

## **Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 10 July 2017 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm**

### **1. Present**

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

### **2. Declarations of interest**

- 2.1. The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.

### **3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Parish Council meeting**

- 3.1. The minutes of the Annual General meeting and Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 were unanimously agreed.

### **4. Apologies**

- 4.1 Mr Shaw and District Councillor Nick Brown.

### **5. Matters arising**

- 5.1. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **6. Financial update**

- 6.1. Mr Sanderson reported that the balance in the Community Account is £3,405.66 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.93.
- 6.2. A VAT re-claim of £294.20 has been received.
- 6.3. It was noted that the insurance had been renewed and the insurance documents received. Mr Sanderson will upload the employers liability certificate to the website. It was also noted that there is a new duty to provide a fair presentation of risk to the insurers, and that the Parish Council must now clearly disclose every material circumstance which is known, or ought to be known following a reasonable search. A material circumstance is one that may influence the insurer's judgement over whether to take the risk.
- 6.4. Mr Sanderson advised that North Yorkshire County Council have confirmed that they will pay £198.68 towards the grass cutting and that he would send the invoice in order for the payment to be made.
- 6.5. It was noted that under the Account and Audit Regulations 2015 and Smaller Authorities Transparency Code there is a requirement to publish all accounting documents on the website. Mr Sanderson will check to ensure the latest documents are uploaded.

### **7. North Yorkshire County Council update**

- 7.1. Mr Windass updated that Allerton Park Waste Recovery site will start incinerating waste from the Harrogate Borough Council area in July before opening fully in November.
- 7.2. North Yorkshire County Council Executive have also approved for the Finance Director to enter into negotiations with the company who are considering where to site a large sugar beet factory. The company are offering substantially more than the land is worth, and apart from Allerton Park are also looking at a site next to Ferrybridge power station or in Spain. The site could employ approximately 300 people and may result in one lorry per minute entering or leaving 24 hours a day. Any requests for planning permission would be considered by Harrogate Borough Council.
- 7.3. Mrs Baker asked why Green Hammerton was being considered for a large number of new houses when the A59 was already a very busy road and Flaxby Golf Course was much closer to the motorway. Mr Windass advised that there were currently concerns over who owned the golf course. However, Harrogate Borough Council have also received an approach from a

developer wishing to build a large development at Kirk Deighton. This could be in addition to the proposed development at Green Hammerton.

- 7.4. A discussion took place on the substantial number of new houses which have been approved in the Boroughbridge area, which seems out of proportion to demand, and is increasing pressure on local services. Mrs Baker commented that she felt that the planning department at Harrogate Borough Council was poorly organised in not having a local plan in place to prevent speculative and unnecessary development. Mr Windass advised that four years ago Harrogate Borough Council pulled out of the local plan it was developing because the Inspector advised that it did not include provision for enough homes, and that the Council need to build 649 houses per year.
- 7.5. The new local plan consultation runs from 14 July - 25 August which will identify additional locations for new homes as well as sites for Gypsies and Travellers.
- 7.6. Copies of the consultation documents are available on Harrogate Borough Council website. The adoption of the local plan is currently scheduled for Spring 2019.
- 7.7. Mr Windass advised that he would be able to consider an application for monies to contribute towards the costs of a defibrillator. Mrs Baker to review how much money the project may cost.
- 7.8. Mr Sanderson raised the drainage on the A168 on the bridge over Langthorpe, which floods after heavy rain continues to be a problem. Mr Windass agreed to chase the Highways Authority for a response.

## **8. Neighbourhood Watch**

- 8.1. There was no update this month.

## **9. Planning applications**

- 9.1. The replacement of a conservatory with an extension at Bankfield, Chapel Lane, has been approved.
- 9.2. The application for a single story extension to an attached single garage to form a double garage at Whimbrel Cottage, Titheway, was discussed. It was agreed that there were no objections from the Parish Council.
- 9.3. A discussion took place on the amended application for full planning permission for five dwellings at Village Farm, Cana Lane. Mr Sanderson abstained from the debate. Concerns were raised about water and sewage provision and concerns over access from the site due to speeding cars coming into the village along Cana Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would neither support nor object to the application but instead would seek safeguards on the concerns raised, and would request that Harrogate Borough Council considered introducing measures to reduce the impact of speeding cars.

## **10. Village projects**

- 10.1. A discussion took place on what would need to be considered in installing a defibrillator in the old phone box. It was agreed that a cost proposal should include: the defibrillator, installation, re-vamping the phone box and potentially electrical work. Mrs Thackray agreed to look into whether there was still an electrical supply in the phone box. Mrs Baker agreed to pull together a proposal for the costs and a suggestion on how much to request from Mr Windass. It was also agreed that volunteers from within the village would be needed to help progress the project.

## **11. Correspondence**

- 11.1. Mr Sanderson agreed to attend the next Joint Parish Council on 07 September.
- 11.2. Mrs Baker agreed to attend the next Parish Consultation meeting on 13 September.
- 11.3. Mr Sanderson advised that the dates for Julian Smith surgeries would be placed on the notice board.

## **13. Any other business**

- 13.1. It was noted that a request would be made to the base at Dishforth to request help in collecting litter as there has been a noticeable increase on the roads leading into and out of the village.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

- 14.1. The next meeting will be Monday 18 September 2017 and will commence at 7.00pm.