

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 9 March 2026, in the Coronation Hall, Milby (Notice having been given).

PRESENT: Cllrs Dunderdale (Chairman), Lister Merson, Wass, Wilkinson and Martin Rae (parish clerk). One member of the public also attended.

1. APOLOGIES for absence None

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

3. Minutes of 12 January 2026 meeting having been distributed previously, were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wass, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Duly signed by the chairman. No matters arising.

4. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported:

- a) **Balance** at 9 March 2026 **£8,598.14**
- b) **PAID £63.99** Clerk – reimbursement for McAfee subscription
- c) **PAID £16.00** Coronation Hall
- d) **PAID £114.20** HMRC PAYE (Oct/Nov/Dec)
- e) **PAID £146.00** Town & Parish Websites Set-up fee for .gov.uk
- f) **PAYMENT AGREED £415.00** Town & Parish Websites - Annual hosting fees
- g) **PAYMENT QUERIED £94.28** Skelton-cum-Newby PC (Forum Group hosting fees) Clerk to obtain clarification.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) None

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND MEETINGS

- a) **Forum and Parish Liaison** Cllr Dunderdale reported on the 20 January meeting, the minutes of which had been distributed. The future of the Boroughbridge Flood committee had been discussed and NYCllr Brown had explained that in future all liaison during times of flood should be through him. The Boroughbridge flood committee was therefore redundant. Highways issues that had been reported included the footpath across the village green where there was currently no plan for 'siding out' and the plot of land at the Leeming Lane entrance to St. John's Walk for which no ownership had yet been established. Next meeting 28 April. Cllr Dunderdale said she would attend.
- b) **JPC** Cllr Merson reported on the 29 January meeting, the minutes of which had been distributed. The future of the Boroughbridge flood committee and the local response to flooding incidents had been a main topic of discussion. (See also 6a. above).

7. ONGOING AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) **Boundary Commission recommendations & PC restructuring.** The clerk outlined the results and draft recommendations of the consultation questionnaire. He had distributed the report to councillors prior to the meeting. There were only 26 respondents out of 646 households that had been sent the consultation. A majority favoured the proposed changes to the organisation of the parish council, (i.e. the three parishes of Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge combining to form a single parish with one councillor). Stage 2 of the consultation would commence on 19 March and would include the naming of the new parish. Two suggestions had to date been put forward - Humberton & District and Lower Swale.
- b) **.gov.uk domain name** The clerk reported that the parish council website had changed to a .gov.uk domain as had the clerk's and four councillors' email addresses. Cllrs Lister and Wass proposed to make the changes soon but the clerk confirmed that there was no urgency. Cllr Merson asked if he could change the password supplied by Town and Parish Websites. The clerk would find out. **ACTION CLERK**
- c) **NYC Highways issues** The clerk had been informed by Area 6 that the changes/extension to the 30mph limit on the Dishforth road by the Milby junction would be carried out soon under Traffic regulation order C86/U783 MILBY
The damaged village sign in Millings Lane, by the churchyard wall, had been temporarily repaired but a new sign had been requested and hopefully would be installed soon.
The clerk would contact Area 6 about the maintenance of the high hedges/trees in the Leeming Lane verge opposite the Anchor Inn. **ACTION CLERK**
- d) **Litter pick 14 March** The clerk had collected the pickers and hi-viz vests from the Harrogate depot and arranged for two pick up sites for the filled sacks – the layby on B6265 and the Langthorpe picnic area. Cllr Merson commented about the unkempt state of many of the verges, with brambles and young saplings and wondered if the parish should get a contractor, such as Adrian Morrison, to cut them as NYC had stopped doing this in certain areas.. The clerk would contact NYC regarding grass cutting grants that were available for some stretches of 'urban grass verge'. **ACTION CLERK**
It was also suggested that the clerk contact the base commander at Dishforth Airfield as it was thought that much of the bottle and can littering in the Boroughbridge-Dishforth road was attributable to personnel from the base.

8. PLANNING

- a) **ZC23/04592/REMMAJ AMENDED** 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. Kirby Hill RAMS were continuing to argue that the outline planning permission had now expired
- b) **TPO No. 49/2025/HAR** Tree preservation Order 2 oak trees - field at 438285 469181
GRANTED
- c) **25/02186/OUTMAJ** Field 439417 467708 Milby - Outline application for the erection of up to 250 dwellings (inc. affordable housing) with open space, allotments, structural planting, a sustainable drainage scheme (SuDS) and vehicle access points. All matters to be reserved – except for partial means of access to, but not within, the site.
PENDING – parish council had submitted objection (see planning minutes 8 August 2025)
- d) **25/02716/OUTMAJ** Land east of Leeming Lane Kirby Hill Ref: E439254 N468135
Outline planning application for residential development of up to 167 dwellings (use class C3) with associated works including drainage attenuation and public open space, with all matters reserved except for site access only.
PENDING The parish council had submitted objection (planning sub-committee 2 Oct)
- e) **25/03383/REM** Home Farm Church Lane Kirby Hill YO51 9DS Reserved matters application for the appearance, landscaping and scale of two dwellings and garages granted outline consent in 22/03277/OUT (REVISED DETAILS)
GRANTED
- f) **25/04633/FUL** Grange Farm, Milby, YO51 9HQ Replacement slurry store.
GRANTED
- g) **25/04663/FUL** Rooker Hill Farm YO61 2RU Replacement of livestock building
REFUSED
- h) **25/04361/FUL** 5&6 Burton Cottages Thorton Bridge YO61 2RZ Proposed two-storey side extensions
REFUSED

Next meetings 4 May (annual meeting) 13 July 14 September 16 November

Meeting ended 7.55pm

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