

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 14 September 2020, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given). The meeting was held according to the hall's COVID 19 risk assessment and was socially distanced with councillors wearing face masks. It was not open to the public.

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Hick, Jones, Merson, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, DCllr Brown (from 7.20pm) and Martin Rae, parish clerk.

1. APOLOGIES for absence: Cllr Lister, NYCCllr Windass

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

3. MINUTES of the meeting of 9 March and notes of **6 July**, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Helliwell and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Duly signed by chairman.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 14 September 2020 **£4,197.63**
- b) **PAID £259.74** 2 months clerk's salary (Jul/Aug)
- c) **PAID £27.04** HBC Trade Waste dog waste bin emptying x 4 (Jul/Aug)
- d) **Payment agreed £16.00** – Coronation Hall
- e) **Payment agreed £540.00** – AR Morrison Milby Island grass cutting 5 cuts (£450+VAT)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **HBC** Cllr Richard Cooper's letter. Unitary Government proposals for North Yorks.

This had been distributed to Cllrs at the beginning of August. Cllr Hick remarked that one possible benefit might be that a new Harrogate Town Council would become responsible for the Conference Centre, the stray etc. rather than this burden falling on the whole district. See also DCllr Brown's report below.

.6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **HBC** – DCllr Brown reported on the ongoing discussions between all districts of North Yorkshire about forthcoming changes to the structure of local government in the county and region. He explained that devolution was dependent on restructuring towards a unitary model. The seven districts were still looking at ways of achieving this, whether by east/west split or north/south split. Even with two unitary authorities rather than one the savings over seven separate councils would be significant.
- b) **NYCC** – NYCCllr Windass had sent his apologies. No report.
- c) **SNG** – Cllr Helliwell reported that because of the continuing pandemic no date had been set for a further meeting. A proposal for a virtual meeting through 'Zoom' had come to nothing.
- d) **JPC**. Cllr Merson reported that the September meeting had been cancelled but that a newsletter would be produced at the end of the month. There was still uncertainty about the December meeting.
- e) **Public footpaths** – Cllr Helliwell reported on the much improved state of the Church Lane 'footpath' (green lane) between Milby and Kirby Hill and the footpath alongside the north edge of Hockley Croft. Cllr Merson thought it was worth pursuing again the idea of having this section of Church Lane reclassified as a footpath (rather than a class 5 Highway). Cllrs considered that, since the route was in such an improved and walkable state at present, it was better to leave things as they are for the time being.
Cllr Helliwell also reported that he had met David Lister while out walking the Milby to Myton footpath and Cllr Lister had said he would get something done about two 'problematic' stiles along the route.
- f) **Milby Island** Cllr Merson reported that ATM, the company that has taken over the contract for the Canal and River Trust's section of grass around the locks, 'accidentally' cut the much larger area that is contracted by the parish council to AR Morrison. He considered they had done a better job than Morrisons and had asked them to quote for future cutting of this area.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **A1J Numberplate Fund (NY Police)** No application had been made to the fund although two suggestions had been put forward but were not pursued (for vehicle activated signs in Leeming Lane and towards the proposed public footpath from Milby Grange to Church Lane junction in Milby). Cllr Merson had also suggested the proposed lighting on Ure bridge as a candidate for funding but the clerk reported that Boroughbridge Town Council had already made an application for a grant under the numberplate fund.
- b) **Defibrillator** The clerk had received a request from a resident for the council to consider installing a defibrillator in Kirby Hill village, possibly on the wall of the pub. Cllrs agreed that this should be pursued and the clerk was asked to investigate possibilities and report back at the next meeting.
- ACTION CLERK**
- c) **Tree Pollarding – Village Green** Cllr Wilkinson had asked for this to be discussed and it was agreed that the trees needed attention again. The clerk reported that the lime trees had last been pollarded in the winter of 2014/15. While some councillors considered that the process left the trees in an ugly state for a while it was agreed that the work needed to be done and the clerk was asked to get quotes. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) **NYCC Highways Issues** - the clerk had received a number of requests on the parish council website for action to be taken regarding speeding in Leeming Lane and Church Lane and had referred these to NYCC Highways Area 6 and the police. NYCC confirmed that a review of the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) was underway and that there was the possibility of traffic calming measures being introduced outside the school and of the 30mph sign on Leeming Lane being moved farther to the north. There was no question, however, of introducing a 20mph limit outside the school. The police had responded in favour of the installation of Vehicle Activated signage. Some residents had requested that something be done to tighten the curve at the junction from Leeming Lane into Church lane for traffic coming from the north. It was considered that the very wide and shallow junction did not encourage drivers to slow down sufficiently, resulting in near misses at the exit from Manor Drive, which was very close to the junction. NYCC did not consider that tightening the junction was necessary but hoped that more regulation to control speeding in Leeming Lane would alleviate the problem to some extent.
- e) **Ure Bridge Lighting project** the parish council had agreed in July to make a contribution of £1000 to Boroughbridge Town Council towards this project. The Town Council had expressed its gratitude and suggested that the payment be made at the time of the work being done, probably in November.
- f) **Illegal signage** – Cllr Merson had emailed councillors in August about the proliferation of unsightly developers' signs alongside the highways in the parish and it was agreed that a complaint should be made to NYCC, who were supposed to 'police' such matters. Action turned out not to be necessary as not long after Cllr Merson's request the large signs at the B6265 roundabout had been removed by NYCC Highways and a Planning Enforcement Order had later been placed for the removal of a large advertisement on the gable end of a house on The Grange in Kirby Hill. The clerk had also checked the official government guidelines for outdoor advertising, concluding that the developers' signs at the actual site of the developments had 'deemed consent'. (Signs away from the developments, such as those advertisements facing the exit from Morrisons supermarket in Boroughbridge, did not have deemed consent.)
- g) **Canal roundabout** following a number of complaints and observations about the degraded state of the roundabout the clerk contacted NYCC Highways who stated that the responsibility for the railings, not just the canalside vegetation, belonged to the Environment Agency. (*The clerk has been informed subsequently that this was incorrect and that NYCC Highways Area 6 was in fact responsible and that the refurbishment of the railings was on their schedule of necessary works.*)
- h) **Evesham Place (Priory Meadows, Kirby Hill)** A resident of Kirby Hill (not of Evesham Place) had asked the clerk to investigate a complaint they had received regarding children in the affordable housing on the new development not being allowed to play on the estate's public areas. The clerk visited one of the residents of the Wakefield District Housing shared ownership houses and was shown a letter received by all such residents and headed 'Antisocial Behaviour'. It related specifically to children using the roads and pavements for skate-boarding, but the resident explained that children were not allowed to play anywhere on the communal grass areas either. He said that Wakefield District Housing had been unhappy at having to send the letter but that the developer had insisted. The clerk later in the week visited the show-house to ask if it was only the WDH residents who had received the letter. The agent in attendance agreed to get the developer

(Caedmon Homes) to contact the clerk but explained that the estate was a private one and that the roads and pavements would not be adopted by NYCC, implying that the developer could therefore issue such edicts about the use of the roadways and public areas.

8. PLANNING

a) APP/E2734/W/20/3245778

Land comprising OS Field 3300 Marton-le-Moor - Applegreen Plc - APPEAL under Section 78

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

DCllr Brown reported that it was very unlikely that the public inquiry would take place in November. In addition to Covid19 concerns much depended on the outcome of the Baldersby MSA application and whether or not it would be called in by the Inspector. There was also a possibility that a different Inspector would have to take charge.

b) 20/01642/FUL 2 Market Hill, Milby YO51 9JU

Erection of boundary wall and fence PENDING

c) 20/02452/FUL Well Close, Kirby Hill YO51 9DS

Erection of single storey extension and demolition of conservatory. GRANTED

d) 20/02390/FUL 71 Hockley Crescent, Langthorpe YO51 9FN

Erection of single storey extension. GRANTED

e) 20/02019/FUL Myton Gates, Moor Lane, Milby YO51 9HH

Erection of agricultural building for individual lambing pens and storage

PARISH COUNCIL HAD SUBMITTED 'NO OBJECTION' PENDING

f) 20/00342/PR15 Planning Enforcement 2 The Grange, Kirby Hill YO51 9YB

Display of advertising hoarding on gable. Possible breach of planning control.

BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL CONFIRMED. HOARDING TO BE REMOVED BY END SEPT.

g) 20/01128/FUL Broomfield Farm, Thornton Bridge YO61 2SA

Part retrospective application for the installation of ground source heat pump and housing to provide space heating to free range egg production units. GRANTED

h) 20/00711/FUL Humberton Grange, Sandy Lane, Humberton YO61 2RX

Installation of dormers and alteration to fenestration (Revised scheme) GRANTED

NEXT MEETING 9 Nov

Meeting ended at 8.10PM

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