

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

1. Present

- 1.1 Mr Sanderson (Co-Chairman), Mrs White (part of meeting), Mrs Baker (Co-Chairman) and Mr Shaw.
- 1.2 There were five members of the public present.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 District Councillor Nick Brown and County Councillor Robert Windass.

3. Declarations of interest

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

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

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016 were unanimously agreed.

5. Matters arising

- 5.1 There were no matters arising.

6. Resignations

- 6.1 Mr Rutherford has resigned as Chairman of the Marton-le-Moor Parish Council. The other members of the Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mr Rutherford for his work on behalf of the village during his tenure.
- 6.2 Mrs White has resigned as Parish Councillor, and again the members of the Parish Council expressed their thanks for her support.

7. Financial update

- 7.1 Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £3,375.48 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.36.
- 7.2 It was noted that £402.70 in VAT has been reclaimed.
- 7.3 It was noted that £83.00 grant for grass cutting has been received.
- 7.4 It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoice for £52.00 for the annual rent of the playing field.
- 7.5 It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoice for £115.00 for membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.
- 7.6 Mr Sanderson read a series of Annual Governance Statements from the Audit Form. Each statement was discussed and unanimously approved.
- 7.7 The Risk Assessment Report was read, discussed and unanimously approved.
- 7.8 The Asset Register was unanimously approved.
- 7.9 Mr Sanderson explained the incomings and outgoings into the Parish Council's accounts over the last year, and it was noted that the major increase in expenditure was the cost of the grass cutting, but that this has been partly offset by the receipt of grants. All figures completed on the Audit Form were confirmed and approved.
- 7.10 Mr Sanderson advised that the internal audit review amongst the other local Parish Councils takes place on 24 April. Mr Sanderson and Mrs Baker will attend. Once this has been approved by the Marton-le-Moor Parish Council it then needs to be sent to Littlejohn LLP by 12 June.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

- 8.1 Mr Cole advised that more instances of fly tipping have been reported. Where this has been on highways land this has been dealt with promptly by Harrogate Borough Council but frustrations still remain when the incidents are on private land and the cost and effort this takes to resolve.
- 8.2 Mr Cole also advised that at the last Safer Neighbourhood meeting it was noted that there has been an increase in new people to the local area so it was worth communities reminding everyone of concerns about speeding on the village roads and fly tipping. Mr Cole agreed to take this forward at the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting.
- 8.3 Please remember to phone 101 to report any incidents or 999 for emergencies.

9. Planning applications

- 9.1** The planning application appeal by Low House to fell a sycamore tree has been dismissed.
- 9.2** An application has been received for two storey and single storey extensions, installation of a chimney and changes to windows from 10 Cana Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would neither object nor support the application but wished to comment that the plans submitted appeared to indicate that the house could be converted into two dwellings which if this were to happen could place additional strain on the local roads and sewage system in the village.
- 9.3** An application for two new properties on the Paddock, Whitegate Lane has been received. Although the plans include the provision of dealing with sewage, it was agreed that the size of the proposed houses (five and six bedrooms) would lead to a further increase in traffic in the village. Concerns were raised over road safety, particularly on the bend by the playing field, where vision is restricted, and which is close to the access for the proposed properties. It was also noted that two separate applications for a further eight dwellings in the village have already been approved which will lead to increased traffic. In addition, traffic through the village is also likely to increase due to the proposed change in use at Dishforth airfield which will result in more people using the village as a through route. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application on road safety grounds.

10. Village projects

- 10.1** A discussion took place about the best use of the grant received from the transparency fund. It was agreed that some of this should be used to move the Marton-le-Moor website to a new server, and potentially to provide a maintenance service. Mr Shaw to investigate options (including liaising with Mr Cole to look at the provider recently used by the Sutton Bank gliding club). Mr Sanderson also agreed to look at what other options are available under the terms of the grant and to share these with the Meeting Room Committee.
- 10.2** Mr Sanderson advised that the application for a grant from North Yorkshire County Council for a defibrillator for the phone box had been refused, but that another potential source of funds was being pursued.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1** Notice of bus service changes are available on North Yorkshire County Council's website.
- 11.2** New opening times for the Household Waste Recycling Centres have been advised: April-September, 08.30-17.00, October-March, 08.30-16.00. A new charge is also being introduced to dispose of tyres and this is currently £1.70 per tyre.

12. Any other business

- 12.1** There was no other business raised.

13. Date of next meeting

- 13.1** The next meeting will be Monday 30 May 2016 and will commence at 7.00pm. This will also include the Annual General Meeting.