

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 November 2013 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

PRESENT: Cllrs Helliwell(Chairman), Lister, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Widdows, DCllr Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllr McKenzie

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS: Cllr Wilkinson item 8d

3. MINUTES of the meeting 3 September 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 at 12 Nov 2013 **£4,567.58**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room **£8.00 payment agreed**
- c) AA Foster grass cutting 2nd half yr **£330.00 payment agreed**
- d) Precept 2nd half yr **£3,125.00 received**
- e) Northern Powergrid wayleave **£46.47 received**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Julian Smith MP- Invitation to agriculture summit 15 November, Kettleasing. Clerk had previously forwarded this to councillors with farming interests but no takers for the hour long 'summit'

b) NYCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – notification of proposed changes for 2014, including charging for soil and rubble waste.

c) HBC District Local Plan consultation on CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and SCI (Statement of Community Involvement). Documents relating to this had been distributed by the clerk prior to the meeting. It was felt that there was insufficient information/understanding of the issues to enable completion of the consultation questionnaires. Cllr Merson, who had read a significant portion of the complicated documentation, considered the CIL was yet another "tax" that would filter through to higher prices for house buyers and consumers. He disagreed with the principle of the levy on developers, arguing it would be another factor deterring growth in the local economy. He particularly wanted to know what would happen to the funds HBC *would have had* to spend on infrastructure, were the CIL not being charged. DCllr Brown agreed that the proposals and accompanying documentation were very complicated but noted that they were part of a national programme that HBC was merely working to implement. It was also not clear to what extent the proposals replaced or supplemented the existing commuted sums procedure. Cllr Wilkinson fully supported Cllr Merson's views. DCllr Brown suggested asking Mr James Langler, of HBC Planning, to come to talk about this issue and the SCI to councillors in the parishes of Newby Ward. It was agreed that this would be helpful. In the meantime it was proposed by the chairman and unanimously agreed that the consultation questionnaires should not be completed yet, even though the deadline for submission was 29 November. DCllr Brown also suggested that it might be useful for the parish council to consider drafting a Neighbourhood Plan since this would enable 25% of the CIL to be routed to the parish rather than just 15%. Cllr Merson had already observed that the parish had had enough problems trying to spend the funds it had received through commuted sums/106 monies.

d) Boroughbridge Community Care letter of thanks for the £25 donation from the parish council

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) SNG(Safer Neighbourhood Group) Cllr Helliwell reported that Craig Linton had taken over from Andy Chapman as Inspector. Recent issues discussed at meetings had been speeding in Boroughbridge by agricultural vehicles and burglaries in Kirby Hill and Dunsforth. While crime figures had risen by 0.5% in the area this was from a very small base and this part of North Yorkshire was still one of the safest and most law-abiding in the country. Cllr Smailes commented that crime patterns were changing and that the police needed all the support they could get in order to fight the new types of crime eg.cyber crime.

Cllr Helliwell reported that in future there would probably be just two meetings of the SNG in a year but that other meetings could be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

b) Joint Parish Council (JPC) The minutes of the last meeting (5 September) had been distributed to councillors. The next meeting was 5 December and Kirby Hill Parish Council will take over the chairmanship of the JPC for 2014.

c) HBC Parishes Consultation Meeting 11 November Cllr Widdows reported that the meeting had been constrained by the time schedule and that very few of the questions raised had received satisfactory replies. (Kirby Hill Parish Council had not tabled any questions). Questions had concentrated on three issues: planning, potholes and waste. Cllr Widdows had also raised the matter of litter bins remaining not being emptied. DCllr Brown explained that this was an issue being looked at since there were problems following the introduction of the new vehicles for emptying wheelie-bins. He reported that the matter was to be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting on 18th November. DCllr Brown had also found the Consultation meeting very unsatisfactory, mostly because the biggest proportion of questions related to NYCC Highways rather than HBC, who had called them meetings. The two NYCC staff at the meeting had not been wholly prepared for this. He also pointed out that 50% of all the questions submitted to the series of meetings had been sent in by the group 3 parishes attending the last meeting. On the matter of potholes he suggested that the parish councillors should take an active role in identifying, measuring and photographing those that needed attention and then reporting those with a depth of 4cms or more.

ACTION ALL CLLRS

d) Boroughbridge Community Resilience Plan A copy of the newly produced plan was circulated. Cllr Helliwell, who is on the Emergency Committee, explained that the plan, based on one created in Masham, was designed to be effective in all types of emergency, not just flooding. He had high praise for Ian Spiers, HBC's Community Resilience Officer.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

a) Kirby Hill Traffic Calming The clerk had not yet received a response from NYCC Highways to his request for information regarding the options available to the parish, together with costs liability. He had, however, spoken on the 'phone to NYCC Customer Services who had indicated that some kind of survey would be a necessary first step to identify if there was in fact a problem. The clerk would again chase Highways for their response.

b) Boroughbridge Car Park – financial assistance from parishes Cllr Helliwell reported that financial assistance did no longer seem to be sought by Boroughbridge town Council, who had now taken over the car park and were faced with annual running costs of 20k.

c) Manor Drive entrance roadway deterioration – the clerk had received an email from NYCC Highways stating that the problems were only "aesthetic" and not causing danger. He had reported this back to the residents who had raised the matter several months ago. They had in turn responded that improved street lighting in the area would improve safety at this junction.

ACTION CLERK

d) MSA Cllrs had all welcomed Gareth Owens news that the appeals (including one by Heather Ive Assoc.) against the Secretary of State's decision for the MSA to be at Leeming Bar had all been turned down.

e) Overgrown footpaths north of Blue Bell and across village green – Cllr Helliwell reported that he and Cllr Collins of Langthorpe Parish Council had jointly written to NYCC Highways with a prioritised list of paths needing 'siding out', including the one across Kirby Hill village green and the footpath alongside Leeming Lane north of the Blue Bell. The list had included several in Langthorpe parish. Cllr Smailes, with Mike Collins, had also measured the lengths of path edges needing attention. NYCC Highways had indicated that they would send someone out to do an inspection of the paths and it was agreed to await the outcome of that before considering any other courses of action.

f) Dates for 2014 meetings NB- Mondays 7.00pm as follows:

6 January
10 March
12 May (also AGM and Annual Parish Mtg)
14 July*
15 September
10 November

(* Cllr Smailes suggested that the July meeting be excluded. For discussion at next meeting)

9. PLANNING

a) Planning Enforcement Case 12/00256/PR15

7 St John's Walk Kirby Hill.

Now resolved

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

Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement

ONGOING

c) 6.47.85.FUL 13/03226/FUL

4 Church View Kirby Hill – erection of single storey side extension

GRANTED

d) 6.47.85.PROW 13/03931/PROW

4 Church View Kirby Hill – diversion of Right of Way
Parish Council – NO OBJECTIONS

e) Planning Enforcement Case No. 13/00450/PR15

Grantham Arms Milby – new extraction unit installed

f) 6.57.65.FUL 13/04299/FUL

Walnut Cottage Milby – erection of conservatory
Parish Council – NO OBJECTIONS

NEXT MEETING: 6 January 2014 7.00pm Coronation Hall

Meeting ended 8.20pm

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