

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 November 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 16 September 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 18 November 2024 **£8,810.05**
- b) **PAID £268.80** Farm & Land Grass Cutting 4 cuts Aug/Sept
- c) **PAID £32.00** Coronation Hall (2 meetings)
- d) **PAID £97.38** HMRC PAYE (Jul/Aug/Sept)
- e) **PAID £50.00** Royal British Legion (S137 monies – wreath)
- f) **PAID £50.00** Beyond The Pews (S137 monies – donation)
- g) **REC'D £3,000.00** NYC Precept 2nd half yr
- h) **REC'D £49.38** Northern Powergrid Wayleave

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Steph White (Secretary Forum Meeting Group A)** Agenda for meeting 26 November in Jubilee Room, Boroughbridge. Cllr Dunderdale confirmed that she would attend. Cllrs considered that it was not essential for two councillors to attend these meetings. Cllr Dunderdale would raise the issue of the Locality Budget grant and hope that the parish's bid for a contribution to the pollarding of the lime trees on the green would be accepted.
- b) **YLCA VE DAY 80th Anniversary Guide.** The clerk had distributed this to councillors before the meeting. Councillors were unable to think of any way in which the parish council could celebrate this anniversary and it was therefore agreed that the council would not organise any event.
- c) **NYC - Community Engagement and Countryside -** Information that NYC would no longer lend litter picking equipment to local councils but would continue to support locally organised litter picking events by collecting the resulting sacks of rubbish. Cllrs agreed that the parish council should continue to support/organise community litter picking events. This would involve borrowing/acquiring the equipment through other means.
- d) **NYC Strategic Finance –** Precept Calculator for Kirby Hill & District parish showed that despite the precept for 2025/6 being the same as 2024/5 (£6,000) and the fact that more dwellings had been occupied over the year, the parish portion on council tax would increase slightly. The clerk had asked NYC for an explanation and had been told that this was because fewer residents would actually be paying council tax (due to rebates, concessions etc.)

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **JPC** Cllr Merson reported. The minutes of the September meeting had not yet been produced but Cllr Merson outlined the main issues that had been raised. A particular issue of concern had been a revelation that projects through Commuted Sums could be initiated by parties other than the local council where the sums from a development had originated, without that council's knowledge.
Cllr Merson reported that he would be chairing the next JPC meeting on 21 January 2025.
- b) **Boroughbridge Police Liaison** Cllr Helliwell reported that it had not been possible to organise further meetings and that there was some confusion about their future. Cllr Dunderdale will raise the matter of community police meetings at the coming Forum group A meeting on 26 Nov.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Village Green Grass cutting contract and tress maintenance** It was unanimously agreed to renew the contract with Farm & Land for 2025. The pollarding of the lime trees on the green would also be carried out by Farm & Land during the coming winter (agreed Minute 7b 16 September). The clerk had submitted an application for £500 grant funding for this work from NCllr Nick Brown's Locality Budget, having been informed by NCllr Brown that the grant could be used for this type of work.

The chairman and councillors expressed their thanks to Richard and Tom Wilkinson for the cutting down and removal of the diseased cherry tree on the green. A decision would be made later regarding the short stump that remained.

- b) **Call for Sites** Cllr Merson had queried the purpose of NYCllr Brown's suggestion that the parish identified sites it deemed unsuitable for development. It was agreed to wait until the list of sites was published before taking any further action.
- c) **Commuted Sums/106 monies** The clerk had received from NYC the parish's 'balance sheet' which contained two allocations for the Coronation Hall, totalling £480k. These entries were also shown on Langthorpe PC's sheet of available sums. The only other item on Kirby Hill's list of available sums was £175.00 arising from a development in Manor Drive in 2008. The clerk had also received from NYC a document detailing 'permissible expenditure' in Commuted Sums. He agreed to distribute this to the councillors. **ACTION CLERK**
- Cllr Merson reported that he had two quotes for the footpath work on Milby Island, but that one had passed its expiry date. He thought that Adrian Morrison would provide the third quote necessary for the submission of a Commuted Sums Project Initiation Document. (The sums for this being allocated to Langthorpe parish council).

- d) **Dates of 2025 meetings**

13 Jan 17 Mar 5 May (Annual Meeting) 14 Jul 15 Sep 17 Nov

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 DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGHWAYS ENGLAND*

Meeting ended 7.45pm

NEXT MEETING 13 January 2025

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