

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 13 January 2025, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

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

1. APOLOGIES for absence Cllr Dunderdale, NYCllr Nick Brown

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

3. Minutes of 18 November 2024 meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Merson, seconded by Cllr Widdows. Duly signed by the acting chairman. No matters arising.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 13 January 2025 **£9,032.31**
- b) **PAID £8.00** HSBC Bank charges (Nov)
- c) **REC'D £500.00** Locality Budget Grant (NYC)
- d) **PAYMENT AGREED £47.99** Martin Rae (Clerk) Refund McAfee payment on credit card
- e) **PAYMENT AGREED £1,142.40** Farm and Land grass cutting (2 cuts) and tree pollarding 8 x lime trees (£840+VAT)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NYC Urban Highways grass cutting** Milby Parish. NYC offer of £261.74 to parish for 'visibility' cutting of highway verges in Milby. Cllrs agreed to decline (as in previous years) and to continue with NYC undertaking the cutting.
- b) **HSBC Safeguarding** Request by bank for further information and threat to close account on 20 February. Clerk reported that he had already given required information (and some Cllrs had also provided identity documents such as driving licence) and that he had been told that the safeguarding review had been completed satisfactorily. Clerk to have a telephone appointment with the bank later in the week to find out what further information was now required.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **JPC** Cllr Merson reported that the next meeting was on 21 January. In response to a query from Cllr Helliwell about the value of the JPC Cllr Merson considered that the meetings did definitely have a value as a forum for local parishes to discuss shared interests and issues.
- b) **Forum meeting 26 November** NYCllr Brown, in presenting his apologies of absence, had also apologised that the minutes of the 26 November meeting had not yet been produced because of the secretary's ongoing illness. Cllr Dunderdale had produced a substantial briefing note after the meeting and had copied this to the council. NYCllr Brown had asked for a copy of this and the clerk had emailed this to him on 12 January.
Cllr Helliwell expressed concerns that the briefing note seemed to indicate that very little progress was being made on many issues and that so much seemed to be 'in abeyance' currently. It was noted that the Boundary Review's outcome would result in Kirby Hill and District Parish Council moving to the Boroughbridge and Claro Division in 2027.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Village Green Tree Replacement** The council discussed the request, through a parent's letter, from one of the children at the primary school for the felled cherry tree on the village green to be replaced by two trees. The request was signed by several children at the school.
Cllr Helliwell had arranged for a short piece about the 'petition' to be included in the next edition of 'Beyond the Pews'.

Cllrs agreed to plant one cherry tree and Cllr Wilkinson kindly volunteered to cut back the stump of the felled tree to ground level. The clerk was asked to order the tree and Cllr Wass gave details of a contact at Thorpe Trees.

ACTION CLERK

- b) **Spring Litter Pick** Cllr Dunderdale had put forward 22 March as the date for the proposed litter pick but had still had no confirmation that NYC would change its mind and lend the equipment. Cllrs agreed the date and the clerk would inform Langthorpe PC in the expectation that the litter pick would again be a joint undertaking.

ACTION CLERK

- c) **Commuted Sums/106 monies Milby Island** Cllr Merson reported that he and Mike Collins of Langthorpe PC had been working on the PID (Project Initiation Document) for the new footpath surfaces on Milby Island, with new benches and picnic table. The PID was aimed at securing funding from the £60k. held by NYC in commuted sums for improvements to Milby Island. Cllr Merson had received three quotations for the work. He proposed that the PID recommend acceptance of the DTMS quote of £42,210 for the footpath work and NBB's quote of £1,577 for the benches and picnic table. This was seconded by Cllr Widdows and all were in favour.

ACTION CLLR MERSON

- d) **Thornton Bridge replacement hedge** Cllr Merson noted that no replacement hedge had yet been planted following the removal, with planning consent, of the roadside hedge near Bridge Cottage. The original application had included the intention to replace the hedge with a new one further back from the road. The clerk would contact the planning enforcement dept.

ACTION CLERK

- e) **Planning Sub-committee** Cllr Merson proposed the creation of a planning sub-committee to look at applications and report as necessary to the main council meetings. It was agreed to trial this idea and Cllrs Wass and Wilkinson volunteered to join Cllr Merson on the sub-committee. The clerk would also attend.

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)...

PENDING

Meeting ended 7.46pm

NEXT MEETING 17 March 2025

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