

Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Held: Tuesday 21st January 2024

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

Resident attendance 7

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Received from Cllr Alex Robinson, Cllrs Warneken	
2. Declarations of interest	None noted.	
3. Minutes 10th December 2024	The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record	
4. NYC matters	<p>RS advised he attended the recent Path Keeper meeting organised by Cllr Warneken. Path Keepers is a countywide volunteer scheme to oversee the rights of way, footpaths and bridleways, within parishes. It was hosted by the NYC Countryside Access Service (CAS) who, only having 10 employees responsible for the whole of North Yorkshire (over 6,000km of rights of way – excluding the National Parks), are keen for community volunteer groups to become involved.</p> <p>Once a group is established and signed off by CAS, volunteers are permitted to help cut back vegetation, co-ordinate repairs of stiles/gates etc, repair signposting without having to receive further approval and with full PI insurance. They are also encouraged to report access restrictions such as locked gates and obstructions.</p> <p>Anyone expressing interest in the scheme is advised to contact the PC to be given the CAS contact details.</p> <p>NYC have released the suggested sites from landowners in respect to the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) to be considered for the next iteration of the NYC Local Plan. Details are available on the NYC website.</p>	
5.1 Playing fields and Woodlands	Playing fields and woodlands – extensive repairs are required throughout the track and footpath network within the Parish land. We are awaiting the contractors to commence grading the track and repairing steps/boardings in the path network.	
5.2 Swing Claim	Cllr Creasy reported that Zurich insurance had settled the swing claim and the individual has received just over £10,000	

<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>Rougham Farm</p>	<p>AC and RS have been carrying out a few inspections of the play area. In addition to the regular professional inspections, the manufacturer of the playground equipment (Haggs) are due to carry out an inspection of the equipment and advise on items they deem in need of repair.</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>It is possible that it will go in front of the planning committee in February but is still currently out for re-consultation. BC advised no change. When the date is announced a final letter will be submitted.</p> <p>Enforcement have placed their limited actions on hold as yet another planning application is to be submitted. It was agreed to raise the lack of urgency and effectiveness within the enforcement function with Cllr Warneken</p>	
<p>6. Village Hall</p>	<p>No updates were provided for the meeting. RS advised a request has been made for the possible installation of a post box for the Parish Council at the village hall and to have the village hall as the registered address with Royal Mail for the Parish Council. Currently the registered address is that of the Parish Clerk</p>	
<p>7. Planning Applications</p>	<p>ZC24/04226/DVCMAJ Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to amend the approved plans listed under condition 2 of planning consent ZC23/03087/DVCMAJ to allow the consideration of a revised office siting and car parking layout. Land Comprising OS Field 2161 Limebar Lane Marton Cum Grafton North Yorkshire</p> <p>CS agreed to review this application, particularly from the viewpoint of screening and lighting</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>Due to the Clerk's laptop being replaced and HSBCs ongoing due diligence action on the bank account, no financial information was available for the meeting. Both matters are expected to be resolved by the February meeting.</p>	
<p>10. Any other items for business and next meeting</p>	<p>There is frequent flooding on Braimber/Back Lane to the rear of Scuttlepond – it was agreed to write to highways regarding this and see if a solution is proposed. AW to be copied in to the email.</p> <p>AC advised she has been looking at setting up free football activities in the village. Harrogate Town football club are going to run childrens football training in the village for ages 6 – 13.</p>	

	<p>AC advised she has revisited the issue of air quality at the incinerator in respect to the original planning conditions which she feels are in possible breach.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a Village litter pick towards the end of February.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 11 February 2025 at 7.30pm in Marton-cum-Grafton Village Hall.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.24pm.</p>	
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Signed:Chairman Dated:11/02/2025.....