**Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 14 November 2016 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm**

1. **Present**
	1. Mr Sanderson (Co-Chairman), Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mr Shaw, Mrs Thackray and County Councillor Robert Windass (part of meeting).
	2. There were three members of the public present.
2. **Declarations of interest**
	1. The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting**
	1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 September 2016 were unanimously agreed.
4. **Apologies**

4.1 Mrs Skidmore and District Councillor Nick Brown.

1. **Matters arising**
	1. There were no matters arising.

1. **PC Dave Mackay**
	1. PC Dave Mackay, Harrogate District Rural Task Force, North Yorkshire Police, joined the meeting to give an update on local rural crime issues. The main message is to keep reporting incidents via 101 (or 999 if there is a crime in progress). The police will try and attend after a call has been made but need to prioritise against risks to persons. Any details are used to see if there are links to other criminal activities and this build-up of information is vital. Rural crime can take place at any time so everyone is encouraged to be vigilant.
	2. PC Jan Pavell is the new Safer Neighbourhood contact.
2. **Financial update**
	1. Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £3,986.19 and the

balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.74.

* 1. It was unanimously agreed to pay an invoice for £75.00 for Play Inspections for the recent annual inspection of the playground equipment.
	2. It was unanimously agreed to pay an invoice for £396.00 for Farm and Land for the grass cutting.
	3. It was unanimously agreed to pay a cheque for £530.00 for Parish Council Websites for the new website design. This is covered by the grant obtained earlier this year to support Parish Councils in fulfilling their duties to put relevant material on-line.
	4. A stock valuation for the playground equipment of £35,000 has been received by Play Inspections. Mr Sanderson agreed to check that the insurance covered the equipment based on this valuation.
	5. A discussion took place about the 2017 precept and it was unanimously agreed to reduce this to £1,750 as there are currently sufficient sums in the Parish Council’s bank accounts. Mrs Baker agreed to advise Harrogate Borough Council.
	6. Mr Sanderson advised that a request had come through for the playing field rent but it was agreed that this had probably already been paid in April. Mr Sanderson to check and advise Newby Estates.
1. **Neighbourhood Watch**
	1. Mr Cole reiterated the message from PC Dave Mackay to report anything unusual.
2. **Planning applications**
	1. The application for Grange Farm Granary has been approved.
	2. The decision to decline the application for The Paddocks has been sent for appeal.
3. **Village projects**
	1. Mr Sanderson advised that Parish Council Websites have completed the new website and that this would be going live soon.
	2. The planting of the free crocus bulbs from Harrogate Borough Council will take place shortly.
	3. A discussion took place on the recent report after the annual inspection of the playground. The majority of items identified were low risk, with only one moderate risk identified relating to the bolts on the swing. Mr Sanderson agreed to check and tighten.
4. **Correspondence**
	1. Mrs Thackray updated on the recent Parish Consultation meeting where it was advised that Ripon swimming baths will close with a new facility being built at the sports centre; housing was a major topic and by 2035 11,700 houses are required to be built. Over 50% of this has been approved (although not built). 25 hectares of employment land, typically for existing businesses to expand into, is also within Harrogate Boroughs plans. .
	2. Leading on from the point above, Mrs Baker advised that the Harrogate Borough Council draft local plan consultation runs 11 November – 23 December. This covers policies to guide development, sites for new homes and jobs, options for a new settlement in the district (potentially Flaxby or Hammerton), allocations for local green space, development limits for settlements, and the provision of open space in connection with new housing development. Mrs Baker advised that she has registered to make comments on behalf of the Parish Council and a copy of the plan is available in the library.
	3. Mrs Baker advised that a Dishforth Neighbourhood Plan is currently being developed and that Dishforth Parish Council were objecting to 50% increase in housing in their village.
	4. Volunteers are wanted to help deliver activities in Ripon and Harrogate’s museums and galleries for people living with dementia. An interest in history, heritage and art would be useful but is not essential. For further information or to apply, contact Wendy Hunwick-Brown 01765 690799 / wendy.hunwick-brown@riponmuseums.co.uk.
	5. The Minerals and joint waste plan, a joint consultation between North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Moors National Park, on minerals and waste development up to 2030 is open to 21 December and a copy is available in the library.
5. **North Yorkshire County Council update**
	1. Mr Windass advised that the amount going to local landfill is increasing. This has a double impact with the council having to pay more tax on landfill and receiving less revenue from recycling. The question was asked about what could go into kerbside recycling, for example brown cardboard as no-one was aware that this is now able to be collected. Mrs Baker agreed to check with Mr Brown.
	2. It is anticipated that council tax will go up by the maximum amount allowable.
	3. Mrs Baker asked that the road surface of Roecliffe Lane is raised as it is in a very poor state, particularly after a lot of re-surfacing work has taken place during 2016.
6. **Date of next meeting**
	1. The next meeting will be Monday 9 January 2017 and will commence at 7.00pm.