

Marton Le Moor Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 21 September 2015 in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Mr Shaw and District Councillor Nick Brown.

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 20 July 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 £2,554.38 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,535.98.
- 6.2 It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoice for £420.00 from Farm and Land for the grass and rural verge cutting.
- 6.3 It was unanimously agreed to pay a cheque to Mr Rutherford for £28.78 for the cost of renewing the Parish Council website domain name.
- 6.4 It was unanimously agreed to put in an application to the Transparency Fund for £950.00 to support the purchase of computer hardware and the cost for the first year for a broadband connection for use by the Parish Council to meet its on-line obligations.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

- 7.1 There was a reminder to phone 101 to report any incidents or 999 for emergencies.

8. North Yorkshire County Council update

- 8.1 Mr Windass advised that each Councillor has been allocated a £5,000 allowance per annum to spend on schemes in their local ward. The spend must be within the financial year and applications would be agreed within a two week period.
- 8.2 A new hourly bus service, operated by Harrogate and District Travel, will start from 1 November 2015 from Kirby Hill, via Boroughbridge and Knaresborough to Harrogate. The service will not be subsidised.
- 8.3 Mr Windass advised that ward boundary changes are being considered by Harrogate Borough Council. Each Parish Council will be sent a questionnaire in order to give their view. No boundary changes are planned to either North Yorkshire County Council or Parish Councils. The changes will come into force at elections in 2018.
- 8.4 Boroughbridge Library has obtained figures for the cost of rent and heating and it could now be a viable proposition to keep open with volunteers and some Council staffing.
- 8.5 Mr Windass advised that fire cover is under review within North Yorkshire in order to reduce costs by using smaller fire engines with fewer crew. This is a proposal at this stage and will not affect the village.

9. Planning applications

- 9.1 Low House application to fell a sycamore tree which was refused has gone to appeal.

10. Village projects

- 10.1 Mr Sanderson will talk to Mr Birkett about the support available from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for the purchase of a defibrillator for the phone box.
- 10.2 It was agreed that Farm and Land would be asked to quote for tidying up the grass area outside Reservoir Cottage in order to make it easier for the owners to maintain the area on an on-going basis.

11. Trees

- 11.1 It was agreed to obtain a quote for the crown lift of trees in the churchyard and the village green.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 There was no correspondence.

13. Any other business

- 13.1 The Parish Consultation meeting is to be held in Ripon Town Hall on 16 November. All questions are to be put forward in advance of the meeting.

14. Date of next meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting will be Monday 16 November 2015 and will commence at 7.00pm.