stripping down and varnishing with three coats. Cllr Wilkinson proposed accepting this. Seconded by Cllr Renfrew. All agreed.

**8. PLANNING**

- a. **6.47.52.B.OUTMAJ(EIAMAJ) 08/05860/OUTMAJ(EIAMAJ)**  
Heather Ive Associates – MSA Kirby Hill see 7a
- b. **6.47.KIOSK 09/04681KIOSK Leeming Lane Kirby Hill**  
HBC had written to BT with its observations, supporting the Parish Council's objection to the loss of the telephony service and recommending that the public amenity be maintained as a card payment system.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 27 April** AGM 6.30pm, Annual Public Meeting 7.45pm followed by Ordinary meeting
- 13 July**
- 14 September**
- 9 November**

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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