

KIRBY HILL AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(incorporating Kirby Hill, Milby, Thornton Bridge, Humberton & Ellenthorpe parishes)

MINUTES of the ANNUAL parish council meeting held at 7.00pm 15 May 2023, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Outgoing Chairman), Dunderdale (incoming chairman), Helliwell, Lister, Merson, Wass, Widdows, Wilkinson. Martin Rae, parish clerk, Gareth Owens (Kirby Hill RAMS) for items 10b & 10c and one member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES for absence** NYCllr Brown

The chairman opened the meeting by asking to put on record his thanks to the clerk for his help and support during his years as chairman, especially during the pandemic.

Gareth Owens, Leader of the Kirby Hill RAMS (Residents against Motorway Services), paid tribute to Ken Lawson for his considerable and very valuable contribution to the work of the RAMS and made a presentation to him.

2. Election of Chairman The vice chairman, Cllr Helliwell, asked for nominations for the position of chairman and he nominated Cllr Dunderdale. This was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and endorsed by the rest of the council. Jill Dunderdale accepted the nomination and immediately took on the role of chairman. She also paid tribute to Ken Lawson for his work as chairman and councillor over many years. Agreed clerk to make necessary changes to bank mandate.

3. Election of Vice-chairman The chairman asked for nominations for the position of Vice-chairman. Cllr Merson proposed and Cllr Lister seconded the nomination of Cllr Helliwell, who agreed to act as vice-chairman for one further year.

(items 10b and 10c were taken at this point - see below)

4. **CODE OF CONDUCT/DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

Cllr Wilkinson items 10b and 10c, announcing that he had already received compensation for the loss of his tenancy of the land which would be taken by the MSA proposal.

5. Minutes of 13 March 2023 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: 5c. highways verges grass cutting; the clerk had asked NYC for clarification about the five cuts annually but had not received any reply.

6. **FINANCE**

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 15 May 2023 **£7,330.34**
- b) **PAID £8.00** Bank charges (Feb/Mar)
- c) **PAID £358.55** Zurich Insurance (now including cover for defibrillator)
- d) **PAID £59.54** C Merson Refund cost of tree – Milby verge
- e) **PAID £436.00** YLCA subscription
- f) **PAID £216.00** Farm & land grass cutting*
- g) **REC'D £3,000.00** NYC Precept 1st half year
- h) **TO PAY £16.00** Coronation Hall. Payment agreed
- i) **2022-23 AUDIT**

AGAR Certificate of Exemption signed by Chairman

AGAR Annual Governance Statement completed by council and signed by Chairman

AGAR Internal Audit (carried out by Marton-le-Moor PC) presented to council

AGAR Accounting Statements (previously distributed) signed by Chairman

*Regarding 6f Cllrs expressed serious concern about the state of the village green which had not been cut for 4 weeks.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **NYC Cllr Brown** had asked the clerk to report that he was still working on a system in which representatives from the 16 parish councils in his division could meet to replace his attendance at the various parish council meetings. Regarding the new unitary council he warned that further savings would be essential in order to balance the books.
In his regular meetings with Melissa Burnham at NY Highways he had raised the issues of parking/speeding at the school and at Hill Top cottages in Leeming Lane.
- b) **JPC** nothing to report. Minutes of 23 March meeting had been distributed by Cllr Merson. Next meeting 6 July.
- c) **Safer Neighbourhoods Group** Cllr Helliwell reported that the 24 March meeting had been very poorly attended. He had distributed a brief report to Cllrs. Next meeting planned for 19 July.
- d) **Yorks Water meeting 6 April**. Cllr Dunderdale had attended this. Lengthy minutes had been distributed which included 85 actions on YW. It was agreed to defer discussion of this item until after the next YW meeting, when some progress on the actions should have been made.
- e) **Commuted Sums** The clerk reported that the sums allocated to Milby Island could not be used for other projects elsewhere in Milby, such as the new footpath running parallel to Moor Lane. He had still received no response regarding possibly outstanding sums from the Thornton Bridge development in 2009
- f) **Litter Pick 22 April** Despite atrocious weather 16 intrepid souls, including Cllr Dunderdale, had gathered 31 sacks of litter on Leeming Lane from the picnic area to the A168 roundabout. The event had been organised by Kirby Hill and Langthorpe parish councils and co-ordinated by local resident Clare Slator. It is hoped to repeat the litter pick in future years but earlier in April, before the vegetation starts its vigorous growth.

9. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Parking outside Kirby Hill School** The clerk had distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting a draft letter composed by outgoing chairman Ken Lawson and Laura Angus, Chair of the school governors. It was agreed that the clerk would send this out to the North Yorks council and the other organisations listed by the letter's authors. **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **Defibrillator** The clerk reported that the equipment still awaiting installation by Seldon Electricians who were having difficulty in agreeing a suitable date/time with the pub.

8. PLANNING

- a) **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
- b) **ZC23/01168/DVCM AJ** Land adjacent to A1(M) Kirby Hill YO51 9DP
Variation of conditions 5,13,16 and 17 of planning permission 18/00123/EIAMA J to permit extension in length to proposed MSA junction slip roads and to increase the permissible height of the eastern dumbbell roundabout by up to 1.25 metres plus minor amendments to the indicative design of associated infrastructure and landscape works.
The clerk was asked by the chairman to draft an objection following a discussion between councillors and Mr Owens, Leader of the RAMS. It was also proposed he send an email to Cllr Nick Brown asking him to request that this application be dealt with by full committee rather than through delegated powers. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **ZC23/01185/EIAMA J** Land adjacent to the A1(M) Kirby Hill YO51 9DP
Resubmission of permitted outline MSA permission (18/00123/EIAMA J) to permit extension in length to proposed MSA junction slip roads and to increase the permissible height of the eastern dumbbell roundabout by up to 1.25 metres plus minor amendments to the indicative design of associated infrastructure and landscape works.
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The chairman thanked Mr Owens for attending the meeting and offering helpful advice.

d) ZC23/01666/FUL 19 Market Hill, Milby, YO51 9JU

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side extension. Extension and conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation.

The parish council had no objections

ACTION CLERK

The chairman asked the attending member of the public if they wished to speak. They commented on the lamentable state of the village green which had not been cut according to the new contractor’s schedule and resembled a hay meadow (see also note in item 6 above). The last cut had been on April 17th, 4 weeks ago. The clerk had contacted the contractor to express the council’s concern. The issue of communication between the parish council and residents was also raised by the member of the public, particularly the decision to have only one noticeboard. The chairman asked for this item to be included in the agenda for the July meeting.

ACTION CLERK

Meeting ended 8.10pm

NEXT MEETINGS 17 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov 2023

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