

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 14 July 2025, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Dunderdale(Chairman), Lister, Merson, Widdows, Wilkinson, NYCllr Brown and Martin Rae (parish clerk).

1. APOLOGIES for absence Cllrs Helliwell, Wass

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

3. Minutes of 5 May (annual) 2025 meeting, having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Widdows, seconded by Cllr Merson. Duly signed by the chairman. No matters arising.

At NYCllr Brown's request the chairman brought forward items 7a-7c at this point – see details below

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported:

- a) Balance at 14 July 2025 **£8,900.81**
- b) **PAID £16.00** HSBC Bank charges (Apr/May)
- c) **PAID £334.99** Zurich Insurance
- d) **PAID £28.00** Coronation Hall
- e) **PAID £354.00** Farm & Land (Grass cutting)
- f) **PAID £13.70** YLCA Webinar Planning (Cllr Merson)
- g) **PAID £64.70** WelMedical (Defibrillator pads)
- h) **REC'D £3,000.00** NYC Precept 1st half year
- i) **REC'D £903.43** HMRC VAT Refund (18 months)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NYC Local Plan – Call for Sites** Information that the Call for Sites will be extended until the end of December 2025. NYCllr Brown explained that the initial call had not produced sufficient land.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **Forum and Parish Liaison meetings** Cllr Dunderdale reported on the 28 May meeting which she said had been well attended. It had been dominated by discussion of the Boundary Commission review which included the recommendation that Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge parishes be part of the Dalton/Dishforth NYC Division while Kirby Hill and Milby parishes be in the Boroughbridge Division. Since this would result in Kirby Hill and District parish council having two NYC councillors, Cllr Dunderdale had submitted an official request for Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge parishes to be included with Kirby Hill and Milby in the Boroughbridge Division. (See also 7a below)
NYCllr Brown reported that the next forum meeting for Wathvale and Bishop Monkton division would be 30 September and he hoped Carl Battersby from Highways Area 6 would be able to attend. He reminded the meeting that up to two councillors from each parish council could attend the forum meetings.
- b) **JPC** Cllr Merson reported that he would attend the next meeting on 17 July. He intended to express his and the parish council's agreement with the sentiments put forward by BBTC's Cllr Phillips about closer working between BBTC and the adjacent parishes, especially in areas such as 106 projects. Cllr Dunderdale would reinforce this message in writing to Cllr Phillips, but would first send round a draft for councillors' comments. **ACTION CLLR DUNDERDALE**
- c) **BB Police and Community Liaison Committee** Cllr Merson had attended the meeting on 10 July, the minutes of which were not yet available. He had found it a good meeting and, in response to NYCllr Brown's query about whether the parish council might prefer to attend the new Uredale Community Partnership meetings he considered it more appropriate to continue to be represented on the Boroughbridge group.

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Boundary Commission recommendations & PC restructuring.** The parish council's response to the BC's recommendation is outlined in 6a above. The clerk had distributed documents to Cllrs before the meeting in which he tried to explain what the council needed to do in order to get a Community Governance Review (NYC) to consider the parish council's restructuring proposals, independently of the Boundary Commission Review (which was looking at the wider balance and weighting between NYC divisions). NYC had recently indicated that the parish council's 2022 proposals were not viable since the three parishes of Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge (EHTB) had each to return one councillor. NYC's Elizabeth Jackson, of Democratic Services, had suggested four options to get round this and enable the parish council to have just one councillor representing EHTB. The clerk's document had proposed proceeding with first option – *merging the three EHTB parishes into a single parish*. This would enable Kirby Hill and District Parish Council to restructure and rebalance councillor representation according to its original 2022 proposals, which involved just one councillor from the three EHTB parishes. If the subsequent BC review outcome meant that the new single EHTB parish were to be in the Dalton/Dishforth division then a proposal could be made for it to be incorporated into an adjacent parish council in that Division rather than stay in the Kirby Hill & District council (KHPC).
It was unanimously agreed that the clerk should write to NYC (Elizabeth Jackson) to agree to her option 1 being put forward as part of a Community Governance Review. The other three options would create situations where it would be more difficult to handle the BC review outcome of EHTB being in the Dalton/Dishforth division. **ACTION CLERK**
- b) **New Developments pre-planning and BBTC's "What the Future May Hold"** Representatives of Kirby Hill & District, Langthorpe and Boroughbridge councils met with Miller Homes (MH) staff on 11 July, (a meeting called by MH), to hear and discuss, without prejudice, MH's latest proposals for the Church Banks development. These took into account some of the changes suggested by local councillors and residents at the Coronation Hall open day presentation and at earlier meetings with parish councillors. MH expected to submit their outline application by the end of July – probably after Gladman's submission of their application for the development to the north and northeast of Hockley Croft. Councillors at the 11/7 meeting felt that it was very important that both applications were dealt with by the same planning committee at NYC.
Regarding BBTC's (Cllr Phillips) paper "What the future may hold" the council considered it a useful document and agreed with its sentiments about the importance of the local councils working closely together and co-ordinating efforts regarding responses to the proposed developments and to the use of 106 monies. See also 6b above.
- c) **106 Commuted Sums** Cllr Merson reported. The same message as above! Important to work together and co-ordinate plans for projects in a way that benefits the whole Boroughbridge area community. With regard to the £35k. being spent on Milby Island he expected the work on the footpaths to start soon.

8. PLANNING

- a) **ZC23/04592/REMMAJ AMENDED DETAILS** 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)...
AMENDED DETAILS.
PENDING - Parish Council had submitted OBJECTION – regarding significant changes to certain aspects of proposed MSA (Overbridge and eastern dumb-bell roundabout heights, screening, attenuation lagoons to east of A1(M) etc.)
- b) **25/00089/PR15 Planning Enforcement** Grantham Arms Milby. Re – siting of shepherd hut
PENDING
- c) **25/00141/PR05 Planning Enforcement** Field 438285 469181 Ripon Rd Kirby Hill – potential non-compliance with archaeology conditions 25 and 27 *PENDING*

Meeting ended 7.55pm

NEXT MEETING 15 September 2025

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