

KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
(Incorporating: Kirby Hill, Milby, Thornton Bridge, Humberton and Ellenthorpe)

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held at 7.00pm. on 11 September 2012 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given.

Present: Cllrs. Helliwell (Chairman), Lister, Smailes, Sowray, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Watson and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1 Apologies: Cllrs Parr & Sowray

2 Code of Conduct: The new Code of Conduct, based on that adopted by HBC, was formally adopted with unanimous agreement.
Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in agenda item 9a

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 17 July 2012 – the minutes, 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 as at 11Sept **£447.90**
- b) VAT REFUND **£184.00 received**
- c) HBC Advance on precept (2nd half yr) **£200.00 received**
- d) Mazars Audit fee **£144.00 payment agreed**
- e) Rent of Room **£8.00 payment agreed**
- f) HM Revenue PAYE 3 months (Jul, Aug, Sept) **£97.38 payment agreed October**
- g) 3 months Clerk's back salary (Jul, Aug, Sept) **£389.61 payment agreed October**
- h) **Donations agreed** British Legion Wreath £35, Beyond the Pews £30, BB Communicare £30
(Cllr Smailes normally collected the wreath and agreed to do so again)

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Julian Smith MP** advising on his 'On Your Doorstep Tour' and his 15 minute session at the BlueBell Inn on 21 September. A copy of this letter had previously been copied to all councillors and posted on the noticeboards.
- b. **HBC – New Parish Consultation arrangements.** Kirby Hill & Dist PC in Group 3 and to send two representatives to the meeting on **3 December** 6.00pm Ripon Town Hall. The chairman and Cllr Widdows agreed to attend **ACTION CHAIRMAN and CLLR WIDDOWS**
The deadline for submission of written questions was 19 November and this would be an item for next meeting, 13 November.
NYCCllr Watson expressed some concern about the highly structured format of these meetings.
- c. **HBC – North Yorks Rural Housing Week 1-5 Oct** Invitation to the 4 Oct half-day seminar on affordable housing (at Hampsthwaite) No volunteers.
- d. **NYCC – Highways and Transportation Service Funding** .Information about budget for potholes and reduced budget for highways maintenance over next two years. Significant cuts also to the Integrated Transport Programme

7. CLERK'S/COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a. **Police Liaison/SNG** - Cllr Helliwell again lamented the poor attendance at these meetings but considered that the low level of crime in the area and the absence of policing issues meant that people had little incentive to attend. He had 64 names on his mailing list for the meetings. BB Mayor Liz Vose had been very helpful in trying to 'drum up' attendance but the key 'problem' was the lack of issues.
- b. **Joint Parish Council**
Cllr Helliwell had emailed councillors with a report on the 6 September meeting. Regarding the Allerton Park Incinerator NYCCllr Watson explained that the Planning Committee of NYCC would be meeting on 23 October. HBC, as the major statutory consultee had consistently opposed the plan. It was probable that the application would be 'called-in' and a public inquiry held.
Cllr Watson also informed the meeting that the Springfields Home for the elderly, in Boroughbridge, was to be redeveloped elsewhere in the area as an Extra Care facility. The existing site would be sold as it was not large enough to use for this purpose.
- c. **BACLA** Cllr Helliwell reported that there would be an Open Day on 6 October for potential users of the Jubilee Room (now managed by BACLA)

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

a. **Boroughbridge Localism Initiative and YoreVision partnership proposal.**

The chairman reported on a recent meeting to discuss the Localism Initiative proposals put together by BB Town Councillor Graham Archer. He stressed that these were in no sense an attempt by Boroughbridge Town Council to take over neighbouring parishes. It was early days in an attempt to make some sense/use of the Localism Act and the 'Big Society' ideals by proposing a local group from the parishes around Boroughbridge that could have the power to take action on certain shared local issues. It could become just another 'talking shop', but it could also become a useful body with teeth, able to get things done. Cllr Helliwell also stressed that he had been representing the parish council at the meeting and he needed to know if other councillors felt it worthwhile to pursue the idea further. All councillors had been emailed with copies of Graeme Archer's outline proposal. The Chairman suggested that one example of a possible area in which such group might successfully get things done was the whole area of transport, roads, bus timetabling etc.

Cllr Wilkinson proposed and Cllr McKenzie seconded that the chairman should attend the next meeting of the Boroughbridge Localism Initiative but not commit the parish council at this stage to any further involvement. This was agreed by the council.

The chairman reported that he had also been invited to a YoreVision meeting on 17 September to discuss the formation of a 'Neighbourhood Partnership'. The paperwork on this had also been previously copied to all councillors. While there was perhaps some small difference in geographical coverage between this and the BB Localism Initiative the two proposals clearly overlapped. Cllr McKenzie volunteered to attend the meeting with Cllr Helliwell.

ACTION CLLR McKENZIE

b. **Village Well** The stone, costing £429, was now stored at Manor Farm and will be included in the Assets Register. The leaflet about the Kirby Hill Wells, produced by Brian and Linda Dooks, impressed all the councillors. It was understood that a copy of the leaflet would go to Boroughbridge Library's Local History section and another to the archives in Northallerton library. The council wished to express their gratitude to Mr and Mrs Dooks for the amount of hard work and enthusiasm they had put into the project. The clerk would write to them accordingly.

ACTION CLERK

Cllr McKenzie reported that Kirby Hill school children had last term completed a project about the well and he passed round a little booklet in which children had put forward ideas and shown their support for commemorating the well. Cllr Smailes considered that there were a few people in the village who would also like to see the well, as part of the village's history, commemorated in some way.

The clerk was asked to write to the school's head teacher to express the council's appreciation of the children's enthusiasm and to encourage them to put forward some proposals for commemorating the well, for the council to consider. As guardian of the village green the parish council would clearly need to approve any structure/object that would be placed permanently on the green.

ACTION CLERK

c. **NYCC Highways issues - and bench outside school**

The Clerk had chased a number of outstanding issues:

-tree at 42 St John's Walk. NYCC are establishing ownership of the pavement before contacting the occupiers about the removal of the tree.

-footpath Leeming Lane from The Grange northwards. NYCC agree it is their responsibility to clear back the growth but it is lowest priority. They will provide supervisor if the parish employs volunteers to clear the path. Clerk had checked the insurance position and the council would be covered under its policy. Cllrs undecided at this stage whether to proceed along these lines.

-30mph signs. The yellow-backed signs near the school are going to be removed and taken to replace those in Leeming Lane at the northern approach to Kirby Hill

-bench outside school - NYCC confirm their permission not required to replace bench as the verge at this location does not form part of "the publically maintained highway". It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the bench, which was not yet regarded as dangerous but Cllr Smailes considered its shabby state was an affront to the school and was keen to replace it sooner rather than later.

d. **Church Lane Milby to Kirby Hill** the Clerk had been discussing the state of this lane with NYCC who are responsible for its maintenance. NYCC had merely referred to the landowners on both sides having responsibility to maintain the hedges but the clerk had impressed upon them that NYCC was responsible for maintaining the lane itself, which was now practically unusable as a footpath. Action from NYCC still awaited.

e. **Bus timetables/routes** Complaints had originally been put to the Annual Parish Meeting by a member of the public, Mrs Mavis Smailes. The JPC had taken up the issue and Mike Collins of Langthorpe PC and chairman of JPC had received a letter from NYCC in response to queries/complaints about unsatisfactory timetabling on the Boroughbridge to Ripon route. It

was a negative response on all three issues raised: joint ticketing between Eddie Browns and Harrogate Coach Travel (Connexions); additional journeys; different routing on some journeys. NYCC's significant cuts to the Integrated Transport Programme (see 6d) were the main reason for lack of any progress here. Cllr Helliwell commented that this was just the sort of issue a larger partnership of all councils through the Localism Initiative (8a) might be able to tackle more effectively.

- f. **Village Green** – the Clerk had received a letter and plans from Mr Hornby of the Old School House seeking the council's permission for him to solve a flooding problem adjacent to his house by building a 'collection edging' at the end of the driveway in order to funnel water to an underground drainpipe leading to a soakaway. Cllrs saw no problem with this and the clerk was asked to write to Mr Hornby giving permission as long as all work was understood to be done at his own risk and the green's appearance would not be changed in any way.

ACTION CLERK

g. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

13 Nov (2012)

(2013) 15 Jan, 12 March, 7 May (also AGM), 9 July, 10 Sept, 12 Nov

All 7.00pm Bradley Studio Coronation Hall

9. PLANNING

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

Heather Ive Assoc. Erection of MSA Kirby Hill

Appeal Ref 09/00043/REFPP

INQUIRY OUTCOME DELAYED – NO NEW DATE GIVEN

b. **Planning Enforcement Case 12/00046/PR15(NEW)**

1 Market Hill Milby Complaint about height of single storey rear extension

DECISION PENDING

c. **Planning Enforcement Case No 12/000256/PR15**

7 St John's Walk Kirby Hill

Loft Conversion

DECISION PENDING

d. **6.57.4.N.FUL 12/02632/FUL**

Russell Hume Ltd Milby

Retention of two storage containers.

PENDING.

e. **6.57.4.O.CLEUS 12/02641/CLEUD**

Russell Hume Ltd Milby

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of yard for storage of drums, pallets etc.

Councillors had discussed this by email at end of July and had submitted "No comments to make" to HBC. The clerk had also written to the site's neighbour, Mr Metcalfe to explain that the parish council had no other option than to submit 'no comment' as no councillor was in a position to contradict or support the applicant's claims.

f. **6.47.46.U.FUL 12/03441/FUL (received after publication of agenda)**

Hornby – School House, Church Lane, Kirby Hill

Erection of single storey and first floor extensions.

Cllrs agreed to submit "No Objection" to HBC

ACTION CLERK

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

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