

Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday 05 February 2018 in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm

1. Present

- 1.1. Mr Sanderson (Co-Chair), Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mrs Skidmore, Mr Shaw, County Councillor Robert Windass (part of meeting) and Borough Councillor Nick Brown (part of meeting).
- 1.2. There were 7 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 13 November 2017 were unanimously agreed.

4. Apologies

- 4.1 Mrs Thackray.

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 £3,428.16 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,537.20.
- 6.2. The two cheques agreed at the last Parish Council meeting have now been cleared.
- 6.3. Mr Sanderson advised that in previous years the precept had been split into two payments, one portion of which was a grant of £22.00. For the next tax year this grant would not be available. It was unanimously agreed not to increase the precept to make up the shortfall. Therefore the precept will be £1,728.00.
- 6.4. Mr Sanderson advised that the year there will only be one grant available from North Yorkshire County Council of £198.68 for grass cutting, and that this has been applied for. The grant from Harrogate Borough Council was no longer be available.
- 6.5. A quote for the grass cutting for 2018 has been received from Farm & Land. There has been a slight increase of £1.00 per cut. Other Parish Councils have expressed the view that other contracts are a lot more expensive It was unanimously agreed to stay with Farm & Land but to ask for more cuts to be undertaken.
- 6.6. A discussion took place on the committed sums position. Quotes had been obtained to replace the doors and windows of the Meeting Room but the committed sums would not be enough to cover the cost. Mr Sanderson agreed to contact Harrogate Borough Council to find out whether any monies would be available as a result of the additional development in the village.
- 6.7. Mrs Baker advised that PFK Littlejohn have been appointed as external auditors for all local councils for five years. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return will be emailed at the end of the financial year. The fee for checking this should be zero as the Parish Council's income and expenditure is below £25,000.

7. North Yorkshire County Council update

- 7.1 Mr Windass advised that the portion of council tax bills going to North Yorkshire County Council will increase by 2.99% (the maximum allowed by central government) and an additional 1.99% to cover adult social care. The amount for Police and Fire Services has not yet been confirmed.
- 7.2 North Yorkshire County Council currently spend £21m per annum on home to school transport costs, and a charge may need to be applied for this service.
- 7.3 Mr Shaw raised concerns about the raised drain cover at the top of Cana Lane, particularly as there is increased traffic using this road. Mr Windass agreed to follow this up.

- 7.4 Mr Windass advised that contracts for high speed broadband are due to be announced shortly.
- 7.5 Mr Windass was congratulated on his appointment Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council, and will take up the position later in 2018.

8. Harrogate Borough Council update

- 8.1 Mr Brown advised that Harrogate Borough Council are now occupying new offices.
- 8.2 The draft local plan has entered the next phase of consultation and will then be submitted to the Inspector. The application for 3,000 houses at Kirk Hammerton has also gone to the Inspector. A new application has been received for several thousand houses at Flaxby Golf Course.
- 8.3 A new application has been submitted for a Motorway Service station at Kirby Hill. However there hasn't been an application for the sugar beet factory, probably due to the fact that North Yorkshire County Council put up the price for the land, Allerton Park Waste Recovery put up the price for the heating and strong local opposition.
- 8.4 Mr Brown advised that a new District Lottery has recently been launched.
- 8.5 Ward boundaries will be changing with local elections taking place on 03 May 2018. Marton-le-Moor will continue to stay in Newby Ward.
- 8.6 Mr Brown advised that he is seeking an urgent meeting with the Director of Yorkshire Water and the Chairman of Planning to express concerns over the sewerage system and drainage in Boroughbridge and surrounding areas; the infrastructure is no longer fit for purpose, particularly with the impact of the additional housing developments. MP Julian Smith is also involved.
- 8.7 The new swimming pool at Ripon Leisure Centre is progressing and is due for completion in 2019/2020.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

- 9.1. Mr Cole advised that an update had been added to the website on internet fraud.
- 9.2. Two garage thefts have been reported at Littlethorpe, so people are encouraged to check garages and outhouses are securely locked.
- 9.3. Mrs Cole has written to the Base at Dishforth asking for help in picking up litter, having picked up five bags of waste at the junction with the A168.

10. Planning applications

- 10.1. The Harrogate Borough Council district plan is going through further draft consultation between 26 January-09 March 2018. There is a template for submitting comments and Mr Sanderson agreed to add details to the website and notice board.
- 10.2. It was noted that an application for a car port at Mill View, Tithe Way, had been received and the Parish Council did not raise any objections. The application has now been approved.
- 10.3. An application for a detached garage at 10 Cana Lane, had been received and the Parish Council did not raise any objections.
- 10.4. A planning application has been received for alterations to the roof to create two bedrooms, a new car port and alterations to the windows at Grange Farm Granary. Mrs Baker asked that any comments are sent to her in order that a response can be made by 20 February 2018.
- 10.5. The application for the Motorway Service Station at Kirby Hill, had been withdrawn and a new application made. This means that the previous comments or objections are no longer valid. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would object to the development. Mrs Baker agreed to respond to Harrogate Borough Council.

11. Village projects

- 11.1. Councillor Robert Windass has agreed to fund part of the purchase cost of a defibrillator and Mrs Baker advised that she would complete the paperwork to obtain the monies.
- 11.2. A quote for £625.00 to refurbish the glass in the phone box has been obtained. This will be followed up with the contractor.
- 11.3. Mrs Baker asked that the Meeting Room Committee confirm that it would be acceptable to site the defibrillator outside the Meeting Room, taking into account the increase in electricity costs which may result.
- 11.4. The next village clean-up will be 18 March 2018.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1. Mrs Baker advised that the Parish Council had received a register of electors. This is available only to establish if someone is entitled to attend a meeting on behalf of the Parish,

12.2. Mrs Baker advised that the General Data Protection legislation comes into force on 25 May 2018, and that the Parish Council needs to appoint a Data Protection Officer. This needs to be someone with expertise in this area and therefore the Parish Council is likely to have to appoint an external Data Protection Officer. The Yorkshire Local Councils Association is lobbying for small councils to be exempt from this requirement. In addition the Parish Council needs a privacy notice to say how it processes data. Finally, the Parish Council needs to be able to deal with a request from an individual who asks for confirmation on how their data is being used. Mr Sanderson agreed to raise the impact of this legislation at the next Joint Parish Council meeting in order to see how other Parish Councils are dealing with it.

13. Any other business

13.1. John Blackburn sadly passed away recently. Mrs Cole suggested that he should be remembered with a plaque or a bench. This was agreed and potential sites for a new bench are to be considered.

13.2. Mr Shaw advised that he has spoken to the Guard Commander at the Base at Dishforth about speeding drivers on Cana Lane. Any further incidents should be reported.

13.3. It was agreed that Mr Sanderson would request a bag of free crocus bulbs from Harrogate Borough Council.

13.4. It was noted that a leylandii tree in the cemetery needs trimming, and Mr Sanderson agreed to look into this.

14. Date of next meeting

14.1. The next meeting will be Monday 16 April 2018 and will commence at 7.00pm.