

## 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 12 July 2021, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given). The meeting was held according to the hall's COVID 19 risk assessment with councillors wearing face masks.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Hick, Lister, Merson, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass, and Martin Rae, parish clerk.

**1. APOLOGIES for absence:** Cllr Jones, DCllr Brown

**2. CODE OF CONDUCT/DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Cllr Lister 8d

**3. Minutes of 24 May meeting**, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lister, seconded by Cllr Smailes. Duly signed by chairman. No matters arising.

### 4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 12 July 2021 **£6,106.19**
- b) **PAID £385.00** AA Foster grass cutting 1<sup>st</sup> half year
- c) **PAID £13.90** HBC Milby Island dog bin emptying x2 Direct debit
- d) **PAID £20.00** Coronation Hall
- e) **TO PAY £47.00 + VAT** HBC Trade Waste Annual Duty of Care charge -Milby Island waste bin
- f) **TO PAY £97.38** HMRC PAYE (Apr/May/Jun)
- g) **TO PAY £13.90** HBC Milby Island dog bin emptying x2 Direct debit

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

### 6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) **NYCC**– Cllr Windass reported on the changes from mid-June regarding road maintenance work now brought 'in-house' following the ending, one year early, of the contract with Ringways. He expected a significant improvement especially as NY Highways might also in future be working with Leeds City Council to bring economies of scale.

The chairman told Cllr Windass about the problems the parish council was experiencing with Highways over the dreadful state of the roadway in St John's Walk, about which many residents continued to complain. The main problem was that NYCC Highways personnel consistently failed to respond to requests for action. Cllr Windass agreed to take the matter up with Melissa Burnham at Highways.

On COVID, and the new delta variant, Cllr Windass reminded all present that the virus was spreading particularly fast in North Yorkshire and urged extra vigilance.

With regard to the parish council's decision not to proceed with VAS 30mph signage on Leeming Lane Cllr Windass expressed surprise as he understood that some residents had been keen to see such signs installed. Cllr Lister considered that an important reason for the decision was that not enough was known about the ongoing maintenance and contract costs. The chairman indicated that the matter could be revisited at some stage, agreeing that it had been a majority decision of the council not to proceed at present.

As far as the North Yorkshire local government re-organisation was concerned Cllr Windass expected that the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, would make an announcement later in July, probably before Parliament rises on 23rd.

Cllr Wilkinson asked if there was any substance to the rumours that Applegreen was not now going to build the MSA. Cllr Windass said that there had been press reports about Applegreen pulling out of the UK, but it nevertheless remained a fact that planning permission now existed for an MSA on the site.

b) **HBC** – DCllr Brown presented his apologies. He had asked the clerk to report that a recent meeting of HBC had for the first time discussed the prospect of Harrogate town being 'parished'. Cllrs considered that the introduction of a unitary authority would probably make this inevitable anyway.

c) **SNG** - Cllr Helliwell reported that because of the continuing pandemic there had still been no

meeting. He agreed to contact DCllr Brown to ascertain what the position was regarding starting up the meetings again.

**ACTION CLLR HELLIWELL**

**d) JPC** - Cllr Merson had distributed the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 June.

## 7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) Milby Island** – 106 monies from Milby Grange development. No further news. The first significant sum will be released by the developer to HBC when 20% of the ‘Open Market’ dwellings are occupied.
- b) Pot holes St John’s Walk** See NYCCllr Windass’s report at 6a. above.
- c) Notice Boards** The clerk reported on the very dilapidated state of the noticeboard on the village green and suggested that some of the funds put aside for the defibrillator, not now required, might be used for a replacement board. Either that or consideration might be given to not having a board on the green at all, now that all information is available on the parish council website. Cllr Merson proposed that the clerk put a sign on the board giving notice of the proposal to remove it and inviting people to comment on the idea. Cllrs agreed, but the chairman commented about the apparent aversion of the council to spend money (referring not only to noticeboards but to the VAS signs and the defibrillator). He said this was in no way meant as a criticism as they were all democratically made decisions. He merely wondered if it might be sensible for the council to ‘take a raincheck’ and consider what the wider community might want from the council. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) S137 donations** Cllrs agreed to the usual £35 each for Beyond the Pews, British Legion wreath and Boroughbridge Community Care (the £500 donation in 2020 being a special case because of the COVID19 pandemic.)
- e) Yorks Water Strategic Update** The chairman reported that the minutes of the meeting were not yet available. No further action until then.

## 8. PLANNING

- a) 21/02003/FUL** Pebblethwaite, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill  
Erection of front porch and first floor rear extension  
*GRANTED*
- b) 21/00314/BRPC15 11 Milby Gardens**, Hockley Croft PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ORDER  
Incorrect positioning of boundary fencing  
*ONGOING*
- c) 21/01266/FUL 10 St John’s Walk Kirby Hill**  
Erection of single storey rear and side extensions  
*WITHDRAWN*
- d) 21/00412/FUL Ellenthorpe Lodge YO51 9HJ**  
Installation of ‘bagtank’ slurry system  
*PENDING The parish council submitted ‘no objections’*
- e) 21/02917/FUL 24 Market Hill, Milby YO51 9JU**  
Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension  
Cllrs agreed that the clerk should submit neither ‘*no objection*’ nor ‘*support*’. He would make the comments, used before in applications of this type (where proposed extensions would reach the boundary of adjoining properties) that the parish council was concerned that if all property owners extended in this way the whole character of the estate would change detrimentally.  
**ACTION CLERK**

**NEXT MEETINGS** 13 Sept 8 Nov ( at 7.00pm Coronation Hall Meeting Room)

Meeting ended at 7.50pm

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