

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 18 March 2024, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Dunderdale (Chairman), Helliwell, Lister, Merson, Wass, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (parish clerk).

1. APOLOGIES for absence NYCllr Brown

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: Cllr Wilkinson 8a, Cllr Lister 7c

3. Minutes of 22 January meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Merson, seconded by Cllr Helliwell. Duly signed by chairman.

Matters arising: None

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 18 March 2024 **£7,132.47**
- b) **PAID £55.99** Martin Rae re-imburement MacAfee costs (AMEX)
- c) **PAID £97.38** HMRC PAYE (Oct/Nov/Dec)
- d) **PAID £170.00** Parish Council Websites
- e) **REC'D £500.00** NYC Locality Budgets Grant

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NYC Subsidised local bus services.** Clerk reported that local services 22 and 23 to be renumbered 82 and 83 but with only minor changes to the timetable.
- b) **Locality budget grant** for replacement noticeboard. Cllr Wilkinson proposed re-instatement of the board on the village green. Vote in favour 5 and one abstention (Cllr Merson). Clerk to report to next meeting with costed proposals. **ACTION CLERK**

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & MEETINGS

- a) **Parish Forum meetings** Details of next meeting to be confirmed. Minutes of 8 Feb meeting had been distributed.
Cllr Dunderdale reported on the meeting with Melissa Burnham of NYC Highways Area 6 in which the shortcomings of the NYC portal had been discussed and plans for an improvement in communications. A new programme for gully cleaning and drainage issues had also been discussed.
While NYCllr Brown had proposed that SNG matters should henceforth be included in the Forum meetings Cllr Wilkinson had attended a recent Boroughbridge Police Liaison meeting, which he had found very useful, due mostly to the presence of Police Inspector Holly Nicholls. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Boroughbridge Town Council and request that a representative from Kirby Hill & District PC attend future meetings (which are quarterly). **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **Joint Parish Council** – no report

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **Canal footpath/towpath** opposite Canal Garage – Cllr Merson reported that NYC had confirmed that they would be remaking the path with concrete in the next few weeks.
- b) **Milby Island footpaths** the £61k in commuted sums was now available, through Langthorpe parish council and Cllr Merson confirmed that the quotes he had received over two years ago still prevailed. It was now a matter of working with Langthorpe PC to submit project proposals to NYC
- c) **Milby Grange (Miller Homes) footpath to Milby Lock** - Newby Hall Estate's Tom Campion had confirmed to the clerk that a route across the field had been agreed with Lister Farms and that the appropriate fencing would be installed in the spring.

- d) **Flooding outside Pond House (village green)** The broken drain under the roadway (Church Lane) had been notified to NYC Highways Area 6 and the clerk was asked to chase this on behalf of the parish council. Other solutions were discussed, such as raising the verge/footpath, but it was agreed to await the outcome of the approach to NYC Highways. **ACTION CLERK**
- e) **Motor bikes on local footpaths** – relating specifically to the footpaths linking Kirby Hill with the Hockley Croft development. While it was agreed that it was up to individuals witnessing this antisocial behaviour to report it to the police, it was agreed that the clerk should write to the police to let them know that the parish council is aware of this problem, has received many complaints from residents and would like to see tougher police action. **ACTION CLERK**
- f) **Potential development -34 acres E of Leeming Lane** – while there was nothing certain at this stage it was agreed that the parish council needed to be alert to NYC’s forthcoming “Call for Sites” (for development)
- g) **Harron Homes 106/commuted sums** – the clerk had received confirmation from NYC that the sums, totalling £625k. had now been paid to the council by Harron Homes, of which £375k. was earmarked for the Coronation Hall. The remainder had been allocated to Waterside in Langthorpe, St James’s churchyard in Boroughbridge and Langthorpe’s football ‘pitch’.
- h) **Community Litter Pick 13 April** – The chairman confirmed that this would be a joint venture again with Langthorpe. Volunteers to meet at 10.00am in the Blue Bell car park where hi-vis gilets and litter pickers will be provided. Clerk to collect equipment from Harrogate depot on 11th April and return it on 15th. **ACTION CLERK**
- i) **Grass cutting contract** – contract with Farm & Land Services signed and now operational at £56.00 per cut and up to 20 cuts per annum.

8. PLANNING

- a) **ZC23/04592/REMMAJ** Approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a Motorway Service Area (MSA) to the west side of the A1(M)...
PENDING

Meeting ended 8pm

NEXT MEETING Annual meeting 13 May 2024

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