

KIRBY HILL AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Special Meeting 6.30pm Coronation Hall, Milby 13 August 2026

Present: Cllr Dunderdale (Chairman), Cllr Merson, Cllr Wass, Cllr Widdows and Martin Rae (clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest as reason for absence

Item for discussion and resolution: Parish Council's contribution to RAMS (Residents Against Motorway Services) Crowd Funding campaign in support of a Judicial Review of NYC's planning decision 21 July 2026

The clerk informed the meeting of the background and the current situation in which the chairman of the RAMS (Gareth Owens) was in hospital in London but was still in communication through email and had apologised for not being able to address the meeting.

The clerk also updated councillors on the financial position informing them that there were sufficient funds to make a substantial contribution following the cancellation of a project for which £1000 had been ring-fenced for five years but which had now been cancelled.

The clerk pointed out that the campaign to raise £10,000 through crowd funding was to cover the costs of determining whether there was a case for a Judicial Review, not the costs of a review itself.

Cllrs had some concerns about RAMS' plans for subsequent fund raising should it be determined that there was a case for a JR.

They also discussed the use of the Local Government Act 1972 clause S137 to enable a contribution. The clerk explained that he had already obtained advice from YLCA on the involvement of parish councils in crowd funding exercises and that they had advised the use of Section 137.

Cllr Merson then proposed that the parish council contribute £1000 subject to RAMS' clarification of points listed below. This was seconded by the chairman and unanimously agreed.

The contribution would be subject to the following questions being answered by RAMS:

1. What plans does RAMS have for securing subsequent funding should it be agreed that there is a valid case to be made for a JR?
2. In the event of RAMS winning the Judicial Review what would the RAMS consider might be the applicant's (Applegreen) next move?

3. What might be the benefits to the wider parish of winning the Judicial Review, beyond the obvious results for the campaign against the MSA?

It was agreed that the clerk would email the RAMS chairman, Gareth Owens, to inform him and the RAMS of the above and to seek answers to the questions. He would then distribute the response to councillors in advance of the contribution being made.

It was acknowledged that the council did not possess a bank card and therefore the payment on the crowd funding website would have to be made on the personal card details of one of the councillors or the clerk and then reimbursed by the council – in the same way that the clerk was reimbursed for use of his card for the payment for computer virus software subscriptions etc.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm.

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