

Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 11 September 2017 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm

1. Present

- 1.1. Mr Sanderson (Co-Chair), Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mrs Skidmore, Mrs Thackray, Mr Shaw and Borough Councillor Nick Brown (part of meeting).
- 1.2. There were 14 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 10 July 2017 were unanimously agreed.

4. Apologies

- 4.1. County Councillor Robert Windass.

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 £3,604.34 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.93.
- 6.2. Two cheques (£309.60 and £400.80) for Farm and Land for the grass cutting were unanimously agreed.
- 6.3. Mr Sanderson advised that the Audit had been completed. Two points were noted:
 - 1) Mr Sanderson signed in his capacity as Financial Officer and Co-Chair. It was agreed that given the small size of the Parish Council this was not felt to be an issue.
 - 2) The balance of the accounts relative to the precept. It was agreed that this was not a concern as the precept had been reduced this year.A copy of the audit is available on the website.

7. Harrogate Borough Council update

- 7.1. Mr Brown advised that he had just attended the Kirby Hill Parish Council meeting where it was unanimously agreed to oppose the motorway service station application.
- 7.2. Mr Brown also advised that there was no update on whether the company considering building a sugar beet factory next to Allerton Park Waste Recovery site would put in a formal application.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

- 8.1. Mr Cole advised that he had attended the last Safer Neighbourhood meeting. Boroughbridge have reported problems with anti-social behaviour from a small group of teenagers to the Police.
- 8.2. Fly tipping also continues to be a problem.
- 8.3. Increases in reporting crime has led to a large percentage increase in different categories of crime, but overall however it remains a low crime area.
- 8.4. The 101 system continues to improve and should be used for reporting concerns, with 999 used only for emergencies.

9. Planning applications

- 9.1. An outline planning application for residential development of up to two properties has been received for land off Whitegate Lane opposite the Meeting Room. It was noted that the permission already granted for new houses in the village equated to over 8% growth and that this further development would not be supported by the Parish Council. Particular concerns were: the impact on the water pumping station; a further increase in traffic, both cars to the new properties, as well as service vehicles which are often too big for small country roads; lack of pavements in the village, combined with the increase in traffic already experienced with the change in use at the Air Base, was causing concern to residents; slow broadband speeds in the village would be made worse with increased usage caused by further residential development. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would object and that Mrs Baker would respond to the application.
- 9.2. An application for a car port at Horseshoe Cottage has been received. No objections were raised.
- 9.3. A formal application for a motorway service station has been made. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would object noting that the case had not been made for the need for a new service station at the site. It was also agreed that the proposal represents substantial and unnecessary damage to the area. Mr Sanderson agreed to respond to the application.
- 9.4. A notice has been received of a potential application for up to 16 houses on The Paddock. Some members of the public present at the meeting expressed concerns if a formal application was submitted. As with the application for a potential two houses noted under 9.1 above, concerns were expressed about over-development in the village which does not have the infrastructure to support more houses.
- 9.5. It was noted that a meeting had been held recently in Marton-cum-Graton with representatives of the company considering putting in an application for a sugar beet factory next to Allerton Park Waste Recovery centre. The debate is available on-line, and concerns were raised about the size and scale of the proposal; the substantial increase in traffic along the A168, particularly HGVs as it estimated that there could be 3,500 HGV traffic movements per day, seven days a week; increased noise and pollution.

10. Village projects

- 10.1. Mrs Thackray advised that having looked into it there does not appear to be an electrical supply in the phone box for a defibrillator. It was agreed that Mrs Thackray should request a quote to install an electrical supply.
- 10.2. Members of the public attending the meeting were asked if there were other village projects they would like to see completed, and the cleaning of the village gateways and signposts were put forward.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. Mr Sanderson agreed to attend the next Joint Parish Council.

13. Any other business

- 13.1. There was no other business raised.

14. Date of next meeting

- 14.1. The next meeting will be Monday 13 November 2017 and will commence at 7.00pm.