

# KIRBY HILL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 3 May 2011 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given. The meeting opened at 8.10 pm. following the AGM

**Present:** Cllrs. Smailes(Chairman), Helliwell, Lister, McKenzie, Merson, Parr, Renfrew, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Watson, DCllr Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk)  
From 9.15pm to 9.30pm PC Neil Waite and PCSO Nicki Smith

**1 Apologies:** None

**2 Code of Conduct:** Cllr Wilkinson 4e, 7b & 8a

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

## **4 Finance**

a) Balance 3/05//11 - £4,322

b) Clerk's salary to be taxed through **PAYE** from April 2011

Clerk reported that he was in process of registering the council as an employer under the system. The clerk had already reduced the monthly standing order payable to himself.

NYCCllr Watson and DCllr Brown both reported the problems that this was causing in some parishes. Cllr Brown suggested writing to Julian Smith MP to complain about the unnecessary bureaucracy

c) Rent of room **£8.00** Payment agreed

d) AON Insurance **£345.29** Payment agreed

e) J Wilkinson and Son **£60.00** Payment agreed (removal of uprooted tree)

f) Beyond The Pews sponsorship **£25.00** Payment agreed

g) HBC first half-year precept £2,200 rec'd

## **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

a)**HBC Cllr Michael Harrison – Waste Collection Review.** Details of waste and recycling collections proposals for 2012. Noted. DCllr Brown explained that HBC had taken Carlisle Council as an example and that it hoped to increase its recycling performance to 40% within two years of the new arrangements being introduced. Current performance was one of the lowest in the country.

b)**MAZARS Internal Audit** Internal Audit questionnaire Annual Governance Statement completed. Cllr McKenzie agreed to attend the Internal Audit meeting with other local councils on 13 May **ACTION CLLR MCKENZIE**

c)**NYCC Bus services changes.** Noted and new Eddie Brown timetables distributed.

d)**HBC Community Bulb Scheme** Cllrs agreed to take up offer of 500 crocus bulbs for collection in October. **ACTION CLERK**

## **6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS**

a)**Police Liaison – SNG** Cllr Helliwell (SNG Chairman) reported. There had been a slight increase in crime in the area but still relatively low. Issues raised by the public at the last SNG meeting had included criminal

damage at BB football pitch, rural theft and HGV parking problems in and around Boroughbridge.

Insp Chapman's statistics sheet was no longer being produced and this had caused concern, not least with PC Neil Waite, who was asked without notice to give a report at the last meeting. PC Waite considered that this work should more appropriately be carried out by office analysts. DCllr Brown would also raise the matter and urge a reintroduction of the statistical data sheets on the grounds that SNG groups need sound knowledge/information in order to do their work properly.

PC Waite considered that the new shift system was an improvement.

Cllr Helliwell reported that a higher profile in SNG for Neighbourhood Watch was being sought.

- b) **Joint Parish Council** The clerk reported that the next meeting was 2 June and asked for any suggestions for agenda items to be passed to him in next two weeks. Cllr Merson was not now able to join Cllr Helliwell as one of the parish council representatives at the meeting and Cllr Renfrew agreed to attend instead. **ACTION CLLRS HELLIWELL & RENFREW**

- c) **BACLA** (Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association) NYCCllr Watson and Cllr Helliwell reported. Cllr Watson gave the background of NYCC spending cuts, the £2.4m savings being made on the library service and the three categories of libraries affected. BB Library was in the category of substantial market towns which will be given NYCC assistance in setting up volunteer-based but council-supported libraries – hence the creation of BACLA, chaired by Cllr Helliwell.

Cllr Helliwell reported that BACLA had put in a bid to NYCC and Cllr Watson said this had been well received, being the first and most professional of the bids so far presented.

In response to a query from Cllr Smailes about the future of the mobile library Service Cllr Watson explained that most of the service would disappear, to be replaced by two 'super-mobiles'. If BB library managed to stay open, due to successful BACLA bid, the level of mobile service around Boroughbridge would inevitably be reduced.

- d) **Parish Councils Meeting on Allerton Park Incinerator 15 March 2011**  
Cllr Smailes had attended and gave a brief report. If it came to a public inquiry the objectors would need in the region of £115k. for the services of a barrister and they hoped to raise £30k from the parish councils. After discussion councillors unanimously agreed not to contribute. NYCCllr Watson also gave an update on the progress of the Amey Cespa Application, which was due to be submitted very soon to the planning authority.

- e) **HBC DCllr Brown** reported on the problems of the HIC (Harrogate International Centre) and explained that these were due to the recession and the fact that many fewer companies and organisations were holding major conferences and exhibitions at the moment. He said that the Conference Centre was undergoing a major refurbishment and expected that business was not lost for good but would return when the recession ended.

## 7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **YLCA Membership** The clerk had received a quote for £223 for a year's subscription. He had contacted Langthorpe parish clerk who had said they

were paying £240 pa. but had to date not made any use of any of the benefits of membership as far as she could recall. After some discussion councillors unanimously agreed not to proceed with membership at this time.

- b. B6265 Layby and other Highways issues** the clerk reported that NYCC Highways (Area 6 office, now relocated to Boroughbridge from Starbeck) were awaiting an end to the very dry conditions before seeding the mound. Cllr Parr also raised the issue of the numerous signs on the railings of the A168 roundabout. Councillors agreed this made a scruffy, tacky entrance to the village and the clerk reported that NYCC had not given permission for any of them. NYCC required a letter of complaint, however, before taking any action. It was agreed that the council should make an objection, requesting the signs' removal. **ACTION CLERK**  
Cllr Renfrew reported that nothing had yet been done to replace the missing 'children' triangular sign on the Helperby road just before Burton Cottages. The clerk would chase this up together with all outstanding issues relating to 30mph signs and directional signs in the area. **ACTION CLERK**
- c. Commuted Sums** – The Clerk was still awaiting a response from HBC about permitted uses of allocated cemetery funds and the transfer of allocated playground funds to Langthorpe PC.
- d. Village Well** The Chairman had hoped that Community Archaeologist, Kevin Cale would be at the meeting to discuss his findings but he had been unable to attend. Councillors were not inclined to support the idea of a plaque at an estimated cost of £200 but Cllr Merson proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, that the Chairman produce a concrete proposal for the next meeting – fully costed for both the repair work and the plaque, based on the findings of Kevin Cale and local historian Linda Dooks. **ACTION CHAIRMAN**
- e. Overhanging Tree 42 St John's Walk** – The Clerk had spoken to John Ellis Builders, owners of the footpath and road, and they had agreed to write to the occupants of No.42. No action yet taken. **ACTION CLERK**
- f. Litter/Clean-up** The Clerk had spoken to some members of the 16-strong litter picking group. While they were still active there was not the enthusiasm that had been earlier apparent. They were still willing to carry on however and the clerk had issued some new equipment to some members.
- g. Village Green Trees** Cllr Parr was concerned that the trees on the south side of the green were not receiving any attention, unlike those on the northern side. It was agreed that when quotes were sought next year for the pollarding of the north side trees these should include a maintenance survey of those on the south side.  
It was also agreed not to replace the tree that had been uprooted by recent gales and since removed. (Close to St John's Walk junction)

## 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  
*DECISION EXPECTED 25 January 2012*
- b. Appeal against Planning Enforcement – 1 Market Hill Milby.**  
*APPEAL NOT GRANTED.*

- c. **6.57.30.E.FUL 11/00016/FUL**  
**Grantham Barns Milby** Conversion of attached garage to form 2 storey dwelling.  
*COUNCIL OBJECTED*
- d. **6.57.6.K.FUL 11/00387/FUL**  
**The Old Barn Tinkler Lane Milby** Conversion of outbuilding and erection of linking single storey extension  
*GRANTED*
- h. **11/00068/PR15 Planning Enforcement**  
**Russell Hume Ltd Old Goods Yard Milby.** Complaint regarding retail use of site.  
*NOT UPHELD*  
**11/00121/PR15 Planning Enforcement Russell Hume Ltd Milby**  
 Complaint about noise, smell and HGV traffic access.  
*IN PROCESS*

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

**NEXT MEETING 12 July 2011 7.00pm Coronation Hall**

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