

<p>5. Playing Fields and Woodlands</p>	<p>Ashphalt plant AW contacts the officer. Still waiting a response from another consultation process. Not been much planning more TPO type things more enforcement. The call for sites is out now – you do not have to own a site to put it forward for consideration in the new plan.</p> <p>RS will chase up the play park inspection. Track maintenance update – Agenda for next meeting to consider the quotes.</p>	
<p>6- Village Shop</p>	<p>The shop has had a refit the electrics have been sorted and the invoice will come to the PC at some point.</p>	
<p>9- Village Hall</p>	<p>A report will be ready for our next meeting. Loss this year .</p>	
<p>10- Planning</p>	<p>Harmby Homes – RS read through the history of the previous planning applications. Increasing the footprint of the size of the property. Suggestion object to planning applications.</p>	<p>JB</p>
	<p><u>Planning Action points – follow up from previous meeting's</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garge Land Registry – no update 2. Asphalt Plant - Knaresborough PC the earliest going to planning committee will be the 11th June. Bella has been looking at air quality and if we add together the allownces they will begreater than the legal limit. Trying to get a quotation for a special report. No monitoring within 3 miles of Grafton. Asked to give some thought to the speaking process at the planning committee meeting. The PC will need to delegate the responsibility to speak at the meeting. Exercise the right to speak. Submitted our concerns and we would like to speak at the committee meeting. Write to democtratic services in the absence of Allerton Maulerver go on CC website and look at parishes ask how do we go about reinstating this parish council. 	<p>PG</p> <p>RS</p> <p>AR</p>
<p>9 Financial Matters</p>	<p>Summary of recent finances were shared: Outgoings for the Month of April 2023 were £682.40 - Made up of Church (Graveyard project), YLCA annual membership, Clerk Salary, Bank Charges and Trade Waste collection</p>	

	<p>Incomings were from Shop Garage Rent and Precept £4,938.50</p> <p>Parish Council available funds are £10,632.77</p> <p>It was raised that we should transfer some current account funds to the savings account to take advantage of current interest rates- EG: £10-15K</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>10. Any other items for business and next meeting</p>	<p>Kiln Garth Hall been hole for over 18 months. Another problem the Kiln Garth Fence behind the hole non sheet proof fence the owners of the land rented out the field to a sheep farmer the sheep are escaping.</p> <p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday 1st June 2023 at 7.30 in Memorial Hall Marton</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 20:35 PM</p>	<p>JB</p>

Signed:RS..... Dated:17.6.2024.....

Chairman's Annual Report
Marton cum Grafton Parish Council 2023/2024

Welcome all to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and my Chairmans's Report for the year.

Looking back, the overriding theme for the past 12 months has been the ongoing list of outstanding items and loose ends that are awaiting conclusion. Regrettably, despite regular lobbying and representations, these issues remain out-with our control and will no doubt extend well into the next reporting period.

The main culprit is the lack of any effective enforcement function at either HBC or, more recently, at the combined unitary authority. Consequently, a growing list of enforcement issues is regularly featuring in the agendas of our monthly meetings with little, if any, activity to report.

The other is the seemingly never-ending development at Kiln Garth, although conclusion, following almost 4 years of the construction phase, appears tantalisingly close.

This time last year the pheasant rearing sheds on Priestcarr Lane featured highly in our meeting agendas following planning applications for additional sheds as well as a workers dwelling. All of which we objected to on the grounds that pheasant rearing is not classified as an agricultural activity, whilst the lack of a waste disposal plan and the proximity of livestock presented planning, environmental and health issues. Despite this, planning was granted but an objection remains with enforcement.

We arranged for the white lines at the junction of Marton with Braimber Lane to be repainted following a couple of crashes and numerous near misses. We are currently exploring the possibility of a 30mph limit along Back Lane where the various lanes from the village intersect, but we are advised that Highways will be unlikely to implement.

Thanks to our County Councillor, Arnold Warneken's, interjection the No23 bus to Ripon was re-routed through the village allowing for this early morning service to be used by those children attending Ripon Grammar School and reducing unnecessary car journeys.

Repair work has been undertaken by volunteers to the track leading to the playing fields car park, but this is only a temporary measure. A more permanent solution is currently being considered, but as this would involve a substantial financial outlay from Parish funds the debate continues as to whether this is a suitable use for Parish funds, particularly as those most likely to benefit are car drivers from outside the parish.

As ever, the pressures of development within the parish have not been relieved by the Kiln Garth or Townend Close schemes. Our privileged location, amenities and transport links coupled with the premium such a combination entails, continue to make us a magnet for developers. Despite a detailed submission by the Parish Council, a Certificate of Lawfulness was issued to the development next to Primrose Cottage on Limebar Lane, and their subsequent appeal to the planning inspectorate for a substantial build, out-with the village

development line, was approved. On the adjacent land at Chapel Field the Bentley Properties appeal for the construction of two self-build houses was rejected. However this is unlikely to be the end of the matter with the inspectors appeal report giving the developer 'enough encouragement to have another look at our options', and on Limebar Bank Road (Evenings Lane) permission has been granted for 4 holiday cabins on what was previously a paddock, and the conversion of a barn that served a small-holding to residential use. With the national discussion on changes to planning policy it is hard to see development pressures easing within the parish. This is particularly so with the advent of the unitary authorities revised Local Plan and the impending Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) which will soon be upon us.

Ribbon development aside the A168 corridor remains a cause for concern. The Northern Energy HQ was granted planning permission despite being on a green field location and the Parish Council identifying more suitable brown field alternatives. Recently we have produced a document outlining our concerns as to the lack of strategic oversight and piecemeal development along the A168 and are currently gaining additional signatories from neighbouring parishes before we lobby NYCC in advance of the new Local Plan and SHELAA.

Albeit outside the Parish boundary, the prospect of an Asphalt Plant in proximity to the incinerator and landfill site is not an attractive one for the Parish with the prospect of damaging emissions, enhanced traffic, odour and noise. We continue to support the campaign for its rejection where we can.

Although we have seemingly very little leverage on the planning approval process for the more substantial development schemes, we have got a track record of reducing their impact and incorporating amenity for the parish. Our on-site meeting with Northern Energy in February, facilitated by our County Councillor, has resulted in greater screening of the site from the village through additional planting and the fixing of lighting cowls to reduce the glare from the operational site in addition to commitments regarding their out of hours lighting policy.

Closer to home, Brierley Homes received planning approval in January to incorporate a lawnmower and tool shed for the Parish on the public open space which will be handed over on completion and occupation of the development. It was encouraging to hear Brierley's planning consultant addressing the Harrogate Planning Committee and detailing the degree to which the development has been positively influenced and shaped by the village and being held up as an example of localism being alive and well, albeit adding some grey hairs to his head along the way.

On the subject of ageing, the Graveyard is fast running out of space. Although it is more of a Parochial Church Council concern than a Parish one, we are extremely grateful to the resident and landowner who has kindly donated a tract of land adjoining the graveyard which should provide a welcome resting place for many years hence.

I don't think I need to inform anyone that this year has seen extensive rainfall and localised flooding. We continue to lobby Highways to clear culverts and explore more permanent

solutions in those areas that are regularly affected. With the increase in development and subsequent run-off and the lack of investment into additional drainage, it is unlikely these issues will dissipate on their own.

I'd like to conclude by thanking all those in the village who have given of their time to assist in the community and enhance life within the parish. The list is extensive and includes those in the multiple number of committees, whether that be Open Gardens, Village Hall, Tennis Courts, Pavilion, Woodland and Sports Fields as well as those who volunteered of their time for litter and balsam picking. I'd also like to express my thanks to Helen and her able and talented team in the village shop.

Thankfully the Parish Council isn't a life sentence, although it often feels that way, and I'd like to express my gratitude to those who have served their time and been released back into the community. Namely our former clerk Jo Baldanza who has kept the show going over the last couple of years, Paul Gill for his sterling work simplifying our accounts and most recently Tony Cole who has been invaluable as our in-house planning expert. We'll miss them and their valued contribution hugely, but in turn we welcome our new clerk Sandra Windross who joins us with many years' experience in the Clerk's role and also Hugh Creasey who is taking on Paul's responsibilities and thankfully also has a head for figures. We expect to be announcing the appointment of another new councillor in the coming days which will get us back to full strength.

It just leaves me to wish you all well, and to look forward to another year in this active and special Parish.