

## **Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 6 March 2017 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm**

### **1. Present**

- 1.1. Mr Sanderson (Co-Chairman), Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mr Shaw, Mrs Skidmore, Mrs Thackray and County Councillor Robert Windass (part of meeting).
- 1.2. There were three 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 Parish Council meeting**

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 January 2017 were unanimously agreed.

### **4. Apologies**

- 4.1 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 £2,931.21 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,536.93. Two cheques for the mole catching and pdf of the millennium book are still to come out of the Community Account.
- 6.2. Mr Sanderson advised that he had applied for £84.59 grass cutting grant for 2017/2018, and that from next year this grant would no longer be available.
- 6.3. £351.00 commented sums has to be spent by 08 May otherwise it will no longer be available. It was suggested that this should be used to landscape the area around the phone box. Mrs Baker and Mrs Thackray will progress this.

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

- 7.1. Mr Windass updated that the budget for adult social care would be held at a 2% increase on council tax for the next three years. 42.5% of North Yorkshire County Council's budget is currently spent on the provision of adult social care.
- 7.2. Elections are taking place in May. It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking to take control over the Fire Authority, which would include making the decisions on where fire stations are based and staffing levels. Individuals can comment or object to these proposals with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 7.3. The increase in planning applications being approved, particularly in Boroughbridge was commented upon. Mr Windass advised that Harrogate Borough Council has had instances where applications have been refused and that developers then appeal to the Inspector, and that the Borough Council has to pay these costs. It is anticipated that once the Site and Policy Plan is approved this will help to stop speculative applications. This will need to be approved by the independent Inspector and will take several months.
- 7.4. Mr Windass updated that fly-tipping has increased by 38%.
- 7.5. Allerton Park Waste Recovery remains on schedule to be operational early 2018. This will reduce the amount going to landfill.
- 7.6. A potential application for a sugar beet factory next to the Waste Recovery site is potentially being considered.
- 7.7. Mrs Baker asked whether Mr Windass still had a fund for local projects, and Mr Windass advised that £5,000 will be available from North Yorkshire County Council after the elections have taken place. It was agreed that the Parish Council would then seek a possible contribution towards the costs of a defibrillator.

- 7.8. Mr Sanderson raised the drainage on the A168 on the bridge over Langthorpe, which floods after heavy rain. Mr Windass agreed to raise with the Highways Authority.

#### **8. Neighbourhood Watch**

- 8.1. Mr Cole advised that there was nothing major to report, and that updates on recent scams, (including one appearing to be from Amazon suggesting there had been problems with a recent payment when no purchase had been made, and one appearing to be from BT which comes from North America), will be made available on the village website.

#### **9. Planning applications**

- 9.1. A discussion took place on the full planning permission for five dwellings at Village Farm. Mr Sanderson abstained from the debate. Concerns were raised about access to the site and what controls are in place to keep the road clean, drainage to the road and debris from the site during the building phase. Concerns were also raised about the water and sewage provision. It was agreed that the Parish Council would neither support nor object to the application but instead would seek safeguards on the concerns raised.
- 9.2. Mr Sanderson advised that the application for dwellings on The Paddock had been dismissed at appeal.

#### **10. Village projects**

- 10.1. Mr Sanderson advised that the village website will be updated with Meeting Room events and the pdf of the Millennium Book. If anyone has any ideas on things they would like to see on the site please let a member of the Parish Council know.
- 10.2. Mrs Baker advised that she had written to Harrogate Borough Council to request financial support in purchasing a defibrillator, but had not received any offer of help. North Yorkshire County Council will be approached after the elections to see if they will support from their local projects fund.

#### **11. Correspondence**

- 11.1. Mr Sanderson and Mr Shaw attended two meetings of the Joint Parish Council in January and March. Concerns were raised at these meetings on the scale of new housing developments and the demands on local infrastructure. For example the formulae for calculating the number of school places, which is based on one child for every eight households, does not seem realistic. Boroughbridge Town Council have approached Yorkshire Water Authority to raise concerns over the ability of the local water/sewage systems to cope with the additional demand, and the potential for increased flooding. Yorkshire Water Authority do not feel there is a cause for concern and the Town Council have subsequently raised this with the Environment Services at Harrogate Borough Council. Signage will shortly be going up to advise of HGV restrictions around Boroughbridge and Roecliffe Lane.
- 11.2. Future meetings will be attended as follows  
15 June – Mrs Baker  
07 September – Mrs Thackray  
07 December – Mrs Skidmore

#### **13. Any other business**

- 13.1. Boroughbridge Walking Festival will be coming to the village on Easter Sunday and there will be a history tour around the village.

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

- 14.1. The next meeting, including the Annual General Meeting, will be Monday 15 May 2017 and will commence at 7.00pm.