

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held at 7.10pm. on 7 May 2013 in the Coronation Hall, Milby, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, due notice having been given. The meeting followed the AGM

Present: Cllrs. Helliwell (Chairman), Lister, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1 Apologies: Cllr McKenzie and DCllr Nick Brown

2 Code of Conduct: No interests declared

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 March 2013, 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 as at 7 May 2013 **£3919.56**
- b) HBC Precept 1st half yr **Rec'd £3125.00**
- c) HM Revenue PAYE **£97.38** paid (for Jan/Feb/Mar 2103)
- d) AON Insurance **£317.83 payment agreed** (cf £338 in 2012. Well-cover no longer insured)

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **HBC – Community Bulb Scheme** It was agreed to order a bag of 500 crocus corms for planting at Market Hill. Clerk would arrange collection and delivery (in October) to Mrs Helliwell who had volunteered to plant them in the autumn. **ACTION CLERK**
- b. **Julian Smith MP** notice of forthcoming surgery dates/venues. Clerk will post to noticeboards. Cllr Merson had had recent dealings with Mr Smith and rated very highly the MP's attention to local matters and his follow-up on issues. **ACTION CLERK**
- c. **Email complaint from resident** (Canalside Milby) regarding increased noise levels and speeding lorries at the Hope Construction site (ex LaFarge Works). The chairman had investigated and had had a fruitful meeting with managers at Hope Construction who agreed to monitor the situation – as would the council. The resident, Mr Metcalfe had been satisfied with the council's response.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS.

- a. **Safer Neighbourhood Group** – Cllr Helliwell reported that the 14 May meeting would be an opportunity for people to meet the new sergeant and inspector and hoped that more people would turn up to the meeting despite a dearth of crime and policing issues in the area for discussion.
- b. **Joint Parish Council** Next meeting 13 June. Cllr Helliwell and Cllr Smailes would attend but there were currently no issues to take forward to the meeting. Referring to the minutes of the last JPC meeting and the taking over of the Milby Island grass cutting contract by Langthorpe council, Cllr Merson hoped that this would mean more action could be taken to eradicate the giant hogweed or even control the Himalayan balsam.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS.

- a. **Request for memorial tree.** The chairman and Cllr Smailes had been in touch with Hazel Simmons about the options. Mrs Simmons was discussing with Rev. Askew the idea of a memorial seat outside the church. No further action required.
- b. **Bench and litter bin at school gate** Cllr Smailes had received further quotes for a bench (from Sam Turner and Wyevale) but at this point in time it was still felt unnecessary to replace the existing bench, whose condition continued to be monitored by Cllr Widdows. The clerk had been discussing with HBC the various options/pricing for litter bins and the issue of routine emptying by HBC. Councillors felt that the problem was not significant enough at this location to warrant the expenditure.
- c. **HBC Computers Offer** HBC had offered, through YoreVision's Jane Barber, a number of refurbished computers. The chairman had discussed with Mike Collins (Coronation Hall Treasurer) the possibility of placing them in the hall, possibly in the new meeting room. Regrettably the offer had not been taken up and it is believed the computers will instead be installed in the Jubilee Room above the library.
- d. **Audit** The new auditors, Littlejohns, had sent out the same audit forms as Mazars previously had done. The clerk had completed these and accompanying documentation ready for the internal audit. Councillors completed the annual governance, and the accounting statements in

Section 1 were signed off by the chairman. The internal audit would take place at 7.30pm on 30 May at the Coronation Hall. The Clerk would check whether Cllr Mckenzie would be available to attend (for participation in the auditing of the other councils' accounts).

ACTION CLERK /CLLR McKENZIE

- e. **Commuted Sums** The £1050 transferred by HBC to Kirby Hill's Commuted Sums Balance Sheet (from Boroughbridge – for WaterRats Club), allocated for village hall use, has been used by the Coronation Hall for kitchen upgrading

9. PLANNING

- a. **Planning Enforcement Case No 12/000256/PR15**
7 St John's Walk Kirby Hill
Loft Conversion
DECISION PENDING
- b. **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
- c. **6.57.60.B.FUL 13/01042/FUL**
Rosedene – Leeming Lane, Milby
Erection of conservatory. Consultation between councillors had taken place by email before the 17 April deadline for comment and the council had submitted 'No Objections' to HBC

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

Next Meetings

- 9 July 2013
- 10 Sept 2013
- 12 Nov 2013

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