

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 9 March 2015 in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given)

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

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

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS: none declared.

3. MINUTES of the meeting 12 January 2015, 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 9 March 2015 **£2,474.37** (anticipated balance at 31 March 2015 – circa £2,200)

b) Coronation Hall rent of room: **£8.00 payment agreed**

c) HBC Maintenance Grant 2014 **£387.29 rec'd**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **NYCC – Commons Act 2006** –Update. Regarding amendments to the Registers of changes made since 1970. Transitional period now amended to commence 15/12/14 and end 14/12/2018. During this period applications may be made to the NYCC for its registers to be amended in respect of qualifying events as set out in schedule 3 of the 2006 Commons Act. Clerk to investigate further for any necessary submission. **ACTION CLERK**

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) **NYCCllr Windass's report** – In DCllr Brown's absence Rob Windass also reported first on **HBC matters**. For the sixth year running the council would not be increasing council tax. With regard to planning the council had been battling a spate of applications from developers taking the opportunity of the council's lack of a declared 5 year's supply of land. On the Gladman application for the Milby site, where outline permission had been granted, he had flagged up the same infrastructure issues that the parish council (and Langthorpe PC) had raised. The Planning Officer had confirmed that the council was, in fact, powerless in the face of Yorkshire Water's claim that the Boroughbridge sewerage system was able to cope with additional demand. The council's planning committee had voted, not unanimously, in favour of planning permission for the new council offices at Knapping Mount. It was now up to the full council to decide on whether to go ahead.

NYCC Matters: Thornton Bridge painting works would commence on 23 March and last 16 weeks, with complete closure to traffic for the first 6 weeks. NYCC council tax will increase by 1.99% and Rob considered that the Fire and Police services would propose the same increase. Cuts to services will continue as the council needs to save a further £62m by 2020. The pot-hole situation had improved with extra funding following lobbying of Westminster by NYCC, who had argued the case based on the sheer extent of North Yorkshire's road network.

b) **DCllr Brown's report** – Nick Brown had sent his apologies. See 'HBC matters' above in 7a.

c) **Local Plan – Parish Council Workshop 4 March** – Cllr Merson had attended this and submitted a written report (distributed to Cllrs by email). Regarding Designation of Local Green Space (for which the submission deadline is 26 June 2015) Cllrs decided that there was no land in the five parishes of Kirby Hill and District that could meet the criteria for designation. The village green and other green spaces such as the Milby locks area were already protected and the triangle in front of the church was not at risk from any development.

On the matter of Neighbourhood plans it was thought that this would involve too much work and that the parish could still have some input to the HBC Local Plan without having its own plan. Some councillors recalled previous efforts to produce a plan and the amount of effort involved. The chairman considered that the item should be included again on the agenda for the next meeting,

after people had had time to give some thought to the idea. There was uncertainty about the advantages of having a plan and the disadvantages of not having one.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Kirby Hill Traffic Calming** – Cllr Lawson had not received a reply to his follow-up letter to 95 Alive. The clerk had also written to 95 Alive in support of Ken Lawson’s letter and had also received no reply.
- b) **Overgrown footpaths** – Clerk had again chased NYCC on this matter but with no success. The chairman considered that the time had come for the parish council to go ahead and pay for the work itself (excluding the footpath running north from the Blue Bell pub). The clerk was asked to obtain three quotes for the work, if possible. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **Church Lane footpath (Milby to Kirby Hill)** Meetings between John Colling of NYCC and the clerk and chairman had proved useful and it was hoped that NYCC would cut the rough verge at the Grange Farm end of the lane to make it easier for walkers. This should be done when the agreed ‘topping’ of the lane by NYCC is undertaken twice during the summer.
- d) **Boroughbridge Library** Cllr Helliwell reported that there would be a further meeting on 12 March between NYCC and BACLA (Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association) about the future of the library. He was very doubtful about the possibility of BACLA being able to take over its running and saddened by the lack of local support for keeping it going.

9. PLANNING

- a) **6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON**
Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement
ONGOING
- b) **14/00323/PR15 Planning Enforcement**
9 The Grange, Kirby Hill – unauthorised fencing
PENDING
- c) **6.57.66 OUTMAJ 14/04003/OUTMAJ**
Gladman Developments Ltd. Application for up to 176 dwellings with access considered.
Field at 439448 467406 Milby
GRANTED
- d) **6.47.90.FUL 15/00264/FUL**
7 Manor Drive Kirby Hill - Erection single storey rear extension
NO OBJECTIONS submitted following email discussion prior to meeting before 16 Feb deadline
- e) **6.57.67.FUL 15/00193/FUL**
West View Leeming Lane Milby - Erection of single storey extension
NO OBJECTIONS submitted following email discussion prior to meeting before 12 Feb deadline
- f) **6.57.20.REM 15/00336/REM**
Canalside Milby Reserved matters for erection of one dwelling (permission 6.57.20.D.OUT)
NO OBJECTIONS submitted following email discussion prior to meeting before 27 Feb deadline

Next Meetings 11 May (inc AGM) 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

A.O.B Wreaths (raised by Cllr Smailes). It was agreed that all wreaths except the RAF one would be removed on Palm Sunday and the RAF wreath would remain until September **ACTION CLLR SMAILES**

Meeting ended at 7.55pm

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