

MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024

at 7.30PM the Memorial Hall

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Alex Robinson (AR) Vice Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Arabella Cornelius (AC) Hugh Creasey (HC) Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk.

Resident attendance 3

1. Apologies

Apologies received Cllr Arnold Warneken

2. Declarations of Interest

02.01 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary interest and the receive and consider any applications for dispensation **non received.**

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2024

The minutes of the above meeting was formally approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NYC matters

Cllr Warneken was not present at the meeting but had provided an update on planning matters by email.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

5.1 Playing fields and Woodlands (inc Marton Wood) – It was agreed to obtain a quote to level the lower portion of the playing fields track.

5.2 Swing Claim – no further update was available.

5.3 Inspections of the childrens play area – RS and AC will inspect and get quotes to carry out repairs to the items that were flagged up in the recent report. There was a proposal to fence off the play area to try to make it rabbit proof and safer for the children, this would require rabbit proof fencing of sufficient depth. AC advised the play equipment needs cleaning and the safety surfacing is slippery. RS and AC will inspect and provide a review.

5.4 Garage Lease and Land Registry – no further update was available on this matter.

5.5 Asphalt Plant – AC advised she thought new documents have been submitted by the applicant, largely as a result of queries raised by the objectors. The Stray Ferret will be publishing a report this week and it was agreed for the Parish Council to pay for a subscription.

6. Village Hall

The commemorative artwork to mark the 100 years of our WI group is now hanging in the hall and was admired by all

7. Planning Matters

7.1 The following planning applications were received and discussed:

APPLICATION NO: 6.71.102.Q.COUMAJ ZC24/02935/COUMAJ

PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to caravan and motorhome storage (part retrospective)

LOCATION: Rougham Farm Allerton Park Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0RA

GRID REF: E 440242 N 461567

APPLICANT: Mr O Whiteley

PUBLIC ACCESS:

<https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SIXDSWHYGUM00>

RS provided the background of previous applications and enforcement action. Council objected to the new application. CLS to draft comments and submit. An email will be sent by RS to residents who commented on the initial application encouraging them to resubmit for this application. AW has recommended the application be brought before the planning committee.

APPLICATION NO: 6.500.109.A.EIAMAJ ZC24/0344/EIAMAJ

PROPOSAL: demolition of existing poultry farm followed by the erection of a replacement poultry farm including six poultry houses with solar panels of their roofs, feed bins, hat exchanges, concrete apron, dirty water tanks, gas tanks, hardstanding, gate house and drainage attenuation pond.

LOCATION: Ouseburn Farm Carr Field Lane Upper Dunsforth York YO26 9SD

GRID REF: E443729 N462784

APPLICANT: Amber Real Estate Investments (Agriculture) Ltd

PUBLIC ACCESS

<https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SL3GW2HYHQ100>

Council had no objections

7.2 The following approvals/refusals were received:

None received.

7.3 Enforcement

8. Financial matters

8.1 The bank reconciliation/financial reconciliation circulated by the clerk was approved as per Appendix 1.

8.2 Payment of accounts were noted as per Appendix 1

8.3 The Clerks salary – The clerks salary was reviewed and increased to 19.5 hours per month from 13 and salary increased to spinal point 14 of the NALC pay scales.

9. The following items of correspondence had been received and noted.

E-mails circulated by the Clerk to all Councillors.

10. Minor matters and Agenda Items for the next meeting

HC advised there has been an accident on the stretch of pavement from the crest of the hill past the Old Orchard due to the slippery surface. It was agreed to report to NY Highways. RS will send the location to the clerk using 'what3words'.

AR asked if a Defibrillator could be purchased for the pavilion by the footballers, and if they are short of funds would the PC provide financial help., this was agreed.

AC advised that Alec Shelbrooke MP had recently attended a coffee morning in the village to support the WI and noted interest in getting an understanding of our A168 ribbon development concerns. He is willing to lend his support, but suggested the neighbouring parishes should also declare their concerns in order to give the matter greater weight. This was actioned independently earlier in the year and the jointly signed letter of concern will be forwarded to him and followed up in due course.

The incinerator – AC asked residents to note & report any occasions when noise, smell or general pollution from the incinerator is detected in the parish. This will support efforts to curtail the possible imposition of an asphalt plant close to the site and also provide a record for any future actions concerning the incinerator/land fill.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.41pm