

# Kirkby-in-Cleveland Annual Parish Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting held in Kirkby Church Hall

on Monday 24th April 2017 at 8.00pm

**Present:** District Cllr S Dickins, Cllrs M Frew, T Seymour, R Tomlinson, M Weighell, A Scott and 6 Kirkby residents, Clerk L Smith

**Apologies for the Meeting:** County Cllr Moorhouse, Mrs J Cove-Smith, Mr J Davies, Mr J Hugill

**1.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2016** – agreed and signed by Cllr M Frew

## **2.0 Matters Arising**

2.1 Resident Mr G Frew enquired if any progress had been made on the speed monitoring through the village. The PC confirmed that 95 Alive had conducted monitoring on two different occasions. Speeding was occurring along Busby Lane and a decision would be made at a later date by 95 Alive on the course of action to be taken. It was noted that the data obtained from the crossroads down Kirkby Lane/Station Road towards Stokesley confirmed that excessive speeding was not taking place. As the PC did not think that this was a true reflection of the situation it was proposed that more information on Community Speed Watch should be obtained which would require residents operating the monitoring equipment on a volunteer basis.

2.2 A resident enquired about the TRO on the Trod and it was confirmed that a decision was expected to be made by mid to late May. There is concern that as motor bikes are continuing to use the Trod that drainage pipes are becoming visible. The History Society is to contact Historic England to express their concern.

2.3 A resident expressed their gratitude that the PC was not in favour of the proposed building of two houses up Hill Road.

2.4 The PC made the residents aware of the likelihood of a new planning application for a house along Busby Lane.

2.5 Cllr Tomlinson thanked Cllr Frew for her thoroughness in all planning matters.

## **3.0 Chair's Report**

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Planning Matters – Permission was granted for the development of 5 dwellings on Kirby House Farm farmyard but due to a change in the law the two dwellings that came under the banner of ‘affordable housing’ are now not necessary. An application was made to amend the original plans but the PC felt that these proposed changes did not reflect a farmhouse with associated farm buildings around a farmyard, the plans that were finally approved by HDC were much nearer the original application. As a result of this development the footpath is to be rerouted.

Revised plans for the new house on land adjacent to Cranimoor were approved and building work has commenced.

The hedges removed on land adjacent to Dromonby Bridge B & B have now been reinstated after action was taken by Hambleton District Council Enforcement Department. A planning application for the erection of 3 large agricultural buildings on this land has been delayed as inaccuracies were discovered. There has not yet been an application for a dwelling but if there should be one then the PC will ensure that the design is appropriate to its rural setting.

The owners of the caravan site up Hill Road have had an application for the removal of Condition 4 – which restricts the use of the gate into the site – refused. However there has been several large lorries travelling up to the site and depositing their loads on the far side of the field. Hambleton District Council has been informed and will be investigating this activity.

There has been an outline planning application for two properties on the field south of Hill View on Hill Road. The PC feels that as this is outside of the Village Development Limits, on an ancient and historic rig and furrow field, building on that field would damage the character of the setting of the village on the south side contrary to Objective VC1 of the Village Design Statement. Therefore the PC believes this application should be refused.

### **Police and Highway Matters**

The PC has received regular reports from the Police and fortunately there has been little criminal activity reported over the last year.

Residents expressed concerns on speeding through the village. 95 Alive (the York and North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau) were contacted and speed monitoring has been carried out. Excessive speeding was confirmed on Busby Lane (towards Busby) but not on Kirkby Lane (towards Stokesley). The PC is considering the option of using equipment from the Community Speed Watch to monitor the situation. This would involve volunteers to operate the equipment. The PC is to canvas residents to ascertain support of this action.

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## **Village Enhancement**

The new signpost, money for which was raised by voluntary contributions from residents, was installed last year.

There has been two Village Tidy Up Sessions (in Autumn and Spring) and people have commented that the village looks very well cared for. A little work by many people does make a difference.

Unfortunately there has been a spate of dog fouling around the village and on footpaths, but particularly in the Church graveyard. This is upsetting especially for those recently bereaved. There are two bins for dog waste and dog owners/walkers are encouraged to use them.

A new Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting motorised vehicles on Kirby Bank was put forward at the end of last year and, following the statutory consultation period, is going before the NYCC Executive Committee in May. It is hoped that the Trod gets the protection it needs for this important part of not only our local but also national heritage inheritance.

With a grant from the Locality Budget of North Yorkshire County Council a defibrillator cabinet has been purchased resulting in the re-siting of the defibrillator (purchased by the Black Swan and its customers) to the front wall of the Church Hall. It has been registered with York Ambulance Service so is readily available for use at any time in the event of an emergency. A training session on the accessing and use of the defibrillator is being arranged. Cllr Frew thanked County Cllr Moorhouse for arranging the grant, the Black Horse for the stewarding of the defibrillator for so many years, the Church for allowing the cabinet to be on Church property and for the use of the Church Hall as a temporary refuge if and when necessary.

Cllr Frew went on to thank the Parish Cllrs and Clerk for their support, County Cllr Moorhouse for her active support of the Trod and the grant, and to District Cllrs Dickins and Wake for their assistance in planning matters. Lastly she thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

## **Treasures Report**

Cllr. Tomlinson gave the report for the period from 01/04/16 to 31/03/17.

Opening Balance £5088.00 , Income – precept for the year £3500, NYCC Locality Budget Grant £700 and VAT refund £101, giving a final balance of £9389. The major expense during the year was the refurbishment of the village signpost, the £1200 cost for which was raised by a collection around the village and the money for which was included in the opening balance. The other large expense was the £646 for the defibrillator cabinet, the cost of which was

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covered by the grant from NYCC included in the final balance above. The total payments approved by the Parish Council for 2016/2017 amounted to £4130. With one outstanding invoice for £476 this leaves a balance of £4783. From this the cost of the proposed defibrillator training will have to be paid and the village notice board may need replacing. Also a review of the Clerk's salary is due and there should be consideration as to whether the charity donation should be raised from the £25 it has been for many years.

## **5.0 Henry Edmunds Trust Report**

Mr J Hugill was unable to attend but a report was submitted.

It was confirmed that

- 1) The Trust consisted of four appointed Trustees (from Kirkby and Great Broughton Parish Councils) and 3 are co-opted.
- 2) All Trustees give their time voluntarily and no remuneration is received.
- 3) Its primary focus to further the education of the children of the villages of Kirkby and Great Broughton and surrounding area. A total of £2609 was donated to the school in the form of £563 to Keystage 1 guided reading books, £1539 for Maths resources and equipment for the outdoor classroom and £507 for ipads and ICT resources for each of the children in Yr 3. The trust also funded the Buildings insurance for the school at a cost of £1612.
- 4) The Trust aims to maintain a balance of £1000 as reserve and any amount above this may be made available for charitable donations.
- 5) The principal income of the Trust comes from an investment portfolio The Trust also owns The School House and receives rent from a long term tenant.

## **6.0 Great Broughton Village Hall Report**

Mr J Davies was unable to attend but sent a report.

He reminded everyone that the "Village Hall" was for both Great Broughton and Kirkby.

The Hall continues to be used for a number of activities which include ballet classes, the local History Group, parties and musical events.

After the closure of the Methodist Church a home was needed to for the stained glass window, which was a memorial to those who lost their lives in the Second World War. It was decided that this should be placed in the village hall and is currently being cleaned by specialists. An old stone plaque was discovered in the Methodist Church and now has a home in the foyer.

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Mr Davies stated that he was happy to continue as Kirkby's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

### **7.0 Matters Arising since the agenda was produced**

7.1 A request was made that the hand rail opposite the Black Swan could be replaced.

7.2 A suggestion was made as to the replacement of the village signs at both entries to the village by something similar to the signpost at the crossroads. The PC will obtain estimates.

7.3 A resident asked the opinion of the PC as to the application at Manor Farm. It was confirmed that the PC had no objection but Hambleton District Council was recommending that the application be refused.

7.4 Cllr Tomlinson raised the question of car parking on the road when work commences on the development on Hill Road. A resident suggested that Highways may be able to help. It was decided that a notice should be placed in the next Church newsletter reminding residents of the imminent increased volume of large vehicles around the crossroads.

Mr Frew thanked the Parish Council for their efforts on behalf of the village.

Cllr Frew thanked the residents for their comments.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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