

# KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 13 September 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, McKenzie, Parr, Renfrew, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCClr John Watson, DCllr Nick Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk)  
One member of the public attended.

**1 Apologies:** Cllrs Lister and Merson

**2 Code of Conduct:** Cllr Wilkinson 8a

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held 12 July 2011 and special meeting 18 August 2011 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed  
**Matters arising** – Toxic Weeds: the Clerk had contacted British Waterways regarding the giant hogweed on the river banks. They had said that responsibility for dealing with this (and other weeds such as Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed) lay with the landowner.

**4 Finance**

- a) Balance 13/09//11 - **£2,248**
- b) Mazars audit fees **£144** inc VAT – payment agreed
- c) Rent of room **£8.00** payment agreed

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. NYCC – Winter Maintenance Parish Councils Scheme. Cllrs decided not to take part in scheme.
- b. HBC Consultation Meeting with Parishes. [Group 2] 6 October Arkendale. Cllrs Smailes and Wilkinson would attend the meeting but no questions/issues would be tabled by the council. Cllr Renfrew wondered if the toxic weeds problem could be raised. DCllr Brown considered that this fell within one of his areas of responsibility and he would take it up with HBC and report back to the Clerk.
- c. NYCC Consultation – Sustainable Community Strategy. The questionnaire was completed during the meeting.

**6. CLERK'S/COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS**

- a. Police Liaison/SNG - Next meeting 27 Sept. Cllr Helliwell again said how difficult it was to get agenda items in such a crime free area. DCllr Brown reported that the Chief Constable had considered the Boroughbridge and Knaresborough SNGs were 'beacons' for others to follow
- b. Joint Parish Council – Next Meeting 15 Sept. No issues were raised to take forward.
- c. BACLA – Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association. John Helliwell reported that nothing had happened since the last meeting but that the solution being followed by Boroughbridge was being cited as the way forward for Category 2 libraries in the county. NYCClr Watson was concerned, however, that in other areas where costs would be higher (eg because of fewer volunteers) the County might not be as willing to approve this solution.
- d. Rural Broadband Meeting 1 Sept. - Mary Renfrew reported on the recent meeting led by Geoffrey Rutherford, Chairman of Marton-le-Moor Parish Council to discuss the NextGenUs proposals for improved rural broadband in

the Newby area. She explained the three different tariffs, the symmetric nature of the proposals (ie faster upload as well as download) and the fact that users could dispense with the need for a landline. As soon as 60 potential users were 'signed up' the system could be developed. DCllr Brown, who had also attended the meeting explained that the system could be up and running as early as Christmas. NYCCllr Watson urged some caution, saying that in the next two to three years much bigger initiatives to improve broadband in rural areas would be implemented so it could be a mistake to make too long a commitment to such as the NextGenUs scheme. DCllr Brown was very concerned about the lack of transparency in the process regarding access to NYCC's NYNet £700k. funding for such schemes.

Cllrs Parr, McKenzie and Helliwell wondered what all this had to do with the parish council. NextGenUs was, after all, a commercial organisation. The clerk explained that the parish council had merely assisted Geoffrey Rutherford through making people in the area aware about the opportunity by dropping leaflets through the doors of all households in the parish, as Langthorpe Parish Council had also done. It was then entirely up to individuals as to whether or not they pursued the matter further. The parish council was not actually endorsing the proposals, just giving people the chance to find out about them.

## 7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a. **Kirby Hill damaged well cover** – The clerk reported that Allianz Insurance had agreed that the council go ahead with the quote from John Maloney, Stonemason of Ripon. He confirmed that Mr Maloney would start work on 17 October. Cllr McKenzie asked the clerk to check that the council's insurance would cover accidents to workmen in these circumstances.

### ACTION CLERK

The chairman read out some correspondence he had had with Kevin Cale, Community Archaeologist, about the possibility of the council working with the school and the Ripon Community Archaeology Project (RCAP) to produce a leaflet about the well. RCAP was already beginning a project to research old maps and photographs of the Kirby Hill area and would plan to work alongside the existing lottery funded Primary School Project. Cllr Smailes would continue to liaise with Kevin Cale (and Boroughbridge Historical Society's Linda Dooks) over this issue but Cllrs urged that the council should commit to no further expenditure on well-related matters without reference back to the full council. The clerk agreed to obtain confirmation that no expense had yet been incurred for Kevin Cale's services.

### ACTION CLERK

- b. **Queen's Jubilee 2012** Cllr Merson had apologised that he would be unable to attend the first joint meeting with Langthorpe on 28 September owing to hospital treatment. Cllr McKenzie, the other representative of KHPC, would be able to attend.
- c. **Allerton Park Incinerator** NYCCllr Watson had reported earlier in the meeting that AmeyCespa's planning application had been lodged with NYCC at the beginning of September and that a decision was expected in about March 2012.
- d. **Affordable Housing Kirby Hill** The Clerk reported that Barry Corscadden had now arranged to meet Carter Jonas, agents for the landowners (Rooker Hill Trust) and hoped to submit a planning application very soon to HBC for 8 affordable dwellings on the 'Exception Site' north of the Grange on Leeming Lane.

**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  
Inspector's report now with Sec of State. *DECISION EXPECTED End February 2012*
- b. **Planning Enforcement Case 11/00325/PR15**  
**Grantham Barns Milby** Erection of block and render wall. *ONGOING*
- c. **6.47.85.FUL 11/02553/FUL**  
**Mitchell – Pebblethwaite, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill**  
Erection of detached garden store.  
*REFUSED*
- d. **6.47.53.B.FUL 11/03565/FUL**  
**Mitchell – Pebblethwaite, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill**  
Erection of detached garden store **REVISED SCHEME**  
The council had no objections **ACTION CLERK**
- e. **6.47.21.G.FUL 11/002217/FUL**  
**Townend – Bluebell Caravan Park Leeming Lane Kirby Hill**  
Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings  
Cllrs discussed this at special meeting 18 August 2011 [See Minutes]
- f. **6.57.43.B.FUL 11/03183/FUL**  
**Moorhouse – Myton Gates, Moor Lane, Milby**  
Erection of single storey garage extension, workshop and home office  
Cllrs discussed this at special meeting 18 August 2011 [See Minutes]

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

**NEXT MEETING 8 Nov 2011 7.00pm Coronation Hall Bradley Room**

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