

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 17 March 2025, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Dunderdale (Chairman), Helliwell, Merson, Wass, Widdows, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (parish clerk) & Mr Nigel Brunyee of BCC.

1. APOLOGIES for absence None received

Nigel Brunyee of BCC (Boroughbridge Community Charity) was welcomed to the meeting by the chairman and gave a presentation about the work and role of BCC and its plans for the future, including becoming a Community Anchor Organisation and forging closer links to the library. Mr Brunyee also suggested that a link from the parish council website to BCC's website should be created. The clerk agreed to do this.

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

3. Minutes of 13 January 2025 meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Merson, seconded by Cllr Helliwell. Duly signed by the chairman. No matters arising.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 17 March 2025 **£7,168.80**
- b) **PAID £16.00** HSBC Bank charges (Dec/Jan)
- c) **PAID £300.00** AR Morrison grass cutting
- d) **PAYMENT AGREED £60.00** Martin Rae (Clerk) for payment on debit card for Curry's Cloud storage
- e) **PAYMENT AGREED £92.17** Thorpe Trees (village green cherry tree)
- f) **PAYMENT AGREED £170.00** Town and Parish Council Websites

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **BCC (Boroughbridge Community Charity)** Request to attend parish council meeting to give short presentation on BCC. See Above – presentation given at start of meeting by Mr Nigel Brunyee. Cllrs had welcomed the presentation but had not expected it until 5 May meeting, having been advised by Jules Preston that he would be away on 17 March.
- b) **NYC Sports Facility Research Survey** The chairman had completed the online survey – the only facility in the grouped parish being the Coronation Hall in Milby.
- c) **NYC Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation survey** The chairman had completed the online survey.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **JPC** Cllr Merson reported on the 30 January meeting, the minutes of which had been distributed to Cllrs. Main issues and concerns were the lack of county councillor attendance at the meetings, the weakened flood defence response following the apparent 'withdrawal' of support for the local volunteer response system from the police and the lack of any progress with Yorkshire Water over sewage release into the river Ure.
- b) **Forum and Parish Liaison meetings** No forum meeting of County Cllr Brown's group A parishes had taken place since 26 November and the minutes of that meeting had not yet been produced due to secretarial problems. There was some confusion about the difference between the forum meetings and the Parish Liaison meetings. A meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Parish Liaison Meeting had taken place on 26 February. The clerk would write to the organiser of the meetings to seek clarification.
The chairman would also contact Cllr Brown about the current position regarding the Forum meetings.
- c) **BB Police and Community Liaison Committee** Cllr Helliwell had emailed the chairman, clerk and Cllr Merson prior to the meeting to say that he was no longer willing to attend the meetings of the BB Police liaison meetings and had commented on the meeting's proposed 'terms of

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reference' which stated that individual parish councils were not expected to send a representative to the meetings, but should be represented through JPC attendance. Cllr Merson, the current JPC chairman, felt strongly that parish councils in the Boroughbridge area should be represented and volunteered to attend the meeting on 18 March in Cllr Helliwell's place.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Village Green Tree Replacement** A new cherry tree, purchased from Thorpe Trees (4e above), had been planted by Cllr Wilkinson, who reported that he would soon remove the old stump by the roots rather than cut it off to ground level as first proposed.
- b) **Spring Litter Pick 22 March** The clerk would collect the picking equipment from the depot in Harrogate on 20 March and return it on 24 March. The loan conditions stated that any insurance cover would not be valid if the equipment was used on roads where the speed limit was greater than 40mph. Langthorpe volunteers would start at the picnic area at 10am and Kirby Hill volunteers at the Blue Bell pub car park at 10am. Rubbish sacks would be left for collection on 24 March in the lay-by near the A168/B6265 roundabout. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **Commuted Sums/106 monies Milby Island** Cllr Merson reported that the PID (Project Initiation Document) had been accepted (for the new footpath surfaces on Milby Island, with new benches and picnic table).
- d) **Thornton Bridge replacement hedge** Mr Furlong had contacted the clerk and confirmed that the new hedge would be planted this year.

8. PLANNING

Planning Sub- Committee Minutes 17 February These had been distributed to all Cllrs by the clerk and the submissions to NYC Planning had been agreed as follows:

- 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)...
Additional information received.
Parish Council had submitted OBJECTION – regarding significant changes to certain aspects of proposed MSA (Overbridge and eastern dumb-bell roundabout heights, screening, attenuation lagoons etc.)
- b) **ZC25/00205/FUL** Old Garden Centre, Leeming Lane YO51 9DE – Change of use from nursery yard with landscaping business (Class E) to residential (Class C3) with proposed detached self-build dwelling and double garage.
Parish Council had submitted NO OBJECTION
- c) **ZC25/00301/PNG** Humberton Grange, Sandy Lane, Humberton YO61 2RX – Change of use of agricultural building to Class B storage or distribution.
Parish Council had submitted SUPPORT for application with condition for restriction on times of any operations undertaken in the unit(s)

On the issue of planning Cllr Merson considered that the council needed to prepare for the inevitable new applications for developments arising out of the NYC Call for Sites and in light of the government's easing of the planning route for new housebuilding applications. He called for more opportunity for local councils to have input before and during the application stage. Cllrs were in agreement but considered that there was little that local councils could do before the application stage except perhaps through the forthcoming consultation of the sites put forward in NYC's Call for Sites.

Meeting ended 8.05pm

NEXT MEETING 5 May 2025 (Annual Meeting)

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