

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

A meeting of the above Parish Council was held on 8 November 2011 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. Smailes(Chairman), Helliwell, Lister, McKenzie, Parr, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Nick Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk)

1 Apologies: Cllr Merson and NYCCllr Watson

2 Code of Conduct: Cllr Wilkinson 8a

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 September 2011 had been distributed and were accepted as a true record and duly signed

4 Finance

- a) Balance 8/11/11 - **£3,948**
- b) HM Revenue PAYE quarterly payment £97.38 paid.
- c) Royal British Legion wreath donation £35.00 paid
- d) rent of room - £8.00 payment agreed
- e)NEDL substation wayleave £43.71 received

6e (DCllr Brown report - see below) was taken at this point as DCllr Brown was unable to stay for the duration of the meeting.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

a. HBC Parish Estimates. Request for completion by end of the year.

The clerk had drafted the 2012-13 Estimates allowing for increases in some costs (grass cutting, insurance and audit fees) and for additional funds for 2012 Queen's Jubilee and to recover a rolling surplus following exceptional expenditure (on well repair) in 2012/3. Clerk recommended Precept to increase from current £4,400 to £5,900. Proposed by Cllr Helliwell and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Unanimous agreement. Clerk to submit estimates.

ACTION CLERK

b. HBC Commuted Sums – Unspent sums which have passed ‘use-by’ date must now be spent by end of current F/Y or be returned to developer.

In Kirby Hill's case this applies only to the **£999** which should have been spent by May 2008 on Children's Play equipment. (Deriving from School development). Clerk had already been informed that this cannot be used at Langthorpe Play Area. Clerk will speak to HBC's Sean Wright about possibilities but it looked unlikely that the money could be spent. Clerk also to ascertain whether the £175 still available for 'Amenity Green Space' in the village could be used for the purchase of a seat at school entrance.

ACTION CLERK

c. HBC LDF- Open Space Allocation – Invitation to allocate land for new open space in Kirby Hill Parish.

Cllrs unanimously agreed not to propose any further allocation

d. Ripon Citizens Advice Bureau - request for donation.

Cllrs agreed to restrict donations to those three organisations already receiving them. Therefore request declined.

e. HBC Queen's Jubilee Beacons – invitation to propose parish locations.

It was agreed that there was no suitably high land in the parish. (see also 7b)

6. CLERK'S/COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

a. Police Liaison/SNG - See DCllr Brown's report at 6e

b. Joint Parish Council – Cllr Helliwell reported that the last meeting had discussed the local broadband proposals. The main input was from Geoff Rutherford, who is leading the initiative for the Newby area.

c. BACLA – Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association. John Helliwell reported that things were now moving fast and that the Boroughbridge Library plan had more or less been given the go-ahead and was regarded as the model for all the county's category 2 libraries. The

majority of the work to date had been done by John with Geoff Craggs and Ian Hick but other people would now be brought onboard. The intention was still to provide a service beyond the current 22hrs a week. It was hoped that NYC would still provide around 15 hrs staffing (confirmed following the meeting as 18hrs) with volunteers providing the rest .

- d. Parish Consultation meeting 6 October. The chairman and Cllr Wilkinson had attended this at Arkedale village hall but the parish had not tabled any advance questions. The Chairman reported on the 19 questions that had been tabled by other parishes but there was little of relevance to Kirby Hill and District.
- e. DCllr Brown Reported...(item taken earlier in meeting to allow Nick Brown to leave for another engagement)
 1. MSA – Information had just been received from the Dept of Communities & Local Government that the Secretary of State was unable to make a decision as he needed more information, particularly on the Baldersby sites but also on A1 access issues on all sites. A new Public Inquiry was to be convened to address these and some other matters and the earliest possible decision date was put back from February 2012 to June 2012. DCllr Brown reported that he and Gareth Owens (RAMS) would be meeting local MPs Andrew Jones and Julian Smith to discuss the matter. The RAMS were to be reconvened and the Clerk would attend their meetings again.
 2. Safer Neighbourhoods – Nick had asked Acting Supt Barry Smith about the future of SN groups/meetings and had been told that nothing was determined yet. He said that he and the Harrogate Community Safety Partnership wanted to discuss the matter further with Barry Smith as they considered that the Boroughbridge SNG under John Helliwell's chairmanship was a good template for others to follow. Cllr Helliwell said he had attended a meeting on 7 November with Barry Smith and Insp. Andy Chapman and it was clear that the impact of the cuts was going to be deeper than most people imagined, although DCllr considered that these would be sustainable as they would mainly be in the 'back office' areas. John, who had been impressed at meeting the new BB Sergeant, considered that everyone, especially in rural areas, would have to accept the fact that their expectations would need to be lowered as far as policing was concerned. The resources were just not there. Nick also reported that a Police and Crime Panel was being set up and that he was to be one of the HBC members. Since he had added Rural Affairs to his portfolio which included Public Protection he wanted to highlight the fact that there was deprivation in some rural areas.
 3. Broadband - Nick reported that the local initiative of Geoff Rutherford (Marton-le-Moor) was going well and that around 80 people had signed up, sufficient to make it viable. He and Geoff were concerned that the majority of takers were from Marton-le-Moor and Dishforth and that people in other local parishes should be 'encouraged' more to join as the NYNet system was still a few years off. He thought the parish councils could perhaps become more involved. Cllr Parr considered that this was a commercial enterprise pure and simple and was not within the council's remit. He had support from other councillors. The clerk pointed out that every home in Kirby Hill had been given the leaflet about the new service but it was feared by Nick that these would have been treated as 'just more junk mail'

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a. **Kirby Hill damaged well cover** – The clerk reported that the stonemason, John Maloney had not been able to start work on 17 October as scheduled owing to pressure of other work. He had ordered the stone and given assurances that the work would be completed by Christmas. He had also volunteered to pay the cage rental charges for the period from 17 October.
- b. **Queen's Jubilee 2012** No KHPC councillors had been able to attend the 28 September meeting with Langthorpe PC. It had been put forward at that meeting that Kirby Hill should be invited to contribute £500 towards the funding for the event. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Helliwell and agreed by majority vote that the council would agree to contribute that amount. **ACTION CLERK**
- c. **Bench replacement outside school** The chairman had obtained a quote for a new bench in hardwood (£427) and softwood (£337). The existing bench, though rotting in places, was considered by councillors to be safe for a few months yet. At the point it would become unsafe it would be removed (as the one outside the church had been removed). The general consensus among councillors was that the current financial climate would not justify this sort of expenditure. It was suggested that the clerk obtain clarification on the position regarding

£175 still available in Commuted Sums for 'Amenity Green Space' and also try to obtain a better priced quote. The matter would be discussed again at the January meeting.

ACTION CLERK

- d. **Affordable Housing Kirby Hill** The Clerk reported that Barry Corscadden had had discussions with the landowner's agent, HBC and local Housing Associations but was not now hopeful of getting a scheme off the ground in Kirby Hill. He was, however, still pursuing the matter with HBC and a housing association with a view to getting the criteria altered.

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 ABOVE under 6e
- b. **Planning Enforcement Case 11/00325/PR15**
Grantham Barns Milby Erection of block and render wall. *ONGOING*
- c. **6.47.85.FUL 11/02553/FUL**
Mitchell – Pebblethwaite, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill
Erection of detached garden store –revised scheme *GRANTED*
- d. **6.47.21.G.FUL 11/002217/FUL**
Townend – Bluebell Caravan Park Leeming Lane Kirby Hill
Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings
REFUSED
- f. **6.57.43.B.FUL 11/03183/FUL**
Moorhouse – Myton Gates, Moor Lane, Milby
Erection of single storey garage extension, workshop and home office
REFUSED

Before the meeting closed Cllr Lister requested that NYCC be approached to do something about the potholes in the stretch of Ellenthorpe Lane that is county council adopted.

The Clerk will contact NYCC Highways

ACTION CLERK

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

NEXT MEETINGS [all except 1 May at 7.00pm Coronation Hall Bradley Room]

17 January 2012

6 March 2012

1 May 2012 (inc AGM and Parish Meeting) Time TBA

10 July 2012

11 September 2012

13 November 2012

SIGNED..... DATE.....