

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 24 January 2012 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. Smiales(Chairman), Lister,Merson,Parr, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (Clerk)  
The Chairman welcomed local residents Brian and Linda Dooks and Ian Hick to the meeting, specifically for discussion of item 7a. which was taken out of order.

**1 Apologies:** Cllrs Helliwell, McKenzie, NYCCllr Watson and DCllr Brown

[7a Village Well – discussion and decisions taken at this point – see under 7a below]

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

**3 Minutes of the Meeting** held 8 November 2011 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed

**4 Finance**

- a) Balance 24/01/12 - **£2,833**
- b) HM Revenue PAYE quarterly payment to 5/1/12 **£97.38 paid.**
- c) rent of room - **£8.00** payment agreed
- d) HBC Maintenance Grant **£359.93 rec'd**
- e) PWLB Loan 2<sup>nd</sup> half yr payment **£728.64 paid**
- f) AJ Hawkridge Security Fence rent 5.5 months **£358.80**inc VAT payment agreed
- g) Donation (path clearance)Army Foundation College **£25** payment agreed

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **HBC Electoral Registration Office** Electotral Register 2012 now received and with Clerk.
- b. **NYCC Transportation and Highways questionnaire** Agreed that this should be completed by Clerk. **ACTION CLERK**

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

- a. Police Liaison/SNG - Cllr Helliwell had distributed minutes of the last SNG meeting to members of the council, together with latest crime figures and details of new personnel for Boroughbridge police.
- b. Joint Parish Council – Cllr Helliwell , through the clerk, reported that he proposed to stand down as one of the Kirby Hill and District parish representatives on the JPC. He had served for a number of years both as member and chairman. The clerk asked for volunteers to replace John, and possibly Mary Renfrew, the second parish representative. There was no immediate interest but Cllr Merson said he may attend the next but one meeting and Cllr Smiales offered to attend the next meeting on **15 March**. It was suggested that the same two representatives need not attend each meeting and that the representation could be shared across the council.
- c. BACLA – Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association. John Helliwell, BACLA Secretary, had written to local parishes to ask for a one-off donation towards the setting up costs of the new volunteer-based library and through the clerk had intimated that £200, the amount pledged by Langthorpe, would be greatly welcomed. As the council was due to contribute £500 towards the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and in view of the extremely worrying financial position due to the unexpected costs on the village well, there was some debate about how far the council could contribute to either cause. The clerk was asked to discuss with Langthorpe the possibility of reducing the Jubilee contribution so that at least some contribution (£150 suggested) could be made to the library, which was regarded as the more worthy cause. **ACTION CLERK**
- d. Emergency Committee. In Cllr Helliwell's absence the Clerk reported on recent developments that had clarified the role of the BB Emergency Committee in conjunction with the other emergency agencies, HBC, NYCC etc.

**7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS**

- a. **Kirby Hill damaged well cover** – The Clerk outlined the recent problems that had been discovered following the stone mason's removal of the damaged stone cover. The opportunity had been taken to enable good photographic records of the well-shaft to be taken, including a video (thanks to Geoff Harris of Skelton Windmill) and to allow local archaeologists and historians to view the shaft. It was immediately clear, however, that a collapsed section of the shaft wall was in too dangerous a state to carry the weight of a new stone cover. The advice of a structural engineer (recommended by HBC) was sought and his report confirmed that the

shaft, if left unrepaired, would present a high risk to life. (Report dated 23 Jan 2012 from James Lang-Burns of McGregor Lang, Consulting Structural Engineers). The least costly option put forward was for the well shaft to be filled in and the hole underground to the south of the well (caused by the shaft collapse) also to be back-filled.

Brian Dooks and Ian Hick both advised caution and suggested contacting HBC and the Environment Agency since there were certain procedures to follow when filling in a well. The Clerk was asked to take this forward and to obtain quotes for filling in using appropriate material – following discussion with relevant parties.

On the matter of the stone cover, the clerk was asked to discuss with the stone-mason the possibility of cutting back on the size and character of the stone cover, although it was known that the stone had been ordered and cut. Cllrs Merson and Parr favoured the most basic option of a level concrete cap similar to that used at the well by the war memorial.

The clerk would investigate the options and report back to the four Kirby Hill councillors

**ACTION CLERK**

The Chairman had already been discussing with Linda and Brian Dooks about the possibility of producing a small booklet recording the well and acknowledged all the research that Linda had already done. Cllr Parr suggested, following a discussion he had had with NYCC Archives, that a copy of this also be lodged with County Archive, who had expressed an interest. The Chairman agreed to take these matters forward.

**ACTION CHAIRMAN**

- b. **Queen's Jubilee 2012** The clerk reported that Mike Collins had called a meeting for 30 January. Cllr Merson had originally planned to attend but was now unable to do so. Cllr McKenzie would also be unable to attend. The Clerk would attend (see also under 6c above)

**ACTION CLERK**

- c. **Bench replacement outside school** The clerk had written to Mr Backhouse, joiner, to explain that the council would not now be requiring a new bench in the immediate future. The Chairman still had some concerns and would continue to monitor the state of this bench.

## 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

*New Inquiry to start in Harrogate on 21 Feb, possibly lasting 8 days. The main focus for the new inspector would be on the Baldersby applications but access arrangements at the HIA proposal at Kirby Hill would also be addressed. Gareth Owens of the RAMS would organise the response to any new HIA evidence which was due to be distributed to parties. A RAMS meeting had been arranged for 30 Jan.*

- b. **Planning Enforcement Case 11/00325/PR15**

**Grantham Barns Milby** Erection of block and render wall. **NOW REGARDED BY HBC AS A CIVIL DISPUTE OVER LAND OWNERSHIP AND NO FURTHER HBC ACTION NECESSARY**

- c. **Planning Enforcement Case 12/00010/PR15**

**1 Market Hill Milby**

Query erection of extension as PD (09/00584/HPC) and extension (02/01344/FUL)  
**HBC TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION**

- d. **6.57.30.F.FUL 11/05149/FUL**

**Umpleby- Grantham Barns Milby REVISED SCHEME (see also 8b & 8c)**

Conversion of attached garage and erection of first floor to form attached dwelling. Councillors decided neither to support nor object. The detail of the application was unchanged, the only difference being one of boundary definition and this was in dispute between the applicant and neighbouring property 1 Market Hill.

- e. **6.57.43.B.FUL 11/00135/HOUSER APP/E2734/D/11/2166462**

**Moorhouse – Myton Gates, Moor Lane, Milby**

**APPLICANT APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING REFUSAL**

- f. **6.57.7.D.FUL 11/05134/FUL**

**Jenkins – Canal House, Milby YO51 9BL**

Erection of single storey side extension. Replacement of roof over existing dining/utility room and removal of leylandii hedge  
**COUNCILLORS HAD NO OBJECTIONS**

- g. **6.47.48.C.FUL 12/00097/FUL and 6.47.48.D.LB 12/00098/LB**

**Hawkesworth Kirby Hill House Church Lane Kirby Hill**

Erection of two storey side extension and Listed Building Application  
**COUNCILLORS HAD NO OBJECTIONS**

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

**NEXT MEETINGS**

- 6 March 2012 7.30pm**
- 1 May 2012 (inc AGM and Parish Meeting) 7.30pm**
- 10 July 2012 7.00pm**
- 11 September 2012 7.00pm**
- 13 November 2012 7.00pm**

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