

## 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 12 January 2015 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Helliwell (Chairman), Lawson, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass, DCllr Brown (from 7.45pm) and Martin Rae (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES for absence:** Cllrs Lister, McKenzie, Widdows and DCllr Nick Brown (who attended from 7.45pm)

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

**3. MINUTES of the meeting** 10 November 2014 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 12 January 2015 **£2,984.20** (anticipated balance at 31 March 2015 – circa £2,000)
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room: **£8.00 payment agreed**
- c) ArborTech (pollarding) **£450+VAT payment agreed**
- d) Langthorpe PC **£250 paid** as contribution to defibrillator for Coronation Hall
- e) HMRC PAYE (Oct/Nov/Dec) **£97.38 payment agreed**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **HBC Parish Estimates** The clerk had distributed prior to the meeting a calculation for £4,600. This would increase the reserve by £1,000 and include greater contingency for grass cutting and possible village green and tree work. Cllr Wilkinson proposed a precept of **£4,000** as in 2014/15 – still allowing an increase in reserve but reducing contingency for tree work. Seconded by Cllr Parr. **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **HBC – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Commuted Sums.** Update on delayed introduction of CIL due to Local Plan having to be redone. Changes in ‘Commuted Sums’ from April 2015 will prevent sums from more than 5 developments being pooled towards a single project (eg village hall/play area etc.) Robert Windass reported that progress was being made faster in Hambleton and Ryedale districts with CIL. He thought that parish councils would receive 20% to 30% of the funding available through CILs.
- c) **NYCC – bus service changes** - due to sudden withdrawal of Eddie Brown contract. New timetables and services on 142/143 route now in place. All agreed that NYCC’s actions in getting services running again so quickly had been commendable.
- d) **HBC – Council Tax Support Grant 2015/16.** The parish will receive a grant of £178 (accountable as part of the precept).
- e) **HBC – District Local Plan - Parish Council Workshop 4 March.** Cllr Merson had applied and will attend as the parish council’s representative at this. **ACTION CLLR MERSON**

**7. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS & MEETINGS**

- a) **NYCCllr Windass’s report** – Cllr Windass reported on further cuts of £62m to be made by NYCC by 2020 on top of the £94m savings already made. ‘Back office’ staffing would possibly reduce by 52% and front-line staffing by 30%. He gave the example of Area 6 Highways, where there were now just 2 gangs working where there had previously been four. The Area Manager, James Malcolm, had also had to take charge of Area 5 in addition to Area 6. He reported that the NYCC portion of Council Tax would increase by 1.99% and thought that Fire and Police services would introduce a similar increase in their portion.
- d) **DCllr Brown’s report** – Cllr Brown reported that for the sixth year running HBC would not be introducing an increase in Council Tax. He was confident that HBC were managing their finances well and considered that the proposed accommodation changes for council offices would achieve the expected savings.

**8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES**

- a) **Kirby Hill Traffic Calming** – Cllr Lawson had received the report from the ‘95 Alive’ Safety Partnership and was concerned that their survey, in not finding a problem with speeding in Church Lane, had failed to address the specific issue of the primary school. The possibility of requesting a 20mph limit outside the school was discussed and this could involve an approach to the police or NYCC Highways. In the meantime, however, Cllr Lawson agreed to draft a response to ‘95 Alive’ for comment by other Cllrs and it was further agreed that the council would also write separately in support. **ACTION CLLR LAWSON, CLERK**  
Cllr Lawson had also been dealing with a complaint from a resident in Manor Drive regarding perceived speeding at the junction with Church Lane, where traffic turns off from Leeming Lane. This area was already within the 30mph limit and, as visibility is regarded as good, Cllrs felt there was really nothing that could

be done. The same resident had also complained about the footpath across the green (see 8b, below) and about the need for additional street lighting in the area of the bus stop. The clerk had already looked into the possibility of additional lighting and the costs had been prohibitive. He would contact the resident to explain.

**ACTION CLERK**

**b) Overgrown footpaths** –Clerk was still chasing NYCC Highways on this and reported that Deborah Flowers of Highways Area 6 would raise the matter at the Highways meeting on 13 January with a view to giving it increased priority. The clerk had told her that some wheelchair and pram users were using the road as the footpath had now become too narrow. It is unacceptable that residents are putting themselves at risk because of the lack of a proper footpath.

**c) Church Lane to Milby 'footpath'** Cllrs agreed that this was much improved since the hedges on both sides of the lane had been cut by Lister Farms and the surface in between "topped" by NYCC but they were concerned that the stretch of some 50 metres just north from Grange Farm was in such a terrible state that it ruined the walk, which was part of the promoted 'Langthorpe Loop'. This stretch is still part of Church Lane, a class 6 Highway. The clerk suggested that John Colling of NYCC Highways, who had agreed to maintain the 'footpath' by topping it twice a year, might be the best person to investigate ways of improving this stretch. NYCCllr Windass said he would make an initial approach.

**ACTION CLLR WINDASS**

## 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) 6.57.66 OUTMAJ 14/04003/OUTMAJ**

Gladman Developments Ltd. Application for up to 176 dwellings with access considered.  
Field at 439448 467406 Milby  
*PENDING*

Next Meetings 9 Mar 11 May (inc AGM) 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

Meeting ended at 8.00pm

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