

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

PRESENT: Cllrs Helliwell (Chairman), Lawson, Lister, Merson, Parr, Smailes, Widdows (from 7.15pm), Wilkinson, DCllr Nick Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed David Lister as the new councillor for Ellenthorpe parish.

1. APOLOGIES for absence: none

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

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 14 September, 2015, and the special planning meeting of 14 October, 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 November 2015 **£4,125.02**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room: **£8.00 payment agreed**
- c) Precept for 2nd half year **£2,000 received 28 Sept** (£1,911 plus £89 council tax grant)
- d) Northern Powergrid – wayleave **£49.38 received 22 Oct**
- e) HMRC PAYE for Jul/Aug/Sept **£97.38 paid 11 Oct**
- f) A.A.Foster – Grass cutting 2nd half year **£385.00 payment agreed**

The Clerk estimated that the council would end 2015/2016 with a carry-forward balance of nearly £3,000. See also 6c

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) HBC – Elections Office Authorisation to co-opt to Kirby Hill Parish vacancy.

Rob Widdows, who had resigned as councillor for Thornton Bridge, had put himself forward for co-option to the vacancy created by Cllr McKenzie's resignation. Cllr Wilkinson proposed that Rob be co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Lawson. The council agreed and Rob Widdows was duly co-opted as a councillor for Kirby Hill parish. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance for the clerk's retention. Clerk to report to HBC Elections Office.

ACTION CLERK

b) HBC Parishes Consultation meetings reminder. Cllr Widdows will attend the meeting on 16 November, at Ripon Town Hall. The parish council had tabled two questions (on grass cutting of verges and on potholes) but the clerk had subsequently withdrawn the question of grass verges, having received a letter from NYCC that clarified the position adequately.

c) HBC – Parish Estimates – Request from HBC to provide details of estimates for 2016/2017 precept. The clerk had prepared a budget for 2016/2017. Since the c/f surplus in April 2016 was expected to be higher than anticipated and there were not expected to be any significant increases in expenditure, he recommended reducing the precept from the current year's £4,000 to £3,200.

This was agreed by the council.

ACTION CLERK

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) NYCCllr Robert Windass was not available to report.

b) DCllr Nick Brown reported on his meeting with HBC Planning Dept's Gary Bell regarding the second Milby planning application from Gladman Developments, to which the parish council had objected. Mr Bell had indicated that the fact the land was not in the Sites & Policies DPD did not mean that the council would necessarily turn down the Gladman application. He had indicated, furthermore, that, even though the District currently had 6.6 years land supply for housing, this would not mean that a prospective developer would necessarily be refused permission to build on additional land, unless the development had a perceived harmful effect on the surrounding area

While NYCC Highways had as yet not made a response to the Gladman application, it was felt by Mr Bell that the objection based on “highways safety” was probably the strongest one and this was one that the parish council had flagged up in its own response (see 8b).

Nick Brown also reported on the latest dates for green waste recycling collections but had nothing further to report about possible charges for the service.

He also reported briefly on the current position regarding boundary revisions and the various options for devolution in the region.

He informed the meeting that the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group would be on 19 November and hoped that someone from the parish council would be able to attend.

c) Boroughbridge Library: Cllr Helliwell (a member of the Committee negotiating with NYCC) reported that he was now a little more optimistic about the future of the Boroughbridge library. There was a substantial number of new volunteers from a recent recruitment drive. If the library were to become a community library, managed and run by volunteers, this would not happen before March 2017.

d) Emergency Committee: Cllr Helliwell reported that Ian Spiers from HBC Emergency Planning was planning an event in Boroughbridge on 16 December to which HBC Councillors would be invited and at which the Boroughbridge Emergency committee would be promoted as a model of good practice.

8. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

a) Village Green matters – The ‘siding out’ of the village green footpaths had recently been undertaken by NYCC highways (just under a year since the parish council had paid a private contractor to do the work, having given up hope of NYCC doing it, despite an order having been made out). The clerk proposed writing to thank NYCC and to express the hope that the ‘siding out’ could be carried out annually by NYCC Highways. **ACTION CLERK**

With regard to tree maintenance, Cllr Parr considered that the trees at the eastern end of the green, by the old school house, did not receive the same amount of attention as the trees on other parts of the green. He noted, however, that the new occupants of the former school house did not, so far, seem to object.

b) Grass cutting 2016 – the clerk had received a letter from NYCC clarifying the situation regarding the cutting of grass verges in 2016/17 (see also 6b)

c) Parish Councils Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities’ – the clerk is receiving instruction from Gareth Owens regarding maintenance and updating of the parish council’s section on the Kirby Hill website. All documents required to be published on the web under the new transparency code should be available to view online by the end of the year **ACTION CLERK**

d) 2016 meetings dates. These had been changed since being agreed at the last meeting. The final correct dates are shown at the end of the minutes.

9. PLANNING

a) 6.36.6.D.DVCON 12/03921/DVCON

Thornton Manor Farm Cottages – Variations following work commencement
ONGOING

b) 6.57.66.OUTMAJ 14/04003/OUTMAJ

Gladman Developments Ltd

Outline applic for up to 176 dwelling in Milby

OUTLINE GRANTED -AWAITING DETAILED APPLICATION – RESERVED MATTERS

c) 6.22.74.A.OUTMAJ 15/04164/OUTMAJ

Gladman Developments Ltd

Outline applic for up to 145 dwellings with access considered, at land comprising field at 439826 457466 Milby

The parish council, as agreed at its special meeting 14 October, had submitted an objection on three planning grounds – Highways safety, Impact on character of Boroughbridge and incompatibility with HBC’s proposed housing allocation.

d) 6.57.63.A.FUL 15/02673/FUL

2 Market Hill, Milby

Erection of single storey, two storey and first floor extensions & demolition of conservatory.
GRANTED

e) 6.57.20.F.DVCON 15/03802/DVCON

Canalside, Milby, YO51 9BL
Variation of condition 2 Reduction in height of container wall
REFUSED

f) 6.57.20.G.DVCON 15/04672/DVCON

Canalside, Milby, YO51 9BL
Variation of condition 2 to allow re-orientation of dwelling
PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS ACTION CLERK

g) 6.47.21.H.DVCON 15/03527/DVCON

Blue Bell Caravan Park dwelling, Kirby Hill
Deletion of conditions 6 and 7
PENDING

h) 6.47.86.A.DVCON 15/03873/DVCON

Kirby House, Church Lane, Kirby Hill, YO51 9DR
Removal of condition 4
PENDING

2016 Meetings **11 Jan** **29 Feb** **2 May** **23 May (AGM)** **11 Jul** **12 Sept** **7 Nov**

Meeting ended at 7.52pm

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