

## **Marton-le-Moor Parish Council Parish Council meeting held on Monday 05 October 2020 via video-conference at 7.00pm**

### **1. Present**

- 1.1. Mrs Baker (Co-Chair), Mr Sanderson (Co-Chair), Mr Shaw, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Brown and Mr Windass.
- 1.2. There were 2 members of the public present.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

- 2.1. The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.

### **3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting**

- 3.1. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 18MAY2020 were unanimously agreed.

### **4. Apologies**

- 4.1. None.

### **5. Matters arising**

- 5.1. There were no matters arising.

### **6. Harrogate Borough Council update**

- 6.1. Mr Brown advised that debates on devolution continued with a number of options being considered, for example one North Yorkshire County Council unitary authority, two unitary authorities (one for York and one for all other areas), or an east/west split. The council is currently waiting for central government to advise on the way forward.
- 6.2. It was noted that the application for a motorway service station at the Baldersby site is due to be heard on 06OCT2020, with a recommendation that the application is refused. There is no further news on the Kirby Hill site, and the public enquiry may now be held in NOV2020, with a new Inspector.

### **7. North Yorkshire County Council update**

- 7.1. Mr Windass advised there were no major issues to report. Parish Council members queried the quality of the local road resurfacing in the village. Mr Windass advised that this had been raised with Area 6 and was due to be rectified, noting that the contract with the external company who carry out the roadworks has been reduced by a year and is due to finish shortly. Work will then be undertaken by North Yorkshire County Council. Mr Sanderson asked why there wasn't local consultation on what resurfacing was required and Mr Windass agreed to raise this with Area 6.
- 7.2. Mr Sanderson asked about reducing the speed limit in the village to 20 m.p.h., however Mr Windass advised that this was unlikely as a reduction in speed limits tends to be near schools.

### **8. Financial update**

- 8.1. Mr Sanderson advised that the Balance in the Community Account is £2,062.01, and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,544.52.
- 8.2. The invoice for Farm and Land grass cutting for £688.80 was unanimously agreed.
- 8.3. The invoice for the Parish Council website hosting for £130.00 was unanimously agreed.
- 8.4. The invoice for the Parish Council website domain for £38.38 was unanimously agreed.

### **9. Neighbourhood Watch**

- 9.1. Mr Cole advised that there were no issues to report. The Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings have been deferred to 2021. There continues to be no contact with the central team for Neighbourhood Watch.

### **10. Planning applications**

- 10.1. Mrs Baker advised that an update had been received on the development at the Paddocks, with a contract with a developer having now been concluded. It will be limited to the 16 units approved at appeal, to include six affordable homes. The layout is not yet agreed but is likely to maximize the

number of detached units. The retention of trees will depend on Harrogate Borough Council planning department, but those retained seem most likely to be the roadside and adjacent to Maris Barn. An application is likely to be submitted before Christmas.

## **11. Village Projects**

11.1. No items were discussed.

## **12. Correspondence**

12.1 None.

## **13. Any other business.**

13.1. Local resident, Geoff Harris, joined the meeting to discuss concerns about road safety on the B6265. Mr Harris has been in dialogue with North Yorkshire County Council and the police relating to:

- Levels of speeding
- Numbers of accidents, including one in FEB2020 which involved four vehicles (this is not appearing in North Yorkshire County Councils road accident statistics), and one in AUG2020.
- Road closures
- Road deterioration

Mr Harris has requested that North Yorkshire County Council take action to restrict HGV's by introducing a 7.5 tonne weight limit (except for access); and introducing a 40 m.p.h. speed limit between the B6265/A168 roundabout and the junctions to Marton-le-Moor.

Councillors Mr Brown and Mr Windass are both supportive of this request, noting that a previous request to divert HGV traffic had not been successful. A new Corporate Director for Business and Environmental Services (who is responsible for such decisions) takes office in NOV2020. At present North Yorkshire County Council do not feel there is sufficient evidence to support a reduced speed limit or diversion of HGVs, but are prepared to do more research on the problem and to inspect the road surface.

The views of residents in Marton le Moor would be welcome.

13.2. Mrs Baker advised that she will be standing down from the Parish Council after the next meeting. Any resident who wishes to join the Parish Council would be welcome.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

14.1. The next meeting will be Monday 23NOV2020 at 7.00p.m.