

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 13 September 2021, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Jones, Lister, Merson, Smailes, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCCllr Windass (until 7.20pm), and Martin Rae, parish clerk.

1. APOLOGIES for absence DCllr Brown and Cllr Hick (apologies received after the meeting - delayed in W.Yorks and late return)

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

3. Minutes of 12 July meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lister, seconded by Cllr Helliwell. Duly signed by chairman. **Matters arising** – Cllr Helliwell under item 6c had sought information about the future of the SNG meetings and had been assured by DCllr Brown that they would start again probably in early October.

The NYCC report (Cllr Windass) was taken at this point. (See 6a below)

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 13 September 2021 **£5,650.87** (second precept payment of £3,750 due late Sept)
- b) **PAID £97.38** HMRC (PAYE Apr/May/Jun)
- c) **PAID £13.90** HBC Milby Island dog bin emptying x2 (July) Direct debit
- d) **PAID £47.00 + VAT** HBC Trade Waste Annual fee -Duty of Care Milby Island waste bin
- e) **PAID £14.00** Coronation Hall
- f) **TO PAY £13.90** HBC Milby Island dog bin emptying x2 (August) Direct debit

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Police and Fire Services Consultation** – N.Yorks. The clerk had forwarded this to Cllrs and posted details on the website
- b. **Local Bus Services Consultation** The clerk had forwarded this to Cllrs and posted details on the website.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) **NYCC**– Cllr Windass gave an update on the position regarding the coming change to a unitary authority for North Yorkshire. He explained that elections would be held in May 2022 and those elected would serve for 5 years, the first year as a North Yorkshire County Councillor and the next four as councillors of the new authority, which would take over in April 2023. He further explained that government guidelines proposed that wards should consist of around 6000 population, meaning that 90 councillors would replace the current 72.

On the Afghan refugee situation Cllr Windass said that the County Council had agreed to take in a number, to be accommodated initially in Scarborough hotels. He also believed that Harrogate District would take 6 to 8 families.

Regarding Highways he reported on a new procedure at Area 6 where there would be a meeting every Thursday to which councillors could 'log in' to raise issues and voice concerns. He had already taken advantage of this to express his concerns at what he considered to be poor remedial work near the entrance to the Langthorpe picnic area where flooding had become an issue.

In response to a query about the unsatisfactory treatment of pot-holes in St John's Walk Cllr Windass said he would speak to Melissa Burnham at Highways again.

Cllr Widdows referred Cllr Windass to the sorry state of the road drain opposite Kirby Hill school which NYCC Highways had covered with tarmac during one of its pot-hole filling routines. The clerk to contact Area 6 about this.

ACTION CLERK

Cllr Windass concluded his report by saying that many of the problems currently besetting Area 6 were of the teething variety, following the recent taking 'in house' of the operations previously undertaken by Ringways.

b) **HBC** – DCllr Brown presented his apologies. Nothing to report

c) **JPC** - Cllr Merson had been unable to attend the meeting on 2 September due to his being in

hospital. He reported that Mike Collins of Langthorpe PC had chaired the meeting but that the minutes were not yet available.

d) Safer Neighbourhoods Group – see under Matters Arising at 3 above.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

a) 106 monies – the clerk reported that the latest HBC Balance Sheet for the parish still did not include the expected and very substantial sums accruing from the Miller Homes development. It contained only the £175 from a development several years ago at 5 Manor Drive. This should have been spent by early 2019 but HBC had agreed to extend this for a limited time, also indicating that the money could go towards a parish noticeboard if necessary.

b) Pot holes St John's Walk See NYCCllr Windass's report at 6a. above.

c) Notice Boards The clerk reported that there had only been four responses to the message that had been on the village green noticeboard for two months, seeking views about its proposed removal. Two of these had come from residents of Langthorpe parish (The Croft). The clerk had also sought advice from YLCA and this indicated that the council would meet its statutory obligation as long as the noticeboard at the village hall continued to be in a prominent and accessible position and that all agendas, minutes and statutory documents also appeared on the council's website.

Cllr Helliwell proposed removal of the village green board and this was seconded by Cllr Merson. This was then carried by a large majority vote. Cllr Wilkinson volunteered to undertake the actual removal of the board and post.

Cllr Merson further proposed that the noticeboard on the external wall of the Coronation Hall be replaced by a more substantial and up-to-date one. Seconded by Cllr Helliwell. The chairman asked the clerk to bring some proposals to the next meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

d) VAS signs Leeming Lane Cllrs Helliwell and Lister had changed their minds about this issue and other councillors were happy to re-assess it following concerns that the council was out of step with local opinion. The clerk outlined again the costs involved, circa £4k for one solar powered sign. Cllr Jones proposed that the clerk should pursue the implementation of VAS signage (opposite the Grange in Kirby Hill), regardless of Langthorpe council's decision on signage farther south in Leeming Lane. This was seconded by Cllr Helliwell and the motion was carried by a majority, with one councillor abstaining. The chairman asked the clerk to re-open discussions with companies who had supplied quotations and with Langthorpe parish council. **ACTION CLERK**

e) Speeding – Dishforth Rd at Milby Grange The clerk reported that some residents had contacted him about speeding on the road outside the entrance to the Milby Grange, suggesting that the 30mph speed limit sign should be moved farther north from its present position. They had also contacted the police who had advised them to take the matter up with the parish council. The clerk had contacted NYCC Highways Area 6, who had replied that the 30mph sign could not be moved without a lengthy legal process. The clerk will ask NYCCllr Windass to pursue this through the new process he outlined in his earlier report (6a above). **ACTION CLERK**

f) Footpaths maintenance Cllr Merson reported that he had asked Adrian Morrison to 'mow' the Church Lane grass track, part of the popular Langthorpe Loop walk. The clerk had not yet received the invoice but it was believed to be £40. The hedges on both sides of the lane are maintained by Lister Farms. Cllr Merson proposed that grass in the lane should be cut 4 times a year. This was seconded by Cllr Helliwell and agreed by the council. The clerk will contact Adrian Morrison. **ACTION CLERK**

In response to a query about the proposed footpath from the Milby Grange development to Church Lane at Milby cross-roads Cllr Lister, who farms the two fields through which the footpath would pass, understood that the intention to build the path did still exist and that talks with the developer were progressing.

g) Evesham Place Play Area The clerk continued to receive complaints from a small number of residents of Evesham Place about the "Keep off the Grass" signs. He had received assurances in the spring from Scanlons, the property agents, that the signs would be removed 'tomorrow'. They had not been and the clerk had since contacted Scanlons twice, also querying the fact that the small play area which had been part of the grant of planning permission had not yet materialised. He awaited a response. Cllrs agreed that this was an issue that the parish council should be involved in and it was proposed by Cllr Merson, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by the council that if no progress were made soon the clerk should use HBC Planning Dept's enforcement procedures.

h) Hockley Croft Council Tax Error The clerk confirmed that HBC had acknowledged the error in which the residents of Hockley Croft had ‘escaped’ contributions via council tax to the Kirby Hill and District Parish Council’s precept because the development was mistakenly assigned by HBC to Langthorpe parish. The correct charging would be made in 2022/23 but there could be no retrospective adjustments - either for Hockley Croft residents who underpaid in 2021/22 or the residents of the rest of the parish who consequently overpaid by a small amount.

8. PLANNING

a) 21/00412/FUL Ellenthorpe Lodge YO51 9HJ

Installation of ‘bagtank’ slurry system

GRANTED

b) 21/02917/FUL 24 Market Hill, Milby YO51 9JU

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

GRANTED

c) 21/03104/FUL 25 Market Hill, Milby YO51 9JU

Erection of single storey extension

GRANTED

d) 21/00383/PR15 Langby Lodge Leeming Lane Langthorpe YO51 9BW

Planning Enforcement – potential change of use. *PENDING*

e) 21/00314/BRPC15 11 Milby Gardens, Hockley Croft PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ORDER

Incorrect positioning of boundary fencing. *PENDING*

f) TPO 46/2021 Tree Preservation Order - Sycamore Tree - Canal Garage, Milby

g) 21/03571/DVCON Thornton Manor Farm Thornton Bridge

Application for variation of conditions 2,8,12 & 14 of permission 12/03931/DVCON

Amended design details and to allow details to be submitted after works commenced.

The parish council agreed to submit the response “neither object nor support” but to defer to the opinions of more qualified commentators on matters relating to Highways Safety.

NEXT MEETING 8 Nov (at 7.00pm Coronation Hall Meeting Room)

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

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