

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 10 September 2018, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Hick, Lister, Merson, Smailes, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown, NYCCllr Windass (from 7.20pm) Mr Gareth Owens (Kirby Hill RAMS) and Martin Rae (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllrs Jones and Widdows

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS: Cllr Wilkinson 8a

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 2 July 2018, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Smailes and seconded by Cllr Hick. **Matters arising** – None
Items 8a and 7d taken out of order at this point (see below for details)

4. FINANCE

Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 10 September 2018 **£4,009.59**
- b) Coronation Hall rent of room – **payment agreed £16.00**
- c) S137 Donations – Chairman proposed increasing BCC and Beyond Pews donations from **£30 to £35** to bring in line with Royal British Legion donation. Seconded by Cllr Lister. All agreed.
- d) VAT Refund claimed **£192.52** - not yet received

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **HBC Email from Patrick Kilburn** re Dog waste bin for Milby island. Proposal that one of the bins in Langthorpe parish be transferred to the entrance to the Milby island walk at the Ure bridge end. Clerk had spoken briefly about the matter to Cllr Mike Collins, Langthorpe PC Chairman, who had indicated that this suggestion would not be taken up. Cllr Merson and DCllr Brown felt, however, that Cllr Collins had been more open to the idea at the recent JPC meeting and had said that the Langthorpe parish council would discuss the matter at its next meeting.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **NYCC** – NYCCllr Windass reported on the county overspend in the adult social care and Children and Young People's services indicating that this could be absorbed for just this year. He reported that NYCC had been given an 'outstanding' rating by OFSTED, the only one in the UK. Regarding roads he mentioned in particular the work done to improve surfaces on the Skipton Road in Harrogate and the Langthorpe to Skelton road. The work currently underway at Bond End in Knaresborough was for the creation of two mini roundabouts to replace the traffic lights. Cllr Windass explained that he would have less time to attend local parish council meetings while he was the current Chairman of NYCC Council.
- b) **HBC** - DCllr Brown reported that the District Local Plan had now been submitted and that the hard copy version was available to view in public libraries, including Boroughbridge. He explained that the submitted plan excluded the proposals for the new settlement and these would form part of a later submission. Much discussion had already taken place about the siting of the settlement, whether at Green Hammerton or Flaxby, but Cllr Brown thought that the area under consideration would be widened. He reported that the District now had a 5.2 year housing land supply. After he had expressed disappointment with a recent planning seminar he had attended, which was supposed to bring together the planning officers and the members but at which the gulf between them seemed wider than ever, there was a discussion initiated by Cllr Merson about how out of touch the planners seemed to be with local opinion. The failure of developers to include bungalows and 1 and 2 bedroomed 'starter' homes were cases in point.
- c) **JPC** - the minutes of the meeting 6 September had been distributed. Cllr Merson had attended. There were no questions.
- d) **Milby Island** Cllr Merson reported that the improvements were widely welcomed and that the frequency of grass cutting was being reassessed. The requests for funding from Boroughbridge Town Council and Langthorpe Parish Council for 2019/20 would be correspondingly revised.
- e) **SNG** DCllr Brown reported that the recent meeting had been a particularly good one and he had been delighted by the attendance of the new Chief Constable. The closure of the Boroughbridge Police station was considered to be less of a problem than at first thought and the merger of the Fire and Police services in Ripon was considered a success. Anti-social crime in the area had decreased significantly. Cllr Lawson explained that there had been no representatives at the meeting from Kirby Hill and

District Parish Council because he had not received the agenda. This had been due to an administrative error for which DCllr Brown apologised. He again stressed the importance for all parish councils to be represented at the SNG meetings if possible.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **New Bank Mandate** The clerk and chairman signed the HSBC form for a new bank mandate containing five signatories from the previous mandate – Cllr Lawson, Cllr Merson, Cllr Smailes, Cllr Wilkinson and Martin Rae (Clerk). No new signatures were required since the bank already held sample signatures.
- b) **State of the field** belonging to Frontline Estates (Caedmon Homes Ltd.), St John’s Walk, Kirby Hill. The clerk had written on 3 July to Caedmon Homes to complain about the neglected state of the field but had to date received no reply. Cllr Smailes, along with other residents overlooking the site, was angry that nothing was being done. The clerk was asked to write again to the developers.

ACTION CLERK

- c) **Road across Village Green** While the actual ownership of this stretch of road remained to be established the clerk had checked several historical documents which showed that the road at the point where it crosses the green was not actually part of the green and that the parish council had no responsibility for its maintenance. Following complaints about the road’s potholed surface repairs had been carried out by Hawkridges and paid for by GFM, who own the school building and the owners of the three closest houses. This had been done as a goodwill gesture and the school had informed the clerk that this should not set any precedent for future maintenance of the road.
- d) **Yorkshire Water issues** (*item taken after 3 above*) Mr. Gareth Owens, who had previously held a meeting in April with YW, along with DCllr Brown and NYCCllr Windass, had been invited by the council to attend the meeting to report. He reported first on foul water drainage saying there had been signs of investigative activity in Leeming Lane following the April meeting. He had been very surprised to learn that the emergency procedure for sewage outflow into the river Ure, for which YW had a licence, had been used 37 times in the last 12 months; clear evidence that the sewerage system north of the river had inadequate capacity. With all the new development taking place north of the river it was imperative that YW took action to improve the situation and Mr Owens, DCllr Brown and NYCCllr Windass, who had called the April meeting with YW executives, were keeping up the pressure and ensuring that YW reported in writing about their investigations. With regard to the problems of the previous week when Kirby Hill residents were left without drinking water for 6 hours, Mr Owens explained what had happened. He stressed how the new channel of communication with YW executives, opened up at the April meeting, was proving very useful in all sorts of events, such as this one. YW had agreed to undertake a formal investigation into the incident and the lack of prior notification to residents and to update Mr Owens in writing.

8. PLANNING

a) 18/00123/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 **REVISED APPLICATION**

Mr Owens, leader of Kirby Hill RAMS, had been invited to the meeting for the discussion of this item, (*which was taken out of order after 3 above*) He stressed the fact that the application was a

revised one, not a resubmission following withdrawal, so the comments and objections made on the original application would still stand. He considered it definitely worthwhile, nevertheless, for the council and residents to repeat their original comments about the unacceptability of an MSA at this site and to add that the revisions would cause even more environmental harm.

Mr Owens agreed with DCllr Brown that it was worth making the point that the MSA was not in the newly submitted Local Plan, which formed part of the national planning framework.

Clerk to submit renewed objection to HBC by 18 September

ACTION CLERK

b) 18/01883/FUL Kirby House, Kirby Hill

Erection of single storey extension

GRANTED

c) 18/02646/FUL 4 The Grange Kirby Hill

Erection of two storey extension

GRANTED

d) 18/02783/DVCON Ward's Barn Milby

Variation of condition 2 of approved plan to allow revised internal layout

GRANTED

e) 18/02814/PROW Land south of Home Farm Church Lane Kirby Hill

Diversion of footpaths 15.67/2/1 and 15.67/3/1 and temporary closure of footpaths during construction of proposed development. Parish Council had objected.

PENDING

f) 18/02860/FUL 31 Market Hill Milby

Erection of first floor extension. Parish council had submitted 'no objection'

GRANTED

g) 18/00437/BRPC15 Land comprising field 439826 467466 Milby

Planning Enforcement Order – against creation of additional access to site

TWO ADDITIONAL ACCESS POINTS CLOSED

h) Taylor Wimpey proposed development – Land west of Leeming Lane (in Langthorpe parish)

Council would not be formally invited by HBC to comment but councillors agreed to support local objection if asked by Langthorpe parish council.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm [Next Meeting \(2018\)](#) **12 November**

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