

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 15 July 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 none

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

3. Minutes of 13 May (annual) meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Helliwell, seconded by Cllr Lister. Duly signed by the chairman.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 15 July 2024 **£8,349.11**
- b) **PAID £8.00** HSBC Bank charges (May)
- c) **PAID £372.50** Zurich Insurance
- d) **PAID £528 (inc VAT)** Parish Noticeboard Co. (being 50% deposit)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NYC Re - parish precept 2025/26.** Request for earlier submissions of budget requirements. Clerk will prepare a draft budget for next parish council meeting. Chairman asked for copy of the document (NYC email), which contained details on council tax calculations. **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **NYC Standards Bulletin** Clerk had distributed this to Cllrs. Includes information about different types of interests for declaration (or not)
- c) **Letter from Ian Hick (BACLA)** asking parish council to consider annual donation to BACLA (Boroughbridge Library, which is run by volunteers).. Cllr Helliwell proposed a donation of £150, which was the amount another parish council had proposed. Unanimously agreed that the council donate £150 immediately and commit to an annual donation, amount to be reviewed each year. **ACTION CLERK**

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **NYC Cllr Brown Forum Meetings** – No report/ information from NYCllr Brown. Minutes of the 16 May forum meeting had been distributed to Cllrs by the clerk, who had attended the meeting. No date fixed yet for next meeting.
- b) **JPC** Cllr Merson would attend the meeting on 18 July and had arranged for an item on planning to be included in the agenda. He hoped that the meeting would give serious consideration to the formation of a 'Local Plan' for the Boroughbridge area to help guide planning decisions in the future.
- c) **Boroughbridge Police Liaison** Cllr Helliwell would attend the meeting on 17 July at 4.00pm. He had not received notice of any issues that people wanted raising. Cllr Dunderdale had attended the police 'community drop-in' in Boroughbridge recently where she learned that the main issue of concern locally was speeding.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Village Green Noticeboard** Cllr Wilkinson reported that the new board had been delivered to Manor Farm and he kindly agreed to fix it into position at the site of the previous noticeboard, near the postbox. This position was agreed unanimously by all councillors. The clerk awaited the second invoice for the balance owing the Parish Noticeboard Company (£528) and he would complete the Feedback form for the NYC grant of £500 **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **Village green grass cutting and tree maintenance** There had been some dissatisfaction again with the quality of the grass cuts during the past few weeks of excessive growth but it was agreed

that the council was 'getting what it was paying for'. It was questionable whether any other contractor could be found to undertake the work at the price charged by Farm and Land. By unanimous agreement it was decided to remove the 'unsafe' and leaning cherry tree on the village green facing Barncroft. Cllr Wilkinson again kindly offered to do the necessary work. The clerk would inform the owners of Barncroft. Cllrs were not in favour of replacing it. It was agreed by Cllrs that the eight lime trees on the green were once again in need of pollarding. The clerk would ask Alasdair Downie of Farm and Land Services to quote for the work and would also obtain a quote from another company. **ACTION CLERK**

- c) **Public footpath maintenance** Cllr Helliwell was pleased to report an improvement in the green lane between Milby and Kirby Hill following a one of the twice yearly cuts of the undergrowth by AR Morrison contractors. Cllr Helliwell also raised the matter of the overgrown state of the new footpath from Tinkler Lane to Milby Grange. The clerk pointed out that this was a 'permissive footpath' and not a right of way, which made it difficult to exert pressure on the landowner. Cllr Merson confirmed, however, that Newby estate planned to maintain it by cutting back the grass and undergrowth twice a year.
- d) **Milby Island - 106/commuted sums project** The clerk reported that the PID (Project Initiation Document) could not be produced until there were three quotes for the proposed work on the footpaths etc. At present there were 2 quotes for the hard surface work and three for the benches. Clerk to prepare summary of present position for next meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

8. PLANNING

- a) **ZC23/04592/REMAJ** 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)...
ON HOLD FOR 6 MONTHS PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGHWAYS ENGLAND
- b) **ZC24/01843/PNA** Humberton Grange YO61 2RX Erection of grain/machinery store
PARISH COUNCIL HAD SUBMITTED 'NO OBJECTIONS'
- c) **ZC24/02221/FUL** Homewood, Church Lane, Kirby Hill YO51 9DX - Proposed rear extension and new drive and road crossing.
PARISH COUNCIL AGREED TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION

Meeting ended 7.40pm

NEXT MEETING 16 September 2024

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