

Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Held: Monday 10th December 2024

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Arabella Cornelius (AC) Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk. County Cllr Warneken.

Resident attendance 7

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Received from Cllrs Alex Robinson and Hugh Creasey	
2. Declarations of interest	None noted.	
3. Minutes 12th November 2024	The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record	
4. NYC matters	<p>AW advised due to a family illness and the subsequent need to spend more time at home he has decided to resign from several committees, both within and out with the council. However he will continue in his role as an NYC councillor.</p> <p>The increase in Employee National Insurance Contributions announced in the Autumn budget has put additional pressure upon the already stretched finances at the council. With some 15,000 employees NYC will need to find an additional £8m pa to fund this increase. With no additional financial support in the offing from central government the council will have to fund this increase from existing resources.</p> <p>On a slightly more positive note the council deficit is currently considerably less at -£22m than the original forecast of -£64m. However one-off reserves are being utilised to help balance the budget and it is anticipated that if no additional Government support is forthcoming the deficit next year could balloon to £70m with a resultant impact on services.</p> <p>As such council services are under extreme pressure with the result that many will be reduced. For instance the home to school bus service is once more coming up for review with proposed savings of some £4.2m but creating a great deal of stress to many families, particularly those in rural areas.</p> <p>In other matters there is a large, ongoing campaign to stop hydraulic fracking taking place at Burniston near Scarborough by Europa Oil & Gas. The proposal is within 800m of the National Park and is scheduled to come before the Strategic Planning Committee.</p> <p>Asphalt Plant - AW stated the proposal might come before the</p>	

<p>5.1 Playing fields and Woodlands</p> <p>5.2 Swing Claim</p> <p>5.3 Inspections of the childrens play area</p> <p>5.4 Garage Lease and Land Registry update</p> <p>5.5 Asphalt Plant</p>	<p>planning committee in February committee, but not before. Locality Budget – AW stated only a small amount of funds left.</p> <p>A defibrillator for installation in the pavilion has been purchased using Woodlands Group funds. There is an installation bill of £276.00 + VAT which all agreed to pay. Installation will be done this week.</p> <p>It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda for future meetings.</p> <p>RS and AC inspected the playground equipment in light of the recent report and made an assessment of which items required priority attention. Quotes for repair work are being collated.</p> <p>No update</p> <p>AC and Michael Emsley are continuing to lodge matters at the planning department. We await their response.</p>	
<p>6. Village Hall</p>	<p>No updates were provided for the meeting.</p>	
<p>7. Planning Applications</p>	<p>ZC24/03907/FUL Demolition of Conservatory - Removal of roof and replacement with addition of new front and rear dormers, roof lights and photovoltaic panels - New doors and Juliet balcony to front elevation- Erection of side pitched roof extension with new 1st floor doors and Juliet balcony- Erection of rear single-storey extension with green roof and roof light - Installation of floor mounted air source heat pump Swallow Rise Marton Court Marton Cum Grafton York North Yorkshire YO51 9PY</p> <p>RS related comments received from a neighbouring property regarding the access to the property, their concerns of damage to the driveway and the location of a heat pump. All were deemed valid concerns and were to be addressed in the PC response.</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>Decisions</p>	<p>None received</p>	
<p>8. Financial Matters</p> <p>8.1 Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>9.2 Payment of accounts</p> <p>9.3 Budget</p> <p>9.4 Quote for laptop</p>	<p>A bank reconciliation was circulated by the clerk and was accepted</p> <p>Payments were noted.</p> <p>The clerk had circulated a budget forecast for the new year which was discussed and accepted once the village mower payments were included. It was agreed to ask for an increase of the precept but only in line with inflation.</p> <p>It was agreed to accept the new laptop quote for the clerk with delivery to Boroughbridge computer services in order to be set up and data transferred from the old (defunct) laptop.</p>	

<p>10. Any other items for business and next meeting</p>	<p>Flooding on Braimber/back Lane opposite Scuttlepond – it was agreed to write to highways regarding this and copy AW in to the email.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 14 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Marton-cum-Grafton Village Hall.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.45pm.</p>	
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Signed:Chairman Dated:21/01/2025