

Marton Le Moor Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 16 November 2015 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm

1. Present

- 1.1 Mr Rutherford (Chairman), Mr Sanderson, Mrs White, Mrs Baker, Mr Shaw and County Councillor Robert Windass (part of meeting).
- 1.2 There were four members of the public present.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 District Councillor Nick Brown.

3. Yorkshire Ambulance Service presentation

- 3.1 Dave Jones, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, gave a short presentation on having a defibrillator in the old telephone box. Mr Jones explained that the defibrillator is kept within a cabinet which requires an access code to open the door. This is available in an emergency by calling 999. The machine itself is easy to use and self-checks to see if the patient requires defibrillation. Survival rates where the machine is used are c.60%. If the machine is used the Ambulance Service will check the machine, change parts such as pads and talk to those who have used it to get feedback. The cost of the machine, including the cabinet and awareness training session for the village, is £1,699.00 + vat. Running costs are currently £150 for batteries which need replacing every four years and £25 for pads which need replacing every two years or when used. The machine needs an electric source as it 'self-tests' and it is also recommended that it is checked on a weekly basis. An order can be placed through Mr Jones and takes approximately 7-14 days to be delivered.

4. Declarations of interest

- 4.1 The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.
- 4.2 Geoffrey Rutherford is the owner of the Marton Le Moor village website.

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

- 5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 September 2015 were unanimously agreed.

6. Matters arising

- 6.1 There were no matters arising.

7. North Yorkshire County Council update

- 7.1 Mr Windass updated on the ward boundary changes being considered by Harrogate Borough Council, who are currently leaning towards a Leeds City region, although this is not supported by the Government.
- 7.2 The Boundary Commission proposal is to reduce the number of Harrogate Borough Ward Councillors from 54 to 40, although there is a suggestion that this figure may be revised to 48.
- 7.3 OFSTED has recently reviewed schools and 'looked after children' in North Yorkshire County Council, which were found to be in the upper quartile of education authorities.
- 7.4 On-street Sunday parking charges are currently being reviewed in Harrogate, with the current proposal being to apply them during Sunday shopping hours.
- 7.5 Mr Windass advised that the interest for Crescent Gardens by a hotel group has fallen through and the building is now off the market until spring.
- 7.6 Harrogate Borough Council is currently consulting on charging an annual amount for the collection of green waste bins.

8. Financial update

- 8.1 Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £3,105.6 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,535.98.
- 8.2 It was noted that the annual accounts have been returned from the Auditors which passed with one comment.
- 8.3 It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoice for £48.00 from J C Trees Ltd.
- 8.4 It was unanimously agreed to keep the precept unaltered at £2,000.

- 8.5 It was unanimously agreed to move to on-line banking statements.
- 8.6 A discussion took place about moving to on-line banking, and although allowable, it was unanimously agreed not to move to this due to the increased risk.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

- 9.1 There have been two recent incidents in the village of tyres being slashed and an electric fence being dismantled. Please remember to phone 101 to report any incidents or 999 for emergencies.

10. Planning applications

- 10.1 A planning application by Newby Hall for five new homes at Village Farm was discussed. Mr Sanderson was unable to take part in the discussion due to a conflict of interest. It was agreed that the individual Parish Councillors would email Mr Rutherford with any concerns they may have in order for a response to be provided to Harrogate Borough Council by 30 November.

11. Village projects

- 11.1 It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with a defibrillator for the phone box. Mr Sanderson agreed to contact the British Heart Foundation to see if any funds are available. It was also agreed that Mr Rutherford would contact the Village Hall Committee about events to support this initiative. Mr Sanderson also agreed to talk to Mr Birkett about getting a small team together to clean and renovate the phone box.
- 11.2 It was unanimously agreed to ask Farm and Land to carry out a final verge cut.

12. Trees

- 12.1 It was unanimously agreed to have the crown lift of trees in the churchyard and the village green carried out.
- 12.2 It was unanimously agreed to have the triangle of land cleared outside Reservoir Cottage.

13. Correspondence

- 13.1 The dates for MP surgeries are available on the notice board.
- 13.2 North Yorkshire County Council urban grass cutting subsidy has been reduced to £170 p.a. It was unanimously agreed to continue to claim this amount and arrange for the grass cutting to be carried out locally.

14. Any other business

- 14.1 The condition of Cana Lane was raised as it is now very muddy after tractors have been moving between fields. Mr Sanderson agreed to raise this with the farmer.

15. Date of next meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting will be Monday 1 February 2016 and will commence at 7.00pm.