

A Meeting of Marton Le Moor Parish Council was held on Monday, 18 May 2015 in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm

1. Present

- 1.1 Mr Rutherford (Chairman), Mr Sanderson, Mrs White, Mr Shaw and Mrs Baker.
- 1.2 There were nine 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.
- 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 Tuesday 17 March 2015 were unanimously agreed.

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 £3,752.05 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,535.58.
- 6.2 Mr Sanderson advised that the first half of precept, £1,000, has been received. .
- 6.3 Mr Sanderson advised that the internal audit has been passed. The annual governance statement was discussed, the questions read out and all unanimously agreed.
- 6.4 Mr Rutherford advised that there is now a requirement for the accounts to be published on the village website.
- 6.5 The risk assessment report was unanimously agreed.
- 6.6 The asset register was unanimously agreed.
- 6.7 Mr Rutherford proposed that the Came & Co insurance proposal was accepted. This is a long term agreement of three years with Aviva for £316.00 p.a. Competitor quotes from Aon did not match that proposed. This was unanimously agreed.
- 6.8 Mr Rutherford advised that the playing field rent of £62.40 had been received from Newby Hall and payment was unanimously agreed.
- 6.9 Mr Rutherford advised that the membership of the Yorkshire Local Council Association has increased to £109.00 from £49.00. The increase is based on the village population. It was unanimously agreed to continue with membership.
- 6.10 Mr Rutherford advised that all invoices requiring payment should be emailed to parish@martonle Moor.net so they can be dealt with quickly.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

- 7.1 There was no Neighbourhood Watch update.

8. Planning applications

- 8.1 15/01688/FUL Grange Farm Granary car port application is pending consideration.
- 8.2 15/01461/PNA Low Farm machinery store approval is not required.
- 8.3 15/01361/TPO Low House application to reduce the height of a sycamore tree has been partially accepted and it can be reduced but by a smaller amount than requested.

9. Mini-recycling centre

9.1 Harrogate Borough Council removed the cardboard and newspaper bins due to some misuse but without giving notice to the Parish Council of its intentions. It was agreed that Mr Rutherford would write to the council to complain.

9.2 A discussion took place about the position of the remaining bins and Mr Sanderson expressed strong concerns about them being on his land due to the abuse which occurs leaving him with waste to remove. It was agreed that although the bins were legitimately used by some in the village it was not fair that Mr Sanderson should be left to deal with an on-going problem, and as there is no other suitable site in the village, Harrogate Borough Council would be asked to take the remaining bins away.

10. Community gardens

10.1 Mr Rutherford advised that the grass will be cut more frequently to reduce the length and amount of grass clippings that are left.

11. Rural verges

11.1 It was unanimously agreed that Mr Rutherford would request Farm and Land to cut the rural verges in two weeks' time.

11.2 A discussion took place about the patch of grass outside Reservoir Cottage, which although Newby land should be maintained locally. It was agreed that Mr Rutherford would write to Newby Hall to ask that they look into the state of maintenance.

12. Village projects

12.1 Mr Rutherford proposed that he write to Peter Greenwood to remind him of the commitment to install a footpath to the playing field from the church through the paddock. This was agreed.

12.2 It was agreed that Harrogate Borough Council's offer of free spring bulbs would be taken up with crocus being requested.

12.3 Mr Rutherford requested a volunteer to manage the project to clean the phone box and Malcom Birkett agreed to take this on.

13. Correspondence

13.1 Mr Rutherford advised that North Yorkshire County Council have advised that there will be reductions in bus subsidies and there will be consultation meeting on 3 June, 09.30-15.30 at Coronation Hall, Boroughbridge.

14. Any other business

14.1 A short discussion took place about requesting Devonshire Green to become designated as an open space. The view was expressed that the Trust could cease in the future and therefore the designation could then be useful. The Trustees of Devonshire Green who were present at the meeting felt however that this was not necessary due to the terms of the Trust. It was agreed that Devonshire Green would not be put forward.

15. Open forum

15.1 Mrs Baker asked who has responsibility for cutting the roadside verge outside of the fence around Devonshire Green as it was very long and unsightly. Mr Rutherford advised that responsibility was not clear and Mrs Baker agreed to look into this further.

16. Date of next meeting

16.1 The next meeting will be Monday 20 July 2015 and will commence at 7.30pm.