**Marton-le-Moor Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 February 2023 in the Meeting Room at 1900 hrs.**

**1. Present**

1.1. Mr Sanderson (Chair), Mr Dowgill, Mr Hawkridge, Mr Cranswick and Cllr Brown.

1.2. There were 4 members of the public present.

**2. Apologies**

2.1. Apologies were received from Mr Wilkinson and Cllr Green.

**3. Declarations of interest**

3.1. The Parish Council is the Holding Trustee of the Meeting Room.

4. **Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

3.1. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2022 were unanimously approved.

5. **Matters arising**

5.1. Mr Cranswick was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council. Proposed by Mr Sanderson, seconded by Mr Dowgill and unanimously agreed.

5.2. Mr Hawkridge agreed to take on the clerk’s role.

6. **Harrogate Borough Council update**

6.1. With 6 weeks to go until the transition to the unitary authority of North Yorkshire County Council on 1st April 2023 things are proceeding at pace. There will be 6 local planning committees, of which we will belong to Skipton and Ripon area, and 1 overarching committee to deal with builds of 500+ houses and large developments. Eventually there will be 1 local plan for North Yorkshire but at the moment we are still working to the current Harrogate plan. Voting on council tax is to begin next week to determine rates throughout North Yorkshire.

6.2. Mr Brown advised that a Parish Charter is to be introduced which we will have an input into. A consultation is happening now up to the 12th April which we should be part of. Mr Sanderson is to investigate whether an email has been received and chase if not.

6.3. A new head of communications, Tim Myatt, has been appointed at Yorkshire Water and it is hoped this will improve communications. Mr Hawkridge advised that Yorkshire Water have sent out cheques for £100.00 to residents as compensation for the water being off on 3 occasions last year.

6.4. People have been seen taking measurements near the site of the proposed motorway services and a design company have said to have been contracted to design a link bridge. Mr Brown advised that everything is still very much in the planning stages and nothing definite is going to happen at the moment. Gareth Owens, chair of Kirby Hill RAMS, is talking to government and monitoring the situation.

6.5. Nick Brown has applied for £312.00 out of his locality budget for Marton-le-Moor’s coronation celebrations. The decision is pending.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch**

7.1. Mrs Holt from Chapel Lane has been in contact with Julian Smith MP, Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire Police with regards speeding on Chapel Lane and through the village. The traffic bureau have collected data over a 7 day period, 24 hours a day, on Chapel Lane. They have found a mean speed of 24/26 mph and 85th%ile of 31/35mph meaning the location is suitable for a Community Speed Watch. The scheme requires a minimum of 4 residents to undertake 2 parts of training and commit to carrying out speed monitoring. It was agreed we would see what interest there was from residents in joining a community speed watch and proceed if sufficient numbers were found.

7.2. There has been a theft of heating oil on Cana Lane. Residents are advised to be vigilant and report any concerns to NYP.

8. **Financial update**

8.1. Mr Sanderson advised that the Balance in the Community Account is £1320.41 and the balance in the Business Premium Account is £1,546.22.

8.2. AL Phillips has been paid £826.80 (£689 + Vat) for the new gate at the playing field and this claimed back from the commuted sums at HBC.

8.3. Farm and Land have been paid £510.00 (£425.00 + Vat) for grass cutting.

8.4. A play equipment survey has been carried out at a cost of £87.54 (£72.95 + Vat) which is to be paid.

8.5. The NYCC grass cutting grant is £212.86 for the year and will be paid in February.

8.6. Hedge cutting at the playing field has been done and an invoice is expected.

8.7. Farm and Land have increased prices from £85-£90 a cut (Meant to be 14-16 cuts a year but currently 8-9) and £120.00-£130.00 for the verges (3 a year). It was agreed to ask Farm and Land to come more often and include Devonshire Green in their cuts.

**9. Planning applications**

9.1. Nil

10. **Village Projects**

10.1. It was agreed to add Devonshire Green to the areas that the Parish Council pay for.

10.2. We are still awaiting the defibrillator back from America where it is being fixed. A temporary defib. is in place and Mr Sanderson will ask Adrian Shaw if there is any update.

10.3. The Meeting Room Committee have received 3 quotes for the meeting room floor and selected one. Mr Hawkridge is to forward these to HBC as it is using commuted sums.

10.4. The playing area has been accepted and a report received which shall be discussed further at the next meeting.

11. **Correspondence**

12. **Any other business**

12.1. It was decided to hold off sending a letter to a commercial dog walker thought to be causing a nuisance to residents as they hadn’t been seen in the village recently.

12.2. Mrs Skidmore expressed concerns about the state of the verges on Chapel Lane due to the ongoing building works. Mr Sanderson reported he had already met the head of site regards the verges and the company had rectified the verges in the centre of the village and intend to put all verges back to a good state once work is complete. Mr Sanderson will monitor the situation and meet the head of site towards the end of the works to make sure everything is completed satisfactorily.

12.3. Mr Hawkridge advised that the white lining at the end of Tithe Way and the new road sign at the junction of Chapel Lane and Whitegate Lane were overdue and he would chase NYCC.

13. **Date(s) of next meetings**

13.1. Future meetings as follows:

* 20th March ‘23
* 15th May ‘23
* 3rd July ‘ 23
* 4th September ‘23
* 23rd October ‘23
* 11th December ‘23