

Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Date Held: Thursday 1st February 2024

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair, Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L), Mr A Robinson (AR), Ms J Baldanza (JB) Hugh Creasy (HC) and Clerk Cllr Arnold Warneken (AW)

Apologies: Mr T Cole (TC),

Resident attendance 2

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Mr T Cole (TC)	
2. Declarations of interest	None	
1.New Councillor	It was announced that Hugh Creasy had been elected and had accepted the appointment to office as councillor to Marton cum Grafton Parish Council-, repacing former Vice Chairman Paul Gill- he duly signed declaration of office.	
3. Minutes 4TH Jan 2024	Minutes agreed and Signed- to note: the minutes were amended to show accurate information as per agenda point- Emsley changed from Hemsley and 1250 objections from 11,000.	
4. Area /County Issues	<p><u>4. County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW stated that the NYCC budget deficit still remains the biggest issue. He shared that there would be a one-off payment made to Highways of £3.5M coming from the now blocked HS2 project-it remains to be seen if this payment will happen each election year. The aim is to keep the deficit under £38M, AW is set to challenge NYCC to explain the upcoming purchase of land for the Malt Kin development project at Cattal, due in part to the purchase price being close to the total deficit! A resident has raised concerns over bribery/corruption. AW will challenge on whether the land will be purchased at Agricultural rate or Development rate and how this would be sold on to the developers, is the raising of capital to help off set the deficit and if so, is this allowed? • AW explained that the environment agency had withdrawn their objection to the Asphalt Plant application and that the committee meeting date could be brought forward. • AW updated on the planned Highways meeting for parish councils in his area- he will take up to 3 councillors from each PC to meet with two senior members of Highways to discuss common issues e.g.; Flooding He hopes that the meeting will become a regular calendar event. • AW asked that the councillors attending the upcoming meeting on Feb 12th with Northern Energy on site should wear high Vis. • AW shared that 'things' were moving in a positive direction at Kiln Garth, RS interjected that he had attended the recent Planning Committee meeting at Harrogate and that approval for the proposed village 'Lawn Mower' shed had been voted in unanimously by a 5-0 margin. The 'hole' at the development entrance is most likely the responsibility of Yorkshire Water – JB to email reminders to AW to follow up. • AW is looking to provide the village with some blue recycling bags which have replaced the plastic ones. He mentioned that 	AW/JB/ RS

<p>5. Playing Fields and Woodlands</p>	<p>these can also be used in place of the black plastic boxes. He asked if the shop could be a collection point RS to follow up- There would be an average of 3 bags per household.</p> <p>a) Play Park inspection and maintenance updates required (PG now resigned) RS will take responsibility for the play park combining it with the playing field and woodland.</p> <p>b) Track maintenance update, consider quotes and contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awarded from NYCC – RS thanked AW for organising the £300 contribution, quotes not all in so will be considered at the next meeting. <p>c) Grass cutting 2024/25 – Consider that PC continue to undertake this for the village- NYCC payment has increased- It was agreed that the village will continue with this and JB to connect with PG to understand his involvement going forward.</p> <p>d) • Quotes for purchase of a strimmer for work in the woodland and graveyard- RS had gained quotes for tools and these were considered and agreed unanimously- suggested that Ripon Farm Services would price match and supply.</p>	<p>CS-L</p> <p>RS/JB</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>6- Village Shop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suitably qualified electrician has been booked in to survey the electricity supply for the shop in order to satisfy the shop insurers- this is to happen second week of the month. 	
<p>7- Village Hall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report – 	
<p>8 – Planning</p>	<p>RS commented that he'd seen a possible planning application in respect to Limebar Bank Lane, however transpires this was a Reserved Matters application and hence the PC is not required to comment.</p> <p>Planning action points -follow up from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage Lease and Land Registry – No update • Appeal for planning at Chapel Fields – No update • Asphalt Plant • Brierly Homes – Variations and erection of timber outbuilding (meeting at committee 30th Jan 2024) RS updated re Kiln Garth and agreement of the shed. <p>Following on from recent meetings and the current objection committee regards The ASPHALT plant, it has been proposed that a letter be constructed on behalf of all the parish councils bordering the A168 area that would be affected by potential ribbon development. The letter is to encourage a more strategic and holistic planning approach from NYCC along this artery, whilst acknowledging and incorporating the existing planning policies adopted by the Harroagte Local Plan. This was agreed in principle by all and AW gave his support – TC has put together a draft letter and this is to be discussed further and communicated to other PC's – AW was given copy of draft.</p> <p>Resident raised that it may be poignant to include summary of objections to the previously proposed 'Sugar Beet' factory.</p>	<p>RS/TC/ AW</p>

	<p>Enforcement: Updates on going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land on Gallabar Lane – possible resident use- on going • Land back of Punch Bowl and left vehicles- on going • Priestcarr Lodge- Pheasant Sheds- Breach of condition 7 ongoing • Rougham Farm- Issues on going <p>AW commented that two out of the three solicitor vacancies in the planning department had now been filled.</p> <p>Handover required from PG re enforcement communication between council and enforcement officer</p>	RS
<p>9 – Financial Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of recent payments/receipts, current financial position – JB shared the position for two months December 2023 and January 2024. <p>Total Monies held in the savings account is now £42,377.89 including interest payments for the 2 months of £137.06</p> <p>Current account – Deductions over the period £983.18 made up of Trade waste, Autella Payroll, Clerk Salary, Bank charges, VAT payment to HRMC and Service on Mower. Incomings for the period was £1632 from shop and garage rents.</p> <p>Current account now stands at £13,316.17 Available Parish council funds are £9664.93</p>	
<p>10 – Any other business, items for next meeting and on-going items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graveyard Extension – A water table survey to be undertaken in the Spring • Clerk Role vacancy – New applicant to be seen by RS and JB watch this space! • Marton Wood- RS updated on Chrysalis Arts -they have received a further grant for 12 months and they would be represented at next month’s meeting to share activities ongoing. • Village Litter Picking- CS-L is to organised for 24/2/24 weather permitting • Parking on Reas Lane by school employees and parents and the issues this causes was raised – RS to write again to Head of school reiterating the safety aspects as well as complaints from landowners whom are affected. CS-L raised how that morning two children had stepped out of cars Infront of her vehicle. It was also raised the verge damage that parking cars causes elsewhere around the vicinity. • RS made a formal welcome to Hugh Creasy (HC) <p>Meeting concluded at 20.44 PM</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting: next meeting – Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30PM in the memorial Hall, Marton.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>RS/JB</p> <p>CS-L</p> <p>RS</p>

Signed: Dated: