

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 11May 2015 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

PRESENT: Cllrs Helliwell (Chairman), Lawson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllrs Merson and McKenzie.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS: none declared.

3. MINUTES of the meeting 9 March 2015, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING: None

5. FINANCE Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 11 May 2015 **£4,117.25**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room: **£8.00 payment agreed**
- c) HMRC PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar **£97.38 paid**
- d) HBC Precept 1st half year **rec'd £1,911.00**
- e) HBC Council Tax grant 1st half year **rec'd £89.00**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) PKF Littlejohn re Internal Audit. Audit forms and instructions.
Cllrs approved and the Chairman signed off the Annual Governance Statement 2014/2015
The clerk would contact Cllr McKenzie regarding attending the internal audit meeting on 13 May.
The chairman said he would be prepared to attend if Cllr McKenzie was unable to do so.
- b) HBC Parishes bulb scheme. Invitation to apply for bag of daffodils, crocus or wild flower seed.
Cllrs agreed to take up the offer of crocus bulbs. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) AON Insurance renewal request. Cllrs discussed the alternative quotation which the clerk had obtained from Zurich and which was the same except for war memorial cover which was £15,000 compared with AON's £30,000. Renewal through AON £318.75. Zurich quote £282.80.
Cllr Smailes proposed switching to Zurich. Seconded by Cllr Lawson. All agreed. **ACTION CLERK**

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) NYCCllr Robert Windass's report

NYCC Matters: A further £62million in savings still have to be made by the Council. A New Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council will be elected at a meeting on 13 May.
93% of parents in the county have been successful in their first choice of primary school.
In DCllr Nick Brown's absence Robert also reported on HBC matters: The issue of grass cutting, and the number of cuts per year, was still under discussion – with some concerns in Harrogate about the effects on grass cutting of the Stray. Charging for the green recycling bins was also under discussion – another example, in Robert's view, of poorly thought out 'officer led' initiatives for cutting the budget.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) Kirby Hill Traffic Calming** – Cllr Lawson had still not received a reply to his follow-up letter to 95 Alive. He will write again, as a resident, to complain about the fact of receiving no reply.
- b) Overgrown footpaths** – the 'siding out' had been done in March by Adrian Morrison, whose quote at £400+VAT was the lowest of three (Philip Tucker's and Simon Crossley's quotes had both been over £500. Cllr Smailes proposed that the village green footpath should be 'kerbed' to inhibit the growth of grass across the path. Other councillors did not favour the idea but the chairman did not object to Cllr Smailes investigating the matter further but with a clear understanding that there is absolutely no commitment to the 'project' on the part of the Council. **ACTION CLLR SMAILES**
- c) Church Lane footpath (Milby to Kirby Hill)** The chairman reported that the state of this footpath, part of 'the Langthorpe Loop', was much improved, especially since the scouts had carried out a

thorough litter pick. He had thanked Mike Collins and the scouts on behalf of the parish council. The clerk will contact John Collinge of NYCC Highways regarding the timing of the first of the year's agreed twice yearly 'topping' of the lane. **ACTION CLERK**

- d) Village Green matters** – Concerns about residents' using the driveways across the green for car repairs etc. had been raised. They related to properties in Manor Drive that had access over the green. The clerk agreed to look into the question of legal ownership of the access drives before any further action is taken. **ACTION CLERK**

Cllr Smiales enquired about the stone purchased by the council from the stone mason John Maloney (at the time of the proposed rebuilding of the well cover) and now stored on Richard Wilkinson's farm. The clerk reported that John Maloney, who had the option to buy back the stone, had died. Cllrs agreed that efforts should be made to sell the stone and Cllr Wilkinson was asked to send the clerk a photograph of the stored pallet. The clerk would approach local stone merchants with a view to obtaining prices before reporting to the next meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

9. PLANNING

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

Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement
ONGOING

b) 14/00323/PR15 Planning Enforcement

9 The Grange, Kirby Hill – unauthorised fencing
PENDING

c) 6.47.90.FUL 15/00264/FUL

7 Manor Drive Kirby Hill - Erection single storey rear extension
GRANTED

d) 6.57.67.FUL 15/00193/FUL

West View Leeming Lane Milby - Erection of single storey extension
GRANTED

e) 6.57.20.REM 15/00336/REM

Canalside Milby Reserved matters for erection of one dwelling (permission 6.57.20.D.OUT)
GRANTED

Next Meetings 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

Meeting ended at 7.48pm

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