

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 3 March 2014 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

PRESENT: Cllrs Helliwell(Chairman), Lister, McKenzie, Parr, Smailes, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllrs Merson and Widdows, DCllr Nick Brown

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS: none

3. MINUTES of the meeting 6 January 2014, 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 3 March 2014 **£3,252.09**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room **£8.00 payment agreed**
- c) HBC Ground Maintenance grant for 2013/14 **£376.01 rec'd**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **HBC Register of Electors.** 2014 Register received. With Clerk.
- b) **HBC Consultation** – Draft Green Infrastructure Suppl. Planning Document SPD. Information about consultation process and details of website for further information.
- c) **HBC Sites and Policies DPD.** Examination Hearings. Information about dates for the Public Examination hearings and invitation to Pre-Hearings meeting on 17 March.
- d) **NYCC Minerals and Waste Joint Plan** – consultation. Information about submission of comments through website.
- e) **NYCC Highways** Proposed Thornton Bridge ‘Stopping-up’ Order. Application to be made to Harrogate Magistrate’s Court on 14 April. Parish Council had submitted ‘no objections’. NYCC Highways will give up rights of access (and responsibility) over the roadside verges which are now bound within the new residential development.

7. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **SNG(Safer Neighbourhood Group)** Cllr Helliwell – nothing to report. Next meeting 11 March. Not a single issue had so far been submitted for discussion.
- b) **Joint Parish Council (JPC)** The next meeting is set for 13 March and any items for the agenda should be referred to the clerk.
- c) **NYCCllr Windass’s Report** – The Boroughbridge to Ripon road (B6265) will be closed in both directions for around 4 weeks from Mid March – for essential repairs to a broken culvert near Bridge Hewick. Further savage cuts of around £74m in County Council spending are to be introduced on top of the £93m already earmarked. The effect of this was a 34% reduction in budget overall over the past 4 years. A further £5m, however, has been bid for pot-hole filling, with match funding being sought from central government

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Kirby Hill Traffic Calming.** Still awaiting action (speed survey?) from 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership
- b) **Overgrown footpaths** – It had been confirmed that the Order had ‘gone out’ for this work to be done (footpath siding-out north of the Grange and across village green). NCllr Windass reported, however, that a lot of routine work was being put on hold as priority was being given to areas on the Tour de France Grand Départ route.
- c) **Street Lighting Church Lane** – the clerk had received a complaint from a local resident about the poor lighting near the letterbox/noticeboard in Church Lane. The parish council had several years ago applied to NYCC for an additional light in this area (there was none between the Leeming Lane junction and the village green entrance to St John’s Walk). The clerk had chased this up, to be informed that HBC was now responsible for the street lighting in Church Lane, although NYCC retained responsibility for Manor Drive lighting and other lighting in the village). HBC’s David Oliver was now dealing with this matter and will be in touch with the clerk. The clerk has responded to the complainant accordingly.

- d) Moles** Moles had created a great deal of mess on the verges in Tinkler Lane, Milby and Cllr Merson had asked for the matter to go on the agenda. In the meantime, however, the clerk had been quite successful with mole traps and it was hoped the problem had been solved. No further action required for the time being.
- e) Seat outside school** It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for a replacement seat – to be submitted to the next meeting **ACTION CLERK and CLLR SMAILES**
- f) Canalside walk** Cllr Merson had asked for this to be brought to the attention of the council and the Chairman had taken and distributed photographs of the area of the canalside walk that was attracting particular attention. The iron hooks used to anchor the new turf were clearly visible and some of them a potential danger to mowing. It was more the general poor quality of the area's maintenance under the Canals and Rivers Trust, however, that was of concern, also to Cllr Mike Collins of Langthorpe PC. It was felt that the Trust had not lived up to its promise in early 2013 to tidy up the area. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Cllr Collins and possibly organise a joint approach to the Canals and Rivers Trust. **ACTION CLERK**

9. PLANNING

- a) 6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON**
Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement
ONGOING
- b) 6.47.85.PROW 13/03931/PROW**
4 Church View Kirby Hill – diversion of Right of Way
PENDING
- c) 6.57.65.FUL 13/04299/FUL**
Walnut Cottage Milby – erection of conservatory
GRANTED
- d) 6.47.86.FUL 13/04278/FUL**
Kirby House, Kirby Hill – Erection of two storey dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling.
PENDING

Any Other Business:

Cllr Lister asked if anything could be done about the deteriorating state of the road at the two bends near the entrance to Sion Hill Farm in Scaldhill Lane. The clerk will contact NYCC Highways.

A local resident had complained about a potentially dangerous spike of metal in the roadside verge near the farm shop in Leeming Lane, possibly left from a damaged road sign. The clerk will contact NYCC Highways.

The Chairman reported that Rev Askew planned to hold an event on the village green on 15 June and sought the council's approval. It was suggested that the clerk should find out the legal and insurance position first. NYCC Cllr Windass advised contacting Peter Jordan of HBC's Legal Dept.

ACTIONS CLERK

NEXT MEETING: 12 May AGM 2014 7.00pm Coronation Hall

Meeting ended 8.10pm

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