

**Minutes of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council held as an “On-Line” Meeting
on Thursday 6 May 2021 at 7.25 pm**

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mr P Gill (PG) Vice Chair; Mr T Cole (TC); Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L); Mr A Robinson (AR); County Councillor R Windass (RW); Mrs E Gill (EG) Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None

Members of the Public On-line: 8

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 April 2021 were signed and dated as an accurate record by RS.

4. **County Issues:** RW confirmed that Parish Councils will be able to have face to face meetings again from June. However caution is still advised and Covid infections recently spiked in Selby although this was traced to a single employer using migrant labour housed in cramped living quarters. A new Mayor has been sworn in in Harrogate and new Chairman of NYCC. Highways Dept have engaged a new contractor to replace Ringway & undertake highway repairs with a view to improve efficiency & give better value for money. TC asked if Graphine, a very robust & durable carbon composite currently being used in Oxfordshire, is going to be used for repairing potholes in North Yorkshire, RW to find out. The role out of a single unitary authority is still being actioned and it is hoped to have more clarity prior to July.

PG asked if anything could be done to improve communications from the Planning Department with regard to new planning enquiries and in particular the 3 week time frame the Parish Council are given to respond as this frequently falls between PC meetings. RW said he would investigate. RW was asked to find out what happens to the “bottom ash” from AWRP, a waste product of incinerators, which is believed to be a carcinogenic by-product. RW noted that management at AWRP had changed and due to covid the liaison meetings had not been held but he agreed to look into it and report back.

District Issues: No report.

5. **Playing Fields/Woodlands /Pavilion update:**

Antisocial behaviour in the hours of darkness continues to be an issue from time to time, particularly in the vicinity of the playing fields parking area. In order to help deter this behaviour it was agreed to look into the possibility of a barrier at the entrance to the track which could, on occasion, be lowered to deter night time visitors in cars. It was agreed to investigate the cost of erecting a barrier similar to the one that currently bars the entry to the sports field from the parking area. RS

6. **Village Shop:** An accumulation of rainwater at the corner of the external storage area by the shop needs to be addressed before damp issues materialise. Nick Spence Groundworks has quoted a cost of £250 + VAT to insert a drain. The council agreed to proceed.

7. **Village Hall:** The hall has reopened following a through clean, gas certification and risk assessments completed. Re-decoration of the hall will commence this week. The hall will not re-open for classes

until the restrictions ease further (June) as the restrictions remain too onerous. The PC will be able to hold the June meeting in the Hall.

8. Planning:

Decision Notifications

- a) 20/04192/FUL – Field West of Limebar Cottage, Limebar Lane – Erection of new dwelling, relocation of access, creation of driveway and domestic curtilage. Received decision notice that this has been Refused by HBC.
- b) 21/00507/LB – Corner House, Thorny Hill Lane, Grafton – Internal alterations comprising replacement internal window, opening from kitchen to adjacent sitting area and removal of store. Decision notice received from HBC that this has been approved.

Applications

- c) 6.71.72.D.FULL 21/01169/FUL – Limebar House, Limebar Lane, Grafton – Erection of single dwelling to replace existing dwelling, garage/store and barn. The PC have no objections to the proposal however a bat survey will be requested as one of the conditions.
- d) 6.71. 21/01282/FUL – Yew Tree Farm, Marton – Erection of detached timber garage. The Parish Council has no objections.
- e) 6.71.91.S.TPO 21/01447/TPO – Beech House, Grafton Lane – Felling of purple beech tree of TPO No 53/2009 and replanting with appropriate species. The PC felt it had outgrown the plot that it is on and therefore the PC support the application.
- f) 6.71. 21/01450/FUL – Hillcrest, Thorny Hill Lane, Grafton – Erection of single storey extension (revised scheme). The PC have no objections.

TC raised the issue of protection of village hedgerows within the Conservation Area in order to preserve the aspect of the village and prevent unnecessary damage. It was proposed we request HBC for an Article 4 Direction ensuring planning approval is required before any hedgerow, or part thereof, is removed within the village conservation area. TC agreed to approach the Head of Planning at HBC and to prepare a report. The Article 4 Direction will need the support of the District Councillor and RS agreed to contact her. TC to draft further details for the next meeting.

TC had spoken to the Enforcement Officer regarding the caravan parking at Rougham Farm and they have instructed a planning consultant to submit a planning application. Enforcement are also dealing with Stockfield Lane soil levels – PG to follow up.

9. Financial Matters: Summary of recent payments and receipts:-

Out:

Date	Item	Total £
25/03/2021	E Gill - Salary	£168.01
31/03/2021	Zurich Insurance	£995.85
02/04/2021	Autela Payroll Services Ltd	£54.23

06/04/2021	YLCA Subscription	£212.00
06/04/2021	WT Webster & Sons - hedgecutting	£54.00
06/04/2021	P L & E Gill - Zoom April	£11.99
07/04/2021	HBC - Trade waste collection	£16.02
08/04/2021	HMRC - VAT	£134.21
	Total out	£1,646.31

In:

Date	Item	Total £
31/03/2021	T Long - garage rent (part)	£60.00
	Total received	£60.00

Total monies held at 14 April 2021: **£40,858.48**

Parish Council available funds at 14 April 2021: **£3,628.43**

Payments to be authorised: None

10. Correspondence

- a) An email was received from a resident regarding excessive shouting and noise in the woodland area and from the pub car park in respect to the children's outdoor activity days conducted by Sporting Start. The PC has no jurisdiction over the pub car park or the footpath to the woodlands area but RS agreed to alert Sporting Start to the complaint and remind them to be mindful of local residents. It was noted that the Sporting Start proposed over-night camping had already received approval from the PC with RS, TC, CS-L & AR in favour and PG opposed. RS agreed to brief Sporting Start to use the playing fields parking area and to ensure neighbouring properties were not disturbed.

11. Any Other Business – items for next agenda:

AR noted that a recent email had been circulated to residents asking for support to push for improved sporting facilities in Boroughbridge following their development projects. The PC agreed to look into it and discuss it at the next meeting. CS-L to ask the resident to assist with information on this.

Agreed to cancel the zoom contract as future PC meetings must be face to face only.

The Pavilion has been booked for children's party in May and the pavilion team need to ensure a full Risk Assessment is undertaken, social distancing signage is in place, QR code, & book to log in.

On enquiry it was confirmed that the hedges in Townend Close are the responsibility of the new owners and will not be protected by the Article 4 Direction, if this is brought in.

TC noted that under the Yew Tree Farm development the open green space the village is being granted under the S106 agreement will need to be managed. It is likely that were HBC the receiving body a management plan would be implemented, and the associated costs recovered from residents, hence a similar arrangement should be explored by the PC. As such a Public Open Space Management Plan confirming grass cutting etc may be required. IT was agreed to ask AM if she can assist with a template to work with, RS to liaise.

The Village Internet Project has received a quote from Openreach to implement connectivity. It was agreed a subcommittee of the PC be formed to take matters further. AR volunteered to head up a working party to manage the project.

The meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Marton – open to members of the public with social distancing in place.

Signed:

Dated: