

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

PRESENT: Cllrs Lawson (Chairman), Dunderdale, Helliwell, Lister, Merson, County Cllr Brown and Martin Rae, parish clerk.

1. APOLOGIES for absence Cllr Wilkinson

2. CODE OF CONDUCT/DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: none

3. Minutes of 9 May 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 11 July 2022 **£5,943.98**
- b) **PAID £14.30 (direct debit)** HBC Trade Waste bin (Milby Island) emptying x2 (May) (see also 7b)
- c) **PAID £8.00** HSBC bank charges (May)
- d) **PAID £318.73** Zurich Insurance annual renewal
- e) **PAID £15.01** Zurich Insurance (additional cover – VAS)
- f) **TO PAY £97.38** HMRC PAYE (Apr/May/Jun) **PAYMENT AGREED**
- g) **£137 Monies** The clerk raised the matter of donations to ‘Beyond the Pews’ and Royal British Legion. The chairman suggested increasing these to £50.00 each (from £35.00). Proposed by Cllr Lister, seconded by Cllr Dunderdale. Unanimously agreed. **ACTION CLERK**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from a resident complaining about the overgrown hedge on the Leeming Lane footpath between Hockley Croft and the Langthorpe Farm Shop. It was claimed that this was beginning to obstruct the path. The clerk had forwarded the email to NYCC Highways Area 6. It was believed, however, that the hedge was the landowner’s responsibility and Cllr Lister agreed to get Lister Farms Ltd. to attend to the matter. **ACTION CLLR LISTER**

6. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS & MEETINGS

a) **NYCC** Cllr Nick Brown reported on the ‘steep learning curve’ he was experiencing in his new role as the county headed towards unitary authority status in April 2023. He outlined the current position regarding the Scrutiny and Standards committees. He had put himself forward as a member of the Parish and Town Councils Working Group as he felt strongly that these local councils had been under-rated in the past. He would also be a member of the Area Committee but said it was still uncertain how this would be structured.

He reported that he would be meeting Melissa Burnham of NYCC Highways Area 6 on 26 July and asked for any outstanding highways issues to be passed to him in time for the meeting. He was also please to report that Keane Duncan, who had taken over from Don McKenzie on the council, would be taking on Highways issues.

The chairman explained to Cllr Brown a problem with the recently ‘sided-out’ footpath across the village green in Kirby Hill, saying that his wife had taken the matter up with Christopher Blackburn at Area 6. Essentially this was a safeguarding issue since his son, who uses a wheelchair, still had to use the road because the ‘siding out’ of the footpath had exposed rough and pot-holed edges where the turf had been removed. These rendered the path unsafe for a wheelchair. Cllr Brown suggested that the parish council include this in their referral of issues for the meeting with Melissa Burnham. **ACTION CLERK**

Following his proposal at the parish council’s last meeting that all parish councils in his area (16 in total) should come together in groups to meet him he now suggested two groups of 8 councils, each council sending a representative. Councillors agreed that this was a way forward and Cllr Brown said he would let all councils know when the details had been worked out.

Cllr Brown reported on his discussions with Hockley Croft residents about the construction problems they experienced there. He had sent a note round all occupied homes asking residents to report their problems. He stressed that it was up to the developer, not HBC, to address these.

- b) **JPC Minutes** of the last meeting had been distributed to councillors by Cllr Merson
- c) **Safer Neighbourhoods Group** – No meeting since the last report. The meeting planned for 12 July had been postponed.
- d) **Commuted Sums** The clerk reported that he had asked HBC's Lee Jones for the most recent figures for Evesham Place. The £4,900 for Milby Lock had been removed but the monies for Marton-le Moor Sports Ground (£10.4k) and for the (old) Vicarage in Kirby Hill (£11k) remained. Lee Jones had been unable to explain why these monies were not shown on the Kirby Hill Parish Council's 'balance sheet' and would investigate.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATES

- a) **NYCC Highways issues** - The clerk reported. The 'siding out' of the village green footpath had been completed (see also in 6a. above) but similar work on the Leeming Lane footpath heading north from the Grange had not been done. The order for both had been placed at the same time. The shield for the flashing VAS sign, for which the parish council had agreed to pay £350, was long overdue. The installation date had been given as late April. The clerk would follow this up with Darren Griffiths of NYCC.
- b) **Litter bin/dog waste review** The clerk was pleased to report that the parish council's request for the Milby Island dog & litter waste bin to be emptied by HBC's routine bin emptying service had been agreed. This would mean that the parish council would no longer have to pay for the emptying under a trade waste contract, costing nearly £300 pa.
- c) **Parish council restructuring – parish representation on the council** The clerk had distributed a document before the meeting which outlined different options for changing the representation on the grouped council to reflect the changing demographic, especially the large growth of Milby's population. After much discussion there was unanimous agreement to pursue the option of 4 councillors for Milby, 3 for Kirby Hill and 1 to cover Ellenthorne, Humberton and Thornton Bridge. It was agreed that the clerk would write to HBC's Jennifer Norton with the proposal. Cllr Brown advised that the clerk should also ask what the process of implementing the change would be and how long it would take. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) **Footpaths** - Green lane and Milby Island. Recent cutting by Morrisons had resulted in a much improved access for walkers in the green lane (Church Lane between Milby and Kirby Hill). The canal towpath opposite Canal Garage was now deemed to be in a very unsafe state and needed attention. Initial inquiries by Cllrs Merson and Helliwell had revealed that this is the responsibility of NYCC rather than the Canal and River Trust. It was considered that this might be a good candidate for the commuted sums money from Milby Grange. Over £60k. of these had been earmarked for Milby Island.
- e) **Grass cutting & Moles – Village Green** -There had been complaints in June about poor quality grass cutting on the village green. The contractor had blamed molehills, although there were only two small areas where these had posed a problem. The question of whether or not to employ a mole-catcher in future was discussed without any decision being made as there was disagreement over the use of public money to control something that was not officially a pest.

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) **22/01465/OUT** Home Farm Church Lane Kirby Hill YO51 9DS
Outline application for the erection of two dwellings with access and layout considered.
REFUSED
- d) **22/01236/FUL** 5 Burton Cottages, Thornton Bridge YO612RZ
Erection of a two storey and single storey extension and alteration of roof and fenestration to create annexe.
REFUSED
- e) **22/02363/FUL** 2 Hillcrest Gardens Kirby Hill
Erection of single storey rear extension
PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION CLERK

f) 22/02448/FUL 3 Wath Lane Cottages, Wath Lane, Humberton YO61 2RY

Erection of single storey flat roof extension to replace brick store, erection of open canopy porch structure to front elevation and alteration to fenestration.

PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION CLERK

g) 22/00225/PR15 15 St John's Walk Kirby Hill

Planning Enforcement – possible breach of planning control – alleged unauthorised rear extension and bay windows to front.

NOTED BY PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING 19 September 2022 7.00pm Coronation Hall

Meeting ended at 8.20pm

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