

## **Marton Le Moor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March 2015 in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm**

### **1. Present**

- 1.1 Mr Rutherford (Chairman), Mrs White, Mrs Baker, Mr Sanderson, Mr Shaw, County Councillor Robert Windass and District Councillor Nick Brown.
- 1.2 There were three members of the public present.

### **2. Apologies**

- 2.1 There were no apologies.

### **3. Declarations of interest**

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

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

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 January 2015 were unanimously agreed.

### **5. Matters arising**

- 5.1 There were no matters arising.

### **6. County Council update**

- 6.1 Mr Windass advised that the library survey had been completed but the results were not yet released.
- 6.2 Thornton Bridge will be closed for a minimum of six weeks from 23 March, and then traffic light controlled for a further 10 weeks while maintenance work is carried out.
- 6.3 The issue of pot holes, especially in the passing points was raised, along with concerns that the soakaways cut into the verges were a hazard, with cars getting stuck in them as they are not easy to see. It was requested that lines are painted on the road to mark where the soakaways are.

### **7. Harrogate Borough Council update**

- 7.1 Mr Brown advised that there were few issues to report, and that the recycling schemes were proving to be a success, with recycling rates up 40%.

### **8. Financial update**

- 8.1 Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £2,670.90 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,535.58.
- 8.2 A ground maintenance grant of £81.15 from Harrogate Borough Council has been applied for.
- 8.3 Mr Rutherford advised that the initial paperwork for the next audit has been received.

### **9. Neighbourhood Watch**

- 9.1 Mr Cole reminded everyone of the need to check their smoke alarms.

### **10. Planning applications**

- 10.1 A new application for West Barns change of use for domestic curtilage and formation of new access has been received. It was unanimously agreed that the approach road needs to be made good and that any commuted sums should be made available for the use of the village.
- 10.2 Mr Rutherford advised that the Old Church are required to apply for permission for the type of materials to be used for the studio and garden development for which approval has been given.

### **11. Village projects**

- 11.1 A discussion took place about the grass cutting in the churchyard and it was unanimously agreed that the grass should be cut more frequently.
- 11.2 Mr Cole agreed to look at setting up a small group to manage the community garden. The Parish Council would continue to approve any expenditure for the community garden from Parish Council funds.
- 11.3 A bin on Anthony Lane has been suggested and this was unanimously agreed.

**12. Grass cutting**

- 12.1 Mr Rutherford advised that Farm & Land Services have agreed to cut the cemetery more often.
- 12.2 It was unanimously agreed that a revised quote for cutting the rural verges was required to include some additional areas and remove brambles. Mr Rutherford also agreed to ascertain how much notice Farm & Land Services would require when the verges needed cutting.

**13. Correspondence**

- 13.1 Mr Rutherford that a new bus timetable is now available and a link is available on the website.
- 13.2 Mr Rutherford advised that details had been received on membership of Rural Action Yorkshire. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not join.

**14. Any other business**

- 14.1 Mr Rutherford advised that the next meeting will also include the Annual General Meeting, along with an opportunity for a village meeting. Any items for a flyer for the village meeting should be advised to Mr Rutherford.
- 14.2 Mrs White updated that at the recent Harrogate Borough Council planning day the point had been made about the facility to protect areas of green space. Mrs White suggested that Devonshire Green could be considered to become a protected space, and it would be required to be shown that it enhanced the village environment.
- 14.3 Mrs White also advised that Harrogate Borough Council have commuted sums for village meeting rooms. Mr Rutherford agreed to request a detailed breakdown of the monies available.

**15. Date of next meeting**

- 15.1 The next meeting will be Monday 18 May 2015 and will include the Annual General Meeting.

**16. Open forum**

- 16.1 No issues were raised.