

Kirkby-in-Cleveland Annual Parish Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting held in Kirkby Church Hall

on Monday 11th April 2016 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs M Frew, T Seymour, R Tomlinson, M Weighell A Scott and 7 Kirkby residents, Clerk L Smith

Apologies for the Meeting: County Cllr H Moorhouse, District Cllrs S Dickins & A Wake, PCSO J Walshaw

1.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2015 – agreed and signed by Cllr M Frew

2.0 Matters Arising

There was a short discussion concerning the grass cutting up Hill Road. The Parish Council pointed out that many factors had to be taken into account regarding the frequency of the cut including road safety as well as preservation of plants and wildlife. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

Residents want the Parish Council to be proactive in ascertaining any progress in the Community Speed Watch scheme, which is currently being piloted by North Yorkshire Police.

A resident asked if it would be possible to place a conservation order on the School sign on Hill Road.

3.0 Chair's Report - Cllr Frew outlined the key events of the year.

Changes of membership of the Parish Council - The Parish Council welcomed two new members – M Weighell and A Scott. As J Hugill had stood down as a Parish Cllr after 45 years it was felt that his unbroken membership should be recognised and so in September the position of Honorary Freedom of the Parish was inaugurated and on 7th December 2015 Mr Hugill was the first recipient of this. He received a framed certificate together with some garden vouchers. At this presentation J Barr and M Skilbeck also received gifts of thanks for their service to the Parish Council.

Planning Matters - The planning application for alterations and change of use of The Station public house, which was still in progress last year, was permitted. The work has been completed sympathetically thus maintaining the historic heritage of the building. The main planning matter throughout this year has been the proposed development of the farmyard and farm buildings at Kirby House Farm. The Parish Council made its response to this application expressing its views, together with those of local residents. The decision of the

Planning Committee of Hambleton District Council on 3rd March was that the application should be granted but that the constructions haul route should be removed and the hedge and verge reinstated once it was no longer needed. The Parish Council feel that this outcome satisfies their concerns about the future development of this site. The Parish Council are currently paying close attention to the work being undertaken on Busby Lane adjacent to Dromonby Bridge B & B where hedging has been removed contrary to the Hedgerow Regulation. A planning application was submitted retrospectively and the Parish Council asked for this to be refused as it did not represent the work undertaken so far. This has now been withdrawn by the applicant. However the Enforcement Department of Hambleton District Council are monitoring this development.

Police and Highways Matters – The Police attend the meetings when shifts allow and send regular reports. There has been very little criminal activity reported recently. Speeding through the village is on the agenda on a regular basis. North Yorkshire Police are currently piloting a new scheme which involves volunteers monitoring the speed of vehicles in order to gather the necessary data for further action to be taken.

Village Enhancement – The Spring and Autumn Tidy-Up sessions were well supported and the next one is to take place on 14th May, meeting at the crossroads at 9.30am. Many thanks are offered to all those who took part. Two of the village seats have suffered damage this year. The WI seat up Hill Road needs some repair and protection work and Mr John Davies has volunteered to do this along with a group of friends. Mrs Jackie Cove-Smith purchased a new seat to replace the damaged one opposite the Black Swan. This was fixed in position by Rod Gill and Wayne Barnacal. The village sign on the verge near Emerson's was re-erected by John Hugill, Mike and Trevor Weighell. Many thanks are offered to all of them.

Peter Hoey volunteered to ascertain the cost of the refurbishment of the fingerpost at the crossroads, which was found to be beyond the budget of the Parish Council. However, sufficient funds were raised by Peter "crowdfunding" the village. Consequently due to the generosity of the residents, the work has been authorised. The Parish Council thank Peter for his efforts. It has also been decided to investigate the cost of replacing the 3 village signs which are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. The Parish Council offers it heartfelt thanks to everyone in the parish for their support in these matters.

The matter of the Traffic Regulation Order on Kirby Bank Trod, which was posted last August, preventing any vehicular traffic is currently with the Legal Executive of North Yorkshire County Council. It is devastating that this important part of not only our local but national historical inheritance is being allowed to be damaged by vehicular traffic for which it is totally unsuited.

The vulnerable resident register has now been produced and Parish Cllrs have been allocated responsibility should there be an emergency situation.

The defibrillator is now registered with the York Ambulance Service so details

of its location can be given to any emergency calls from the village. Signs have been put up indicating the location of the defibrillator and investigations are in hand as to whether it can be placed in a cabinet on the outside wall of the Black Swan, to make it more accessible.

Thanks

Cllr Frew thanked the members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their continued support especially the new members. Mike Weighell who has taken over attending the Western Area Forum meetings on behalf of the Parish Council and Alex Scott, who apart from taking responsibility for planning applications on Hill Road and a proportion of the names on the vulnerable person register, has also produced another resident for the village Ruby, born in February.

Thanks also went to County Cllr Heather Moorhouse, who has been extremely supportive regarding Kirby Bank Trod. Also to the new District Cllrs Stephen Dickins and Andy Wake who have proved supportive on the planning issues this year. Cllr Frew then thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

4.0 Treasurer's (Finance Officer's) Report

Cllr Tomlinson the Finance Officer gave the report –
1st April 2015- 31st March 2016

Opening balance was £3430.00 Agreed precept 3300.00. Donations from villagers organised by Peter Hoey £1201.10. Balance £7931.10.

Outgoings – total payments approved by the Parish Council for 2015/2016 amounted to £2501.08. Balance £5430.02.

There are cheques totalling £290 not yet cleared. A payment of £45 was made for tree pruning on 1st April. Although the balance appears to be a healthy one, there are payments still to be made in the coming year: - 1) Noticeboard £100 2) A case & notice for the Defibrillator £400-£500 (not definite at this time) 3) The fingerpost £1201 4) New village signs. A VAT refund of £101.23 is expected – claim submitted 2nd February 2016. Therefore, the expected available balance is approximately £3100.

5.0 Henry Edmunds Trust Report – The report was given by John Hugill. Two of the Trustees have come to the end of their 5 year term, Dr Sue Jones and Alison Smith, the Parish Council's representatives, are willing stand for re-election. The Parish Council voted unanimously for them both to return for a further 5 years. There has been an increase in teaching staff as there was a higher intake of pupils in September. £280 was spent on transport for a drama workshop at Queen Ethelburga's, which benefitted the children. £2195 was spent on the creation of a new school website.

6.0 Great Broughton Village Hall Report – John Davies gave the report. He confirmed that in accordance with the terms of the National Lottery Grant, obtained in 2002 for the refurbishments, residents of both Great Broughton and Kirkby were involved in the running of the Hall. As it is non-profit making, the aim is to cover the running costs by hiring out the Hall for a variety of events.

This has been achieved in previous years but due to the replacement of the oil tank and a fire door the committee has had to increase the charges of hiring the Hall to £15 per hour, with a discounted rate to the residents of both parishes of £12 per hour. The Hall continues to be used regularly by amongst others, the Local History Group, Pilates, Ballet classes. The Hall now has a website thus enabling bookings to be made via the internet.

Wayne Barnacal thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the residents for their continued good work.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.