

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held at 7.10pm. on 7 May 2013 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given. The Meeting followed the Annual General Meeting

Present: Cllrs. Helliwell (Chairman), Lister, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1 Apologies: Cllr McKenzie and DCllr Nick Brown

2 Code of Conduct: No interests declared

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 15 January 2013, 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 12 March 2013 **£1151.68**
- b) Grass cutting HBC Maintenance grant 2012 **Rec'd £365.05**
- c) Room hire to pay **£8.00** payment agreed
- d) PAYE 3 months Jan, Feb, March to pay **£97.38** payment agreed

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Police and Crime Commissioner N. Yorks re Consultation.** It was agreed that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire (See also under DCllr N Brown's report 7a.)
- b. **Barrie Corscadden** re Affordable housing development in Kirby Hill. This item was taken out of order, before 5a, in order that DCllr Brown could leave the meeting early. Request from Mr Corscadden for councillors to let him know their views on the NEED locally for affordable housing – in connection with his proposals to seek approval for 10 to 12 units in the field north of the Grange. Councillors had difficulty in dealing with this request, not knowing how to assess the need, short of some detailed questionnaire/survey. The clerk told of his discussion the previous day with Jenny Jacobs at HBC regarding the 2011 Strategic Housing Market Assessment. This had shown there to be 43 households in the Boroughbridge sub-area needing affordable housing. Councillors 'gut feeling' was there there was not, however, much need in the immediate locality. The Clerk would report back to Mr Corscadden and copy recent emails to DCllr Brown
Clerk would also invite Jenny Jacobs to speak at the Parish Meeting on 7 May **ACTION**

CLERK

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a. **DCllr Brown' Report** (taken out of order before 5a)– Nick reported that he would be attending a Briefing meeting on 13 March regarding the new waste collection scheme, which was to be 'rolled out' more widely following a pilot scheme. He would report back through the Chairman. Regarding the 'Crime Plan' of the new Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, which was now up for consultation (see 6a. above) he reported that HBC councillors had discussed it and made several comments. There had been concern that no mention was made of the Safer Neighbourhood Groups and he personally, with his "Plain English" hat on, was irritated by the language used in the plan, some parts of which had been beyond all the councillors' abilities to understand.
On Council Tax he was pleased to report that for the fourth year in a row, HBC (and NYCC) had been able to freeze council tax levels.
- b. **Safer Neighbourhood Group** – Cllr Helliwell had nothing to report as there had been no meeting since the Parish Council last met.
- c. **Joint Parish Council** Next meeting 14 March. Cllr Helliwell would be attending. Cllr Smailes gave his apologies. Issue of Milby Island and state of riverside walks on agenda.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS.

- a. **Church Lane (aka Back Lane) Milby to Kirby Hill** There had been some improvement in the state of this following work done by Cllr Merson and his wife and some hedge trimming by farmer John Ward.
- b. **Parish Email List** Cllr Helliwell reported that there had been a meagre response to this idea. It had been a well-meaning but failed experiment. He would arrange, however, for those who had 'subscribed' to get relevant information by email.
- c. **Riverside/canal walk – Milby Island** The Clerk reported on a recent meeting between

representatives of the Canals and Rivers Trust (successor to British Waterways) and Mike Collins, John Helliwell and himself. The Trust would be doing work in May to restore the area to its autumn 2012 state. They had heightened the canal tow path at the point where the canal and riverside paths meet and had tried to turf it. Mike Collins would start negotiating with the Trust over the possibility of Langthorpe Parish Council taking over the contract for grass cutting and maintenance. The Trust had not attempted to control the spread of Himalayan Balsam as they saw it as a battle that could not be won.

- d. **MSA** Nothing to report
- e. **Request for Memorial Tree on Green** – a request had come from a resident of St John’s Walk for a memorial tree to be planted close to the junction between Church Lane and St John’s Walk. Because of the precedent that this would set and the implications for future maintenance of trees on the green it was not felt by the majority of councillors to be appropriate. The alternative idea of a bench with memorial plaque was raised and this had already been discussed with the applicant by Cllr Smailes as another option. It was agreed Cllr Smailes would follow this up with the applicant and report back to the council who would make a decision on the matter in due course. **ACTION CLLR SMAILES**
- f. **Bench and Litter bin at school gate** (See 8f above re: bench. Cllr McKenzie sent his apologies for not having had time to work with Cllr Smailes in obtaining quotes for benches) Cllr Merson raised the issue of the litter bin and councillors agreed this would be a suitable location for one should it be guaranteed that HBC would empty it. Clerk to pursue the matter with HBC and obtain quotes for bin. **ACTION CLERK**
- g. **YoreVision Walks Promotion** The clerk reported that as part of this promotion there would be a ‘public’ walk along the ‘Langthorpe Loop’ on the afternoon of Easter Sunday 31/3. All welcome – walk starts in riverside car park at 2.00pm

9. PLANNING

- a. **Planning Enforcement Case No 12/000256/PR15**
7 St John’s Walk Kirby Hill
 Loft Conversion
DECISION PENDING
- b. **6.57.4.N.FUL 12/02632/FUL**
Russell Hume Ltd Milby
 Retention of two storage containers.
GRANTED
- c. **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.
GRANTED
- d. **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.
GRANTED
- e. **6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON**
Thornton Manor Farm Cottages, Thornton Bridge
 Variation of conditions of planning permission after commencement of work
PENDING
- f. **6.57.34.C.PNT56 13/00011/PNT56**
BT Openreach – Installation of DSLAM Cabinet – footpath in front of Lock House
GRANTED

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

Next Meetings 7 May 2013 (inc AGM and Parish Meeting) Times TBA
 9 July 2013
 10 Sept 2013
 12 Nov 2013

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