

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 13 July 2015 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

PRESENT: Cllrs Helliwell (Chairman), Lawson, Merson (from 7.40pm) Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown (from 7.35pm) and Martin Rae (Clerk)

The whole council paid tribute to the late Madge Lister who had served as councillor for Ellenthorpe so diligently for several decades and whose friendliness and good sense will be missed by all her colleagues. The clerk had written to the family to convey the council's condolences.

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllr McKenzie and NYCCllr Windass

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

3. MINUTES of the meeting 11 May 2015, 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 13 July 2015 **£3,094.71**
- b) AA Foster Grass cutting 1st half yr (inc 3 extra cuts) **£415 payment agreed**
- c) HMRC PAYE Apr/May/June **£97.38 payment agreed**
- d) Coronation Hall rent of room: **£8.00 payment agreed**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NYCC - Awards for Community projects/groups/individuals**
Any suggestions for recommendation (of volunteers/individuals/groups/societies etc.) to be passed to clerk by end of July. Awards will be given for Best Community Project, Best Community Group, Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteering Award.
- b) **HBC – Required changes to Open Space and Village Halls SPD (Suppl. Planning Doc.)**
With immediate effect the commuted sums rules change so that none will be forthcoming on developments of fewer than 10 dwellings.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **NYCCllr Robert Windass** had sent his apologies and had nothing to submit as a written report.
- b) **DCllr Nick Brown** reported that a meeting would be held on 15 July to agree the HBC office accommodation proposals. The net cost of these would be £8.72m to be funded through internal borrowing but the annual saving would be £1m. Payback would be in about 7 years.
NYCC's proposed bus timetable changes/cuts should, at Nick's request, come before the Scrutiny Commission, of which Nick is Vice Chairman. He was very concerned about the effects the changes would have on rural communities, serving only to increase social isolation. The Chairman reported that many local residents, especially those who travel to work by bus, are upset about the proposals. The clerk would write to NYCC to pass on the parish council's strong objections to the timetabling proposals. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **Local Plan briefing for Parish Councils 9 July** – The clerk had attended this and had distributed by email, prior to the meeting, copies of the presentation pages. He drew particular attention to the 5 housing options for the Harrogate District for the period of the plan (up to 2035) and reported that the consultation itself was due to run from 17 July until the end of August. The parish council would shortly receive more documentation. Cllr Helliwell was keen that the parish council should take this very seriously and proposed the setting up of a sub-group to work on a consultation response. Cllrs Merson and Smailes volunteered to serve on this group. A date for its meeting would be set soon, once the consultation documentation had been received. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) **Boroughbridge Library** – Cllr Helliwell reported that the NYCC Library Service proposals had been accepted at a meeting of the full Council on 7 July and this meant that Boroughbridge Library

would either become a community 'managed' library from April 2017 or would cease to exist. The matter would be discussed at a BACLA meeting on 15 July. He thought it unlikely that Boroughbridge Town Council would be willing to manage and run the library in the present circumstances.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Kirby Hill Traffic Calming** – Cllr Lawson had received a long email from Honor Byford of NYCC Road Safety Awareness . This contained an apology from NYCC Highways for its failure to reply to his letter and to one from the clerk. It explained in detail the results of the speed survey in Church Lane and the reasons why the location was not regarded as appropriate for a 20mph speed limit. It was agreed not to pursue the matter further and Cllr Lawson lamented that only the 'substantive evidence' provided by an accident would enable the matter to be re-opened.
- b) **Church Lane footpath (Milby to Kirby Hill)** The clerk had contacted John Colling of NYCC Highways to request the first of the agreed twice yearly grass cutting of the lane. He was told that this would take place by the end of June. Since this had not happened, the clerk will contact Mr Colling again. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **Village Green matters** – the clerk was still investigating the matter of ownership of the driveways across the green to the Manor Drive properties but was fairly certain that occupiers of those properties merely had a right of way across the green. With regard to the possible sale of the stone stored in Cllr Wilkinson's barn the clerk had contacted two local stone merchants but they had not been interested since the stone was cut for a specific job (i.e. the rebuilding by stonemason John Maloney of the well-house on the village green). The clerk will continue to try to find a buyer. The possibility of trying E-Bay was mentioned. **ACTION CLERK**

9. PLANNING

- a) **6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON**
Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement
ONGOING
- b) **6.57.66.OUTMAJ 14/04003/OUTMAJ**
Gladman Developments Ltd
Outline applic for up to 176 dwellings Milby
OUTLINE GRANTED -AWAITING DETAILED APPLICATION – RESERVED MATTERS
- c) **6.57.63.A.FUL 15/02673/FUL**
2 Market Hill Milby
Erection of single storey, two storey and first floor extensions & demolition of conservatory.
The council's majority view was to object on the grounds that these extensions would result in a property out of character and out of proportion with the rest of the estate. Cllrs Widdows and Wilkinson abstained. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) **6.57.68.FUL 15/02537/FUL**
Ward's Barn, Tinkler Lane, Milby
Conversion of barn to form one dwelling and installation of package treatment plant.
The council agreed to support the application. **ACTION CLERK**

Next Meetings 14 Sept 9 Nov

Meeting ended at 8.08pm

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