

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 6 March 2012 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given. The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs. Smailes(Chairman), Helliwell, Lister, McKenzie, Parr, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCLLr Nick Brown, PC Neil Waite, PCSO Nikki Smith and Martin Rae (Clerk)

The Chairman paid tribute to Len Proctor who had very recently died and recalled the many years of service he had given to the Parish Council in the past.

1 Apologies: Cllrs Merson and Renfrew, NYCCllr Watson

2 Code of Conduct: Cllr Wilkinson 6e,8a

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 24 January 2012 and special meeting 8 Feb 2012 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed
[6a taken at this point to allow the police attendees to leave the meeting early]

4 Finance

- a) Balance 6/03/12 - **£2,026**
- b) AJ Hawkridge invoice (Well filling) **£1,893inc VAT. Payment agreed**
- c) rent of room - **£8.00** payment agreed
- d) McGregor Lang Structural Engineer **£180 inc VAT PAID Payment agreed 8/2/12 mtg**
- e) VAT Refund Clerk has submitted **claim for £210.50**

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **HBC Electoral Registration Office** Electoral Nomination Forms and Guidance now received by clerk and handed out as appropriate. Closing date for Applications to be in at HBC 4 April 2012..
- b. **HBC – Localism Act2011** Changes to Standards Regime. Clerk outlined the main changes and DCllr Brown commented on the failings of the system with regard to parish councils prior to these proposed changes.
- c. **Barrie Corscadden (Affordable Housing)** Request for councillors to come up with names of other landlords possibly interested in selling land for affordable housing on exception sites in the parish. No ideas were forthcoming but DCllr Brown reported that Mr Corscadden's discussions with HBC and his attempts to interest landlords had to date not been successful. This he regarded as unfortunate since there was a definite need in rural areas. He explained that within his portfolio for Rural Affairs he was now chairman of a new Rural Members Advisory Group, consisting of the 16 rural members of HBC. This had set up a sub-group specifically to look at the problems of getting affordable housing schemes off the ground, led by DCllr Chris Brown of Wath Vale. This would report back to the main group's next meeting on 17 April.

6. CLERK'S/COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a. Police Liaison/SNG - Cllr Helliwell reported that there had been no SNG meeting since the last reported one and that things seemed fairly quiet on the crime front. He was not aware of any current issues that needed addressing. PC's Waite and Smith reported that just after Christmas there had been a wave of break-ins and theft from cars, and arrests had been made. Some had been the theft of catalytic converters, owing to their precious metal content and PC Waite explained that local police were working closely with scrap metal merchants to come to some kind of voluntary reporting scheme.
The recent 'Stop Theft' afternoon in the room above the Boroughbridge Library had not been particularly well attended and some, including DCllr Brown felt that the venue was not appropriate and the signage and advertising had been inadequate. Those who had attended, like Cllr Helliwell, had learned some useful anti-theft tips.
Both the police and councillors had felt a good lesson had been learnt about how to organise such an event. Bigger signs to attract passers-by as a 'pop-in' event were required.
Cllr Wilkinson asked about hare coursing. PC Waite said that this was not such a bad problem now but PC Smith reported a recent incident at Humberton.
- b. Joint Parish Council – Next meeting 15 March The Chairman had agreed to attend.
- c. BACLA – Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association. John Helliwell, BACLA Secretary, reported that NYCC had broadcast information about library opening times & closures which indicated that BB Library would be closed on a Wednesday. He had written to Julie Blaisdale, NYCC's Assistant Director of Library Services to complain that this was very unhelpful and to remind NYCC that ongoing discussions between BACLA and the county would

result in a 95% chance that Boroughbridge library would be open and staffed by volunteers on Wednesdays. DCllr Brown and NYCCllr Watson had agreed that it was a PR blunder for NYCC to use the word 'closed' just because the *formal* agreement with BACLA had not yet been signed. Cllr Helliwell reported that the next meeting between BACLA and NYCC would be on 15 March and it was hoped to get the Service Agreement signed. He said in response to a query from Cllr Widdows that the fund being set up with donations from the local parish councils was to be there for basic set-up costs, many of which were unknown at this stage but would include costs of maintaining the suite of rooms above the library, for which BACLA volunteers would also be responsible.

- b. **Diamond Jubilee Committee.** The clerk reported that he had attended the last two meetings of this group but would be unable to attend the next one on 22 March. Cllr McKenzie hoped that he would be able to attend but would liaise with Cllr Merson who had said he might be able to attend but would be unavailable on the actual Jubilee day (5 June). The clerk outlined the events that would take place in Paul Gill's field in the afternoon of the 5th June and in the Coronation Hall that same evening. He would distribute the minutes of the group to Cllrs Helliwell, Merson and McKenzie – these showing the responsibilities allocated to Kirby Hill parish council. **ACTION CLLR McKENZIE/ CLERK**
- c. **MSA Inquiry** – The clerk reported that there had been representatives at the RAMS table for every session of the reconvened inquiry in Harrogate. Closing statements had been made on 2 March. Most of the Inquiry had been devoted to issues at the two Baldersby sites but the Secretary of State had also wanted more information about Kirby Hill Heather Ive site, specifically to do with access from the motoway and possible 'departures from Highways Agency Standards'. Gareth Owens had written a clear and strong rebuttal of evidence put forward by HIA in which HIA claimed there were no departures from standard. DCllr Brown, who had also attended the inquiry a couple of days, reminded all councillors present that whatever the outcome the community owed an enormous debt of gratitude to Gareth. The Secretary of State should make his decision known in June.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a. **Kirby Hill Well** – The work by Hawkridge to fill the well with washed gravel had been completed at a cost of over £1800. Thanks to Cllr Wilkinson for covering the well top with a pallet and heavy stone, the fencing, expensive to hire, had been removed. The cost of the stone mason's work to date was £700 but he had agreed with the clerk that he would still be able to replace the stone cover as originally agreed for the sum quoted (£1513 inc VAT). No response had come in from the Beyond the Pews article which had invited comments on the alternative courses of action. After much discussion of the troubled finances, the pros and cons of rebuilding a stone cover versus grassing it over Cllr Helliwell proposed a vote on the proposal to fill in the top with earth and grass it over, level with the green.. With six in favour and one abstention this was passed. Cllrs McKenzie and Wilkinson agreed to do this work, which would also involve the removal of a fixed stone upright. Cllrs acknowledged that the research work carried out by local historian Linda Dooks was especially valuable now that no visible trace of the well would be evident. **ACTION CLLRS McKENZIE/WILKINSON**
The clerk would contact John Maloney, the stone mason, regarding the stone that had been ordered and cut and about finalising settlement of his account. **ACTION CLERK**
- b. **Back Lane Hedges** – Cllr Merson had asked for this item to be on the agenda. Other councillors agreed that the state of the hedge on the north side of the lane meant that the right of way would soon become impassable. The clerk agreed to contact John Ward, who was responsible for the hedge's maintenance. **ACTION CLERK**
- c. **Parking on the Green at 19 Manor Drive** - Cllr Parr was concerned that the green was being damaged by the resident's many cars at no.19. Other councillors agreed that parking on the green should not be allowed and that if nothing was done to deter one person others might follow. The council had in the past written to residents who parked regularly on the green so it was necessary out of fairness to do the same this time. The clerk was asked to write to the resident concerned. **ACTION CLERK**
- d. **AGM Date change** AGM date now 15 May instead of 1 May. 7.00pm in Coronation Hall meeting room.
- e. **Community Audit Meeting** – This will be at 7.30pm 16 May Bradley Room Coronation Hall. Cllr McKenzie volunteered to attend with the clerk. **ACTION CLLR McKENZIE**

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
SEE 6e above.

- b. Planning Enforcement Case 12/00046/PR15(NEW)**
1 Market Hill Milby Complaint about height of single storey rear extension
DECISION PENDING
- c. 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.
PERMISSION REFUSED.
- d. 6.57.43.B.FUL 11/00135/HOUSER APP/E2734/D/11/2166462**
Moorhouse – Myton Gates, Moor Lane, Milby
APPLICANT'S APPEAL REFUSED
- e. 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
PERMISSION REFUSED
- f. 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
DECISION PENDING

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

NEXT MEETINGS

- 1 May 2012 (starting with Parish Meeting) 7.30pm Main Hall**
- 15 May 2012 AGM 7.00pm Meeting Room**
- 10 July 2012 7.00pm Bradley Room**
- 11 September 2012 7.00pm Bradley Room**
- 13 November 2012 7.00pm Bradley Room**

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