

KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 12 July 2011 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, Lister, McKenzie, Merson, Parr, Widdows and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1 Apologies:, Cllr Wilkinson, NYCCllr John Watson, DCllr Nick Brown

2 Code of Conduct: no declarations

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 3 May 2011 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4 Finance

- a) Balance 12/07//11 - £2,870
- b) HM Revenue – PAYE 3 months £97.38 Payment agreed
- c) Rent of room £8.00 payment agreed
- d) AA Foster grass cutting £290.00 payment agreed
- e) PWLB loan 1st half-yr instalment paid 9 June - £728.64

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NYCC – Countrywide civil parking enforcement. Cllr Smailes and the clerk will complete the questionnaire
- b. NYCC – Update on Mobile Library Service. Noted
- c. BT Payphones – phone box adoption scheme – after some discussion it was decided by majority not to proceed with adoption
- d. HBC Community Services – Commuted Sums Training. There was no interest in the course to be run on 3 Aug. Many councillors had recently had training.
- e. NYCC Highways/Transportation Plan to 2015/6. Priorities noted..
- f. HBC – Grounds Maintenance grant – to be increased from £337 to £350 for 2011/12 – noted
- g. NYCC – reduced opening hours at household waste sites. Closed Wednesdays from 1 July. Noted.

6. CLERK'S/COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a. Police Liaison/SNG - Cllr Helliwell reported on the recent meeting and the latest encouraging crime figures.
- b. Joint Parish Council – John Helliwell reported. Many of the issues discussed at the last JPC meeting were on the current meeting's agenda. Other items included roof colour of large industrial buildings, the possibility of another attempt to have a hydro electricity plant on the Ure and complaints about the number of adverts being posted on the roundabouts around Boroubridge. Full minutes available through application to the clerk.
Cllr Helliwell also reported on the previous evening's meeting in Boroubridge to discuss the findings of the 'Audit' of venues/facilities in the BB area. The JPC had been a stakeholder in this consultation commissioned by YoreVision . The main outcome was that no new building was required, just better information about the 15 existing facilities and their booking arrangements.

- c. **BACLA** – Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association. John Helliwell reported on the sound progress bring made towards a library in Boroughbridge staffed by volunteers from April 2012 but with a small input of NYCC paid staff. The system being pursued by BACLA was being regarded as a model for other category 2 libraries across the county.
- d. **Community Links** - John Helliwell reported on the recent meeting of this group whose purpose is to improve relations between the community and the High School. Much progress had already been made to eradicate the 'negative vibes' of recent years.
The Chairman thanked Cllr Helliwell for the four excellent reports outlined briefly above.
- e. **Coronation Hall** The clerk reported on a meeting of the Managment Committee. Finances and bookings are healthy. The letting rates showed themselves very favourable compared with other venues in the recent facilities 'audit' (see 6b above). A decision to instal solar panels has been put on the 'back burner'.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a. **B6265 Layby and other Highways issues** the clerk reported that the seeding of the mound had been done by NYCC. Other work requested (eg removal of duplicate 30mph signs and repair of damaged signs) would now be affected by the new priority schedules (see 5e above).
- b. **Commuted sums** the Clerk reported that the monies available in the cemeteries allocation could not be used for the purchase of wheelbarrows. The requested transfer of £999 playground equipment funds to the Langthorpe play area was unlikely to be sanctioned by HBC following an audit of the play area which showed it to be fully satisfactory.
- c. **Village Well** Following the damage to the well by vehicle impact in June (driver unknown) and subsequent inspection it was unanimously agreed that the unstable stone cover be cordoned off with security fencing as a matter of urgency. Discussion about possible repair/restoration of the well cover and the issue of funding would take place over the coming weeks.
ACTION CLERK
- d. **Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2010** It was unanimously agreed that Kirby Hill parish council should join up with Langthorpe to organise a celebration of this event (as in 2002 for the Golden Jubilee). Cllrs McKenzie and Merson agreed to act as main collaborators with Langthorpe. Clerk to inform Langthorpe PC
ACTION CLERK
- e. **Allerton Park Incinerator** it was agreed not to send the letter to NYCC Leader, drafted by the clerk and distributed in advance of the meeting. The JPC had written and had received a reply from the Leader of NYCC.
- f. **Affordable Housing development** The Clerk reported that a Mr Barrie Corscadden, of Rural Housing Projects Ltd., had contacted him to request a meeting with some of the Kirby Hill councillors to discuss his plans to develop the 'affordable housing 'exception site' on the west of Leeming Lane just north of the Grange. The clerk had met Mr Corscadden briefly at the end of June. It was agreed that the Clerk would organise a meeting between Mr Corscadden and the Chairman and other three Kirby Hill councillors asap.
ACTION CLERK
- g. **Overhanging tree 42 St John's Walk** – John Ellis Builders, owners of the footpath, had no plans to pursue this matter.

- h. Noxious weeds on riverbanks** Cllr Merson had expressed concern that nothing was being done by landowners to eradicate and prevent the spread of 'introduced' weeds such as giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam. These were now rife on Milby Island and along the river banks. The clerk was asked to write to British Waterways.

ACTION CLERK

8. 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
DECISION DELAYED – NOW EXPECTED End February 2012
- b. 6.57.30.E.FUL 11/00016/FUL**
Grantham Barns Milby Conversion of attached garage to form 2 storey dwelling.
REFUSED
- c. 11/00068/PR15 Planning Enforcement**
Russell Hume Ltd Old Goods Yard Milby. Complaint regarding use of site. *NOT UPHELD*
- d. 6.47.85.FUL 11/02553/FUL**
Mitchell – Pebblethwaite, Leeming Lane, Kitby Hill
Erection of detached garden store.
Councillors neither objected to nor supported the application but asked the clerk to comment that the height of the building, at 4 metres, seemed excessive and could potentially interfere with the adjacent property, Stonehaven.

ACTION CLERK

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

NEXT MEETINGS

13 Sept 2011 7.00pm Coronation Hall
8 Nov 2011 7.00pm “

SIGNED..... DATE.....