

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 12 November 2018, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Hick, Jones, Lister, Merson, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass (from 7.20pm) DCllr Brown (from 7.45pm) and Martin Rae (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES for absence: none

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

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 10 September 2018, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Smailes and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. **Matters arising** – None

4. FINANCE

Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 12 November 2018 **£5,773.37** (expected end of year £3,800)
- b) VAT Reclaim **£192.52 rec'd**
- c) HBC Precept **£2,000.00 rec'd** (second half year payment)
- d) Northern Powergrid (wayleave) **£49.38 rec'd**
- e) Coronation Hall room hire **£16.00 payment agreed**
- f) AA Foster grass cutting (second half year) **£325.00 payment agreed**
- g) AR Morrison Milby Island grass cutting **£540.00 (inc VAT) payment agreed**
- h) ArborTech tress removal village green **£300.00 (inc VAT) payment agreed**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **HBC Corporate Finance Manager** – Request for submission of Parish Estimates for 2019-2020. Following discussion about the future impact of the new developments in the parish, with a near doubling of the number of houses across which the precept would eventually be raised, it was agreed (by a vote of 6 to 2 in favour) to request a precept of **£4,500 for 2019-20** to cover anticipated expenditure of £4,560. This would be an increase of £500 over the current precept.

ACTION CLERK

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 met from reserves for just this year. He reported again that NYCC had been given an 'outstanding' rating by OFSTED, the only one in the UK. Regarding roads he mentioned that £13.5m would be forthcoming from the government for the County as a whole. He reported that the new manager for Area 6 was Melissa Burnham, who would be working solely for that area, which should be an improvement on the previous arrangement. He also reported on NYCC's Brearley Homes initiative in which land owned by the county council was being developed for housing, including 19 in Marton-cum-Grafton. Cllr Merson enquired whether this raised a conflict of interest for councillors who were members of both NYCC and Harrogate Borough council. It had been confirmed to Cllr Windass that this was not a pecuniary interest, however. Regarding the waste recycling plant Cllr Windass said that there was still spare capacity and he mentioned some complaints which the site had been receiving, which were largely due to problems with input materials (eg. being too dry on one occasion and containing bits of iron girders on another, which resulted in a three day closure and smells emanating from the piles awaiting incineration). In response to concerns about significant flooding near the school entrance after heavy rains Cllr Windass said he would raise the matter with Highways Area 6. Cllr Windass left the meeting at 7.30pm.

- b) **HBC** - DCllr Brown arrived late (7.45pm) having previously given notice that he would be attending another meeting in Harrogate. He said there was little to report. He was, however, still pursuing the matter of a dog waste bin for Milby Island, saying that this was something he felt very strongly about. He was also still 'chipping away' at the Harrogate 'parishing/precept' proposal* but echoed what Cllr Windass had earlier said about the matter in response to a question from Cllr Hick - that "you won't get turkeys to vote for Christmas"! (*this proposal would mean that Harrogate residents would pay for their own grass cutting, notably the stray, through a parish precept system, whereas at present all the District's residents pay for this through their council tax while at the same time having to pay for grass cutting in their own parishes). He reported that a letter received from Yorkshire Water's Paul Carter was not entirely satisfactory and that he was still very much 'on the case' regarding sewage in the streets. He finished by saying that the Harrogate Local Plan would be examined by the Inspector at the Civic

Centre between 15 January and 15 February 2019.

c) **JPC** - Cllr Merson agreed to attend the next meeting 6th December.

ACTION CLLR MERSON

d) **SNG** Nothing to report. Date of next meeting to be announced.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

a) **Village Green tree** - the leaning rowan tree on the south side of the green had been removed by ArborTech and the land made good. See also 4h above.

b) **Church Lane footpath** – This had not been ‘topped’ for the past two years by NYCC as per the agreement of four years ago and had instead been maintained by Lister Farms. Cllr Merson proposed that another attempt be made to have the route re-categorised as a public right of way rather than a class 5 highway so that more attention might be given to its maintenance by NYCC. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Melissa Burnham at Area 6, to outline the history and the past agreements between Highways and the parish council and to request that the lane be re-designated as a public bridleway.

ACTION CLERK

c) **106 monies and commuted sums** Following a request from Cllr Merson that more information about the workings of the 106/commuted sums system was required in the light of all the new development in the parish it was agreed that the clerk would ask someone from HBC (probably Sean Wright) to come and talk to the council and answer questions.

ACTION CLERK

d) **Milby Island contributions** - the clerk will contact Boroughbridge and Langthorpe councils and the Newby Hall estate requesting a contribution of £300 each towards the annual grass cutting costs.

ACTION CLERK

e) **Parish council email address**– the clerk proposed that the council’s email address should change from his own personal contact to a dedicated parish council email address. This was a requirement of the recently introduced GDPR arrangements. He also requested that the parish council purchase a laptop computer using funds already available from the £1200 IT grant it received in 2016/17. All documents, files and spreadsheets relating to the parish council could then be transferred to the dedicated council laptop. Cllrs agreed to both requests.

ACTION CLERK

f) **Mobile Watch** – Cllr Wilkinson reported on the meeting which was also attended by Cllrs Smailes and Jones and by a large number of local residents. It was proposed that volunteers would go out in pairs under police guidance and in contact through ‘walkie talkies’ but would not be allowed to pursue suspected wrong-doers. Cllr Jones considered that the scheme would be predominantly farm oriented and asked if there would be any link with the Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Neighbourhoods initiatives. DCllr Brown thought not. The scheme still had to be developed further from this initial ‘exploratory’ stage.

g) **Humberton Airfield – Memorial plaque** – Cllr Merson had been contacted by Nigel Denison of Helperby regarding a memorial plaque he had received from The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust. This related to the WWI airfield named Helperby/Brafferton but it transpired that the airfield was actually located in Thornton Bridge parish (although Nigel Denison had wrongly assumed it to be in Humberton). Cllr Merson agreed to contact the owner of Sally Farms, Mr Leon Furlong, to ascertain whether the plaque could be erected close to the farm entrance, where people might be able to ‘pull-in’ and read it. If Mr Furlong agreed then the next step would be to mount the stone plaque on some kind of stone base or plinth.

ACTION CLLR MERSON

h) **2019 meeting dates 14 Jan 11 Mar 29 Apr* 8 Jul 9 Sep 11Nov**

(*includes annual parish meeting and annual parish council meeting)

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 PENDING**

b) **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.

TEMPORARY DIVERSION INSTALLED

Cllr Jones reported that the temporary footpath was dangerously uneven and rough. The clerk agreed to contact the site manager

ACTION CLERK

c) 18/03703/OUTMAJ Land comprising field at E438887 N468593 Church Lane Kirby Hill

Outline application for up to 31 dwellings with detailed access considered (REVISED SCHEME)

The clerk had submitted the council's objection to the application and to the 'renotification'

PENDING

d) 18/04050/DVCON Thornton Manor Farm, Thornton Bridge

Variation of conditions 3,4,5 and 6 of planning permission 12/03921/DVCON to allow alterations to access and parking.

The parish council had submitted 'No Objection'

PENDING

e) Miller Homes development, Milby – street naming

The clerk had received a document from HBC explaining the guidelines for street naming in the Harrogate District. This followed comments made by the parish council about the lack of imagination shown in the selection of names for the development and a suggestion that names based on the area's history, such as 'Dere' for example, might be more suitable. The clerk had copied the document to all councillors. The street names chosen for the site would remain but HBC would bear in mind the parish council's suggestions for any future developments.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm [Next Meeting \(2019\)](#) **14 January**

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