

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held at 7.00pm. on 15 January 2013 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given.

**Present:** Cllrs. Helliwell (Chairman), McKenzie, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, PC Waite, CSO Smith and Martin Rae (Clerk)

**1 Apologies:** Cllrs Lister and Sowray, DCllr Brown and NYCCllr Watson

**2 Code of Conduct:** Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in agenda item 8e

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held 13 November 2012 – the minutes, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4 Matters Arising** – 6b The clerk reported that he had completed the HBC Council Tax questionnaire  
7d The clerk had written to the commander at Dishforth airfield (Capt. Green) but had had no reply (possibly none needed)

**5 Finance - Clerk reported**

- a) Balance as at 15 Jan 2013 **£1096.37**
- b) HM Revenue PAYE 3 months paid **£97.38**
- c) Parish estimate **£6250** agreed by HBC
- d) Mole and Wasp Control(Milby mole problem) **£50.00 payment agreed** (see 8d)

**6 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Marie Curie.** Request for £180 donation. Not agreed. Council adhering to policy of making donations only to the agreed three charities..
- b. **NY Rural Housing Enabler** Request for parish councils to suggest plots of land suitable for low cost housing development. Cllrs considered that this had been looked into before, to no avail, by Barrie Corscadden in conjunction with local landowners.
- c. **Briefing Note NYCC Broadband Provision.** Update on programme for 2014. (90% of properties in N Yorks to achieve 25mgb/sec by end of 2014)
- d. **Rural Action Yorkshire** Invitation to discover more about the **Winter Weather Agent Scheme** and information about applying to set up such a scheme. After lengthy discussion it was considered not practical to proceed with this in the parish – and that ‘good neighbourliness’ was to a large extent already serving the function of looking after the elderly and vulnerable. It was agreed, however, to proceed with the suggestion of building an email database of the parish residents (see 8c)

**7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS**

- a. **Police Liaison/SNG** - Cllr Helliwell, PC Waite and CSO Smith reported. Cllr Helliwell again explained the difficulty in getting agenda items for the SNG meetings since crime levels in the area were fortunately so low. The police officers present reported about some local theft of wood and oil fuels, also about a recent incident of trotting racing on the A168 which had attracted folk from the travelling community all over the country. Next meeting 22 Jan.
- b. **Joint Parish Council**  
Cllr Helliwell reported that the next meeting would be on 14 March. He and Cllr Smailes would attend. Following comments from Cllr Merson it was suggested that an agenda item should be the state of the river/canal bank walk following extensive works.
- c. **Emergency Planning** Cllr Helliwell reported that the Boroughbridge Emergency Committee was now held up as a model of how local resource groups should work. He was also encouraged by the excellent level of support from the emergency team at Harrogate Borough Council. He reported that the Dunsforths had joined the scheme.
- d. **HBC Parishes Consultation meeting 3 Dec 2012** . Cllrs Helliwell and Widdows reported that this had not been a useful or rewarding experience. There was a feeling that HBC and NYCC Highways were merely carrying out their obligatory consultation duties as a routine task - to tick as having been done.

**8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS**

- a. **Boroughbridge Partnership** Cllr Helliwell reported that there was still uncertainty about the future of the partnership initiative and a lack of clarity about the role of any such group . He reported that Boroughbridge Town Council had decided to set up a sub-committee to look at the transport issues that had been flagged up in the partnership discussions.
- b. **Church Lane (aka Back Lane) Milby to Kirby Hill** The Clerk had confirmation from NYCC Highways that the maintenance of this lane was their responsibility but that lack of funds meant

that they would not be able to attend to it in the foreseeable future.

- c. **Parish Email list** (Ref also to item 6d above). It was agreed that a mailing list would be a useful idea, of potential benefit both to the community and the council. It was also agreed that steps should be taken to get people's views about this. Cllr Helliwell would draft a piece to go in 'Beyond The Pews' and the Clerk would arrange a hard copy flyer to be used for those properties in Thornton Bridge and parts of Humberton that did not receive BYP.

**ACTION CLLR HELLIWELL and CLERK**

- d. **Milby Moles** Cllr Merson had arranged for a mole catcher to deal with the problem on the verges at the entrance to Tinkler Lane. While he volunteered to pay the invoice himself Cllrs agreed that the council would pay (see 5d) There were precedents for the council paying for dealing with Moles both in Kirby Hill and in Milby.
- e. **MSA** Appeals against the SoS decision had been lodged by HIA and the developers of the two Baldersby sites
- f. **Bench at school entrance** Recent inspection had revealed that the rotting state of the bench did not yet make it dangerous. It was agreed, however, that a replacement would be necessary soon and investigation should be made into the various alternatives, including benches made out of concrete and metal. Cllrs Smailes and McKenzie would do this and report back to the next meeting with costs etc. In the meantime Cllr Widdows would continue to monitor the state of the bench and the degree of rot.

**ACTION CLLRS SMAILES, McKENZIE and WIDDOWS**

## 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.  
*PENDING.*
- 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.  
*PENDING*
- d. **6.57.30.G.FUL 12/04067FUL REVISED**  
**Umpleby – Grantham Barns, Milby**  
Conversion of attached garage to form dwelling (revised application)  
*GRANTED*
- e. **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.  
*PENDING*
- f. **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*

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Next Meetings 12 March 2013  
7 May 2013 (inc AGM)  
9 July 2013  
10 Sept 2013  
12 Nov 2013

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