

Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 11 July 2016 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm

1. Present

- 1.1 Mr Sanderson (Co-Chairman), Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mr Shaw, Mrs Thackray and Mrs Skidmore.
- 1.2 There were two members of the public present.

2. Declarations of interest

- 2.1 The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30 May 2016 were unanimously agreed.

4. Apologies

- 8.1 District Councillor Nick Brown and County Councillor Robert Windass

5. Matters arising

- 5.1 There were no matters arising.

6. Financial update

- 6.1 Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £3,926.97 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.55.
- 6.2 It was unanimously agreed to pay an invoice for £45.00 for S&J Kidson for hedge cutting.
- 6.3 Mr Sanderson agreed to talk to Farm and Land to request the next grass cut and to ask for the verges on the hairpin bends going out of the village to be cut back further to help visibility.
- 6.4 A short discussion took place on how commuted sums available under the category of verges and green areas could be used (noting that the money needs to be used on projects rather than maintenance). All agreed to think about whether there were any projects that could fall under this category.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

- 7.1 Mr Cole advised that there was no Neighbourhood Watch news to report but that the Neighbourhood Watch AGM was forthcoming.
- 7.2 It was agreed to include a dedicated space for Neighbourhood Watch on the new village website.

8. Planning applications

- 8.1 The application for 9 & 10 Cana Lane has been approved.
- 8.2 Two new applications have been received for The Grange relating to the windows and upper floor of the barn. Mrs Thackray did not take part in the debate due to a conflict of interest. It was agreed that all comments would be emailed to Mrs Baker who would respond to Harrogate Borough Council on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 8.3 It was noted that the Harrogate Town Centre Strategy and Masterplan was adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document on 25 May 2016. This sets out a physical masterplan for Harrogate town centre to 2025 and is available to view on Harrogate Borough Council's website.

9. Village projects

- 9.1 Mr Sanderson advised that a proposal has been received from Parish Council Websites for the new website costing £410 +VAT set up and £120 +VAT per annum maintenance costs. It was unanimously agreed to use the transparency grant to progress this contract to create a new village website. It was also agreed to continue to use the Marton-le-Moor domain name as this is owned by the Parish Council

- 9.2 Mrs Skidmore advised that Harrogate Borough Council may have a new programme starting which may be available to support funding for a village defibrillator. In the meantime Mr Sanderson would talk to the Meeting Rooms Committee about possible fundraising at future events.
- 9.3 Mrs Baker raised that the box in the village used for the collection of newspapers was in a poor state and was leaking. It was agreed that this would be replaced and Mrs Thrackray agreed to arrange for a replacement box to be installed.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Mr Sanderson updated on the Joint Parish Councils meeting report where the main issues raised were on the number of housing applications in the area; HGV parking on the A168; and the new on-demand bus service.

11. Any other business

- 11.1 Mrs Baker advised that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on new ward boundaries for Harrogate Borough Council. There are currently 54 councillors and the proposal is to reduce this to 40 councillors. There is an eight week public consultation closing on 22 August. The draft recommendations are available to view on-line and the public can submit their views.
- 11.2 Mrs Baker advised that the Parish Consultation meetings with Harrogate Borough Council are changing to twice a year and open to all Parish Councils to submit questions or attend (previously there were more meetings with Parish Councils grouped together which led to a poor turnout and v. local issues discussed).

12. Date of next meeting

- 12.1 The next meeting will be Monday 19 September 2016 and will commence at 7.00pm.