

## KIRBY HILL AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(incorporating Kirby Hill, Milby, Thornton Bridge, Humberton & Ellenthorpe parishes)

**MINUTES** of the parish council meeting held at 7.00 pm on 11 September 2017, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Hick, Jones, Lister, Merson, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown and Martin Rae (Clerk).

**Public:** Gareth Owens (Kirby Hill RAMS) for item 8d. and Thomas Wilkinson

**1. APOLOGIES for absence:** NYCCllr Robert Windass

**2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS:** Cllr Wilkinson 8d - as tenant farmer of part of land subject to application

**3. MINUTES of the meeting** of 10 July 2017, having been distributed previously were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising**

a. Parishes Consultation Meeting 13 Sept. Confirmed that written answers will be given to the two questions submitted. Cllr Merson agreed to attend meeting.

b. Vacancy on council (Milby) – no responses to advert

c. Joint Parish Council meeting 14 Sept. Confirmed Cllr Merson to attend (Milby Island Project)

**Item 8d.** taken at this time. Gareth Owens of the Kirby Hill RAMS (Residents Against Motorway Services) gave a short presentation concentrating on the differences between the current application and the three previous ones. The overall land take was similar to previous proposals, but the services would just be available on the west side. The sunken nature of the facilities proposed on the west side would entail the removal of some 98,000 tons of soil. Southbound access arrangements across a bridge and two elevated roundabouts would mean the site would in effect be a junction site, not an online one as stated by the applicant. Surface water and foul drainage would be taken under the A1(M) and A168, the foul effluent being fed into the overloaded sewer network and the fuel-tainted surface water being carried onto the agricultural land to the east. The RAMS objection was being prepared for submission and would inevitably re-use many of the arguments about need and about harm to the landscape and community. These were all still as relevant today but Mr Owens considered that there was now even less need for the services than in previous applications. He also stressed that the need for consistency in decision making by HBC Planning should mean another refusal to grant permission.

DCllr Brown said he hoped to meet Gary Bell shortly to find out the initial thoughts of HBC Planning Dept and he also said how fortunate the community was to have Gareth Owens to lead the RAMS yet again. Cllrs all agreed whole-heartedly to this and the chairman thanked Mr Owens for his presentation after which there was a short discussion before a vote in which the council unanimously resolved to submit an objection. The chairman asked the clerk to draft the objection and circulate it for comment before submission to HBC Planning Dept. not later than 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**ACTION CLERK**

### **4. FINANCE**

Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 11 Sept 2017 **£3,205.81**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room – **payment agreed**
- c) YLCA Village Green course – Clerk's attendance **£86.25 paid**
- d) Charity donations (\$137 monies) **following payments agreed:**
  - Boroughbridge Community Care (BCC) **£30.00**
  - Beyond the Pews **£30.00**
  - Royal British Legion (war memorial wreath) **£35.00**

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **PKF Littlejohn** – External Audit. Nothing to report so £0.00 invoice. Audited accounts published on PC Website and noticeboards.

b) **HBC** – Review of Polling Districts and Polling places

No changes recommended for area using Coronation Hall as polling place.

## 6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **NYCC** - No report. NYCCllr Windass was on holiday and had presented his apologies.
- b) **HBC** - DCllr Brown reported that the recent SNG (Safer Neighbourhood Group) meeting had been a good one, at which the main issue was the HGV problem in and around Boroughbridge. The proposals on signage had been approved in principle and Cllr Phillips of Boroughbridge Town Council had agreed to chair a working group to take this forward. He reported that crime figures were generally down but the figure for sex crimes in N. Yorks was up on previous years. DCllr Brown fully supported the proposal for a dog waste bin on the footpath leading onto Milby Island. This had arisen out of the Milby Island Project, led by Cllr Merson, but had met with strong resistance so far from HBC. He would continue to push for this with HBC's Pat Kilburn and was more hopeful of progress.
- c) **SNG** Next meeting February 2018. See also comments in 6b.above

## 7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Milby Island Management Project** – Cllr Merson again reported on the positive progress that was being made and was hopeful of securing funding from Newby Hall, Langthorpe PC, Boroughbridge TC and Kirby Hill and district PC. The funding was needed to pay for annual maintenance (grass cutting etc.) following the groundwork that had been done during 2017. Cllrs agreed that Kirby Hill and District PC would contribute £300p.a, the same amount as other contributors, and it was agreed that Cllr Merson would continue to manage the project through Kirby Hill and District PC, who would be responsible for payments to the contractor and for recovering contributions from the other parties. Cllr Merson had received two quotations for the annual maintenance: £108+VAT per cut based on 9 or 10 cuts per annum (Farm and Land Services Ltd.) and £90+VAT per cut from Adrian Morrison & Son of Skelton. It was agreed to accept the Morrisons' quote, subject to the proposals being agreed by all parties. DCllr Brown commended Cllr Merson for the enthusiastic way he had got this project off the ground. The chairman also expressed the council's thanks and asked if Cllr Merson would like to consider submitting a claim for the fuel expenses he had incurred for the grass cutting and scrub clearance he had done with his own equipment during the summer. He likewise asked Cllr Wilkinson to consider an expense claim if he had been out of pocket as a result of the many jobs he had done, especially on the village green.
- b) **Parish Representation – Email address database** The chairman had discussed with the clerk the issues that might arise from the new Data Protection legislation that was due to come into effect on 25 May 2018 and it was decided to put this proposal on ice until more was known about the position of parish councils under the new regulations (GDPR General Data Protection Regulation)
- c) **Overgrown public footpaths** - there had been a recent improvement both in the Church Lane route connecting Milby with Kirby Hill and on the path bordering the northern edge of the Harron Homes development. This was thanks in both cases to Cllr Lister who had had the hedges cut back and was also proposing to have the grass track cut in Church Lane, once he had spoken to Newby estate about cutting back a portion of hedging on the east side, which was still blocking access for a grass cutter.
- d) **Village parking complaints & village green issues.** The clerk reported complaints about parking in Leeming Lane opposite the Croft and beside the St John's Walk junction, pavement parking in St John's Walk and parking on the village green in Church Lane. He had passed the first two to the police for comment/action as necessary and was asked by the council to write to the village green 'offender'. The clerk also referred to discussions he had had with NYCC and the Land Registry about ownership of the village green and about historical discrepancies due to the Manor Drive development. It was agreed to hold over these matters to the next meeting after which the clerk will have attended the YLCA Village Greens course (see 4c.)

## 8. PLANNING

- a) **17/02089/FUL**  
**50 St John's Walk, Kirby Hill - Mr N Gill**  
 Erection of first floor extension and dormer window  
*GRANTED*
- b) **17/02493/FUL**  
**1 Hill Top Cottages, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill - Mr A Bradley**  
 Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement two storey extension.  
*GRANTED*
- c) **17/02632/FUL**  
**Ward's Barn Tinkler Lane, Milby - Mr & Mrs P Greenwood**  
 Conversion and extension of barn to form one dwelling and installation of package treatment plant.  
*PENDING*
- d) **17/03414/EIAMAJ**  
**Land comprising OS Field 3300 Marton-le-Moor - Applegreen Plc**  
 Outline application for a proposed Motorway Services Area (MSA) on west side of A1(M) with vehicular access over bridge from and to southbound carriageway and partial diversion of A168, with associated infrastructure and staff access from B6265  
*CLLRS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO OBJECT (SEE ABOVE AFTER MATTERS ARISING)*
- e) **17/03376/REMMAJ**  
**Land comprising field at 439826 467466 Milby - Miller Homes**  
 Reserved matters application under outline planning permission 15/04164/OUTMAJ for erection of up to 145 dwellings with appearance, landscape, layout and scale considered.  
*CLLRS AGREED NEITHER TO OBJECT NOR SUPPORT BUT TO MAKE COMMENTS. CLERK TO SUBMIT THESE TO HBC NEXT DAY. COMMENTS TO INCLUDE PARKING PROBLEMS, LACK OF ATTENUATION PONDS, LOSS OF WOODLAND, PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIRECTIONS AND POSSIBLE USE OF 106 AGREEMENT MONIES.*
- f) **17/03131/LB**  
**Kirby Hill House, Church Lane, Kirby Hill – Mr & Mrs Hawkesworth**  
 Listed Building consent – replacement of fenestration.  
*THE PARISH COUNCIL'S DECISION WAS TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION*
- g) **17/03343/FULMAJ**  
**Broomfield Farm, Thornton Bridge – Sally Farms Ltd.**  
 Erection of a free range egg production unit and formation of associated access track, turning area, hardstanding, feed bins and landscaping.  
*THE PARISH COUNCIL DECIDED TO SUBMIT NO OBJECTION*

Next Meetings (2017)    **13 Nov**

Meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed.....Date.....