

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 November 2022, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Helliwell, Merson, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae, parish clerk. County Cllr Brown arrived at 7.50pm after the meeting had officially closed -see item 6a.

1. APOLOGIES for absence Cllr Dunderdale

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: none

3. Minutes of 26 September meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Helliwell seconded by Cllr Merson. Duly signed by chairman. **Matters arising** None
Minutes of the ANNUAL Meeting 9 May, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Widdows seconded by Cllr Merson.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 14 November 2022 **£6,927.12**
- b) **PAID £8.00** Bank charges (Sept)
- c) **PAID £97.38** HMRC PAYE (Jul/Aug/Sept)
- d) **PAID £420.00** NYCC (VAS shield)
- e) **PAID £50.00** Royal British Legion (wreath)
- f) **TO PAY £768.00** AR Morrison (Grass cutting) **PAYMENT AGREED**
- g) **RECEIVED £2,500** HBC Precept 2nd payment
- h) **RECEIVED £49.38** NE Wayleave
- i) **INVOICE £300.00** to Langthorpe PC for contribution to f) above

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) HBC Request for 2023/24 PRECEPT requirement. The clerk had distributed a draft budget prior to the meeting. The option of requesting a precept of £6,000, which would leave a carry-over balance of circa £3k. at the end of the year, was unanimously agreed. **ACTION CLERK**
- b) NYCC re- briefing meetings for parish councils on new Council. The clerk had forwarded the email to councillors regarding the *on-line* briefings taking place on 28 November and 30 November.
- c) Email from a resident requesting a pedestrian crossing from Hockley Crescent to the western side of Leeming Lane. The clerk had passed the request to NYCC Highways Area 6. The issue was also due to be discussed at Langthorpe Parish Council's next meeting.
- d) Email from resident of The Croft (Langthorpe Parish) complaining about estate agent's sign on the Kirby Hill village green. The clerk had contacted the estate agent, who had removed the board, the council having a policy not to allow anything to be placed on the green without its permission.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **NYCC/HBC** Cllr Brown arrived after the chairman had officially closed the meeting at 7.50pm. He did, however, give a brief report/update at that time – as follows:
Update on progress towards the new unitary council. He had concerns about potential conflict or confusion between the roles of the community networks, of which 30 were to be trialled, and the parish councils, which numbered 731. He vowed to fight for the parish councils as they were the democratically elected bodies, whereas community groups could be minority or special interest organisations and less comprehensively representative. He felt that the parish councils should be the main focus and was pleased that the new authority planned to introduce a Parish Council Charter. On Planning procedures in the new authority he hoped that there would be six planning committees rather than three, which was an alternative proposal.
Regarding councillors concerns about 106 Monies not being available from Hockley Croft despite the development being over 60% completed and occupied Cllr Brown assured them that the Borough Council was doing everything in its power to reach a settlement with the developer.

He also reported on a meeting he had had with Carl Les at which they discussed the idea of a 'forum' system for parish council representatives to meet their County Cllr for updates/briefings. He said that this was now being actively considered, along with other options such as electronic reports.

On NYCC Highways issues Cllr Brown reported that he continued to chase all outstanding works in the face of operational problems due to staff shortages. He also clarified the position with regard to trees/hedges overhanging roads and footpaths, confirming that it was the landowner/home-owner's responsibility to cut these back, not NYCC's.

He reminded councillors of the importance of attending one of the parish council briefings on the new authority, taking place on-line on 28 and 30 November (see 5b. above).

Regarding ongoing issues with Yorkshire Water Cllr Brown reported that Paul Carter was leaving YW and that as soon as a replacement was in post he hoped that a resumption of talks could take place urgently to resolve the many outstanding problems with sewerage and flooding etc. which continued to affect many of the parishes in his ward.

b) JPC nothing to report

c) Safer Neighbourhoods Group nothing to report

d) Commuted Sums The clerk reported that sums would in future appear on the 'balance sheet' of the parish in which the money was to be spent rather than the parish in which the new development is situated. This means that the monies accruing from Priory Meadows in Kirby Hill would appear in the balance sheets of Skelton and Marton-le-Moor parishes. Those from Milby Grange would appear on Langthorpe Parish's balance sheet. He also reported that no sums had yet been paid by Harron Homes to HBC in respect of Hockley Croft despite that development being over two thirds completed and occupied. Councillors, who were aware that a significant amount was supposed to be allocated to the Coronation Hall from these sums, expressed serious concern and wondered why HBC had not managed to secure the agreed sums from the developer. Cllr Merson asked if any progress had been made regarding the possibly outstanding £5,300 payment due in commuted sums from the 2009 planning application at Thornton Bridge Farm. The clerk had written to HBC about this in September but had not received a reply. He would raise it again with HBC.

ACTION CLERK

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

a) Defibrillator - The clerk reported that the owner of the Blue Bell pub had now agreed in writing to the parish council's proposal to site a defibrillator on the northern gable of the pub. The clerk had been in discussion with Yorkshire Ambulance Service about their grant-aided scheme and Cllrs unanimously agreed that he should go ahead and apply for a locked and semi-automatic system which would, if the application were successful, be at a subsidised cost of £999. The council would have to pay installation costs and provide names of two 'guardians' as part of the application process. The responsibility of a guardian would be to check the equipment weekly. Cllrs Helliwell and Wilkinson agreed to act as guardians should the parish's bid be successful. **ACTION CLERK**

b) Parish council vacancies Cllr Widdows had introduced David Wass of Pond House as a potential candidate or one of the vacancies and Mr Wass had expressed strong interest. Cllrs agreed unanimously that Mr Wass be co-opted to the council. The clerk to contact HBC Elections Office to initiate the co-option proceedings. **ACTION CLERK**

8. PLANNING

a) 21/03571/DVCON Thornton Manor Farm Thornton Bridge
Application for Variation of conditions 1,3,4,5 & 6
PENDING

b) 22/00791/FUL Blue Bell Inn, Leeming Lane, Kirby Hill
Demolition of 2 outbuildings. Erection of dwelling house with detached two storey double garage.
PENDING

c) 22/03131/FUL 35 Hockley Crescent
Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to gym and use for personal training
GRANTED

- d) **22/03277/OUT** Home Farm Church Lane Kirby Hill YO51 9DS
Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings with access and layout considered
PENDING
- e) **22/03287/FUL** 31 Evesham Place Kirby Hill YO51 9PL
Formation of new vehicular access. Dropped kerb and hard standing to form additional off-road parking.
REFUSED

- f) **22/02798/ADV** Listers Farm Shop
Display of non-illuminated fascia sign on southern gable
GRANTED

2023 MEETINGS 16 Jan 13 Mar 15 May (incl. Annual Meeting) 17 Jul 11 Sep 13 Nov

The chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm at which point Cllr Nick Brown arrived. The chairman agreed to Cllr Brown's request to brief councillors who remained. (Cllr Helliwell had already departed) - *See item 6a. above*

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