

Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Information for meeting on 15 July 2013

6. Financial Matters

Cheques for approval:

Vchr.	Cheque	Cde.	Name	Description	Amount
58	102612	17	JDF Macdonald	Electricity	121.88
59	102613	17	Viking Direct	Stationary	94.73
60	102614	11	Mike Martin	Delivery of Plans	72.50
61	102615	11	Paul Gamble	Signs	60.00
62	102616	8	John Paul	Plans	45.56
63	102617	7	York Vale Fencing Ltd	Vehicle Access Gates and Pedestrian Gate	1,734.00
68	102618	16	Ms Louise P Bolland	July Salary	946.46
69	102619	16	NY Pension Fund	July Salary	120.00
70	102620	16	Post Office Ltd	July Salary	155.76
TOTAL					3,350.89

An additional 2 cheques have been drawn as follows and will appear on the summaries available at the council meeting in June:

cq no.102621	11 July 2013	RDC	Business Rates Old Library Building	£1648.50
cq no. 102622	11 July 2013	Phil Gospel	PO06/13/04 + PO 07/13/01	£350.00
cq no. 102623	11 July 2013	Moore Stephens	Invoice Nos 147077 + 147078	£2040.00

13. Welcome to Kirkbymoorside Signs: To consider draft designs

A guide to pricing has been sought from a local company based on the design format.

The quote has been provided using the same width as the existing sign but proportionally to suit the pdf artwork.

Option 1

1 off 96" x 27" aluminium sign c/w fixing channel & lettered as per diagram 1
 3 off 96" x 9" aluminium removable signs c/w fixing channel & lettered as per diagram 1
 2 off metal posts, caps, base plates and fixing clips for above 4 signs
 £650.10 + VAT

Option 2

1 off 96" x 27" aluminium sign lettered as per diagram 1
 3 off 96" x 9" aluminium signs lettered as per diagram 1
 £343.50 + VAT

Quotes are exclusive of fitting.

14. To consider a request by NYCC to hold the County Council Volunteer Task Day on 7th August in Manor Vale with the task of knotweed management

Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2013 11:28:46 +0000

From: David Cole <David.Cole@northyorks.gov.uk>

The task on the 7th August has been advertised and will go ahead provided we get enough volunteers and the Town Council are happy for us to carry out the task.

Louise has previously organised the knotweed management on this site, so this is a new site for me. Louise says, the area of Knotweed is/was quite small, and last time we visited the site in Oct 2010 we were able to cut the knotweed in half a day. We had planned further visits however because we needed to combine the task with another half-day task at another nearby site (to make a full day) it has been difficult to arrange. As we haven't been to be site in three years, we don't know what the current situation is i.e. is the stand the same size or whether it has spread further. Apparently, in 2010 the knotweed just extended onto the golf course, so we needed to enter the golf course land to remove it there.

I have no direct experience of knotweed control myself, so can only go by the experience of other people and the published advice. Physical control by regular cutting/pulling is an effective control method on small or newly established stands. Repeated pulling over a number of years (approx. 3), eventually exhaust the rhizome and kill the plant. It is also important that the cut material is collected up, dried out and burnt on site to avoid spread. It is the preferred method to use on sites with native or sensitive species growing and where the use of herbicides is undesirable (e.g. SINC's). However, it is only effective if it is carried out continually, ideally 3-4 cuts annually over a number of years.

It is unfortunate, that we have not returned to the site since 2010. We are happy to visit the site in August but with our SINC work due to be suspended later this year we will not be able to continue with management on the site beyond this year. However, as I say, to be effective, control needs to be sustained. The Town Council will need to take this into account and that we will not be able to continue with the management in the foreseeable future. Ideally, we would prefer a continuation of mechanical control rather than herbicide if it is possible for Don Davies or the Town Council to arrange this. I can't promise anything but it is possible that some of our volunteers who live local to be site may be prepared to help out in the future if Don or the Town Council are prepared to arrange/supervise tasks.

I am happy to discuss the management options with Don and the Town Council.

Thanks

David

David Cole

Ecologist

15. To consider a request by the Mayor for the cost of the bed and breakfast accommodation for one night on 31 July, the day before her civic engagement at the Yorkshire Day celebrations at Skipton on 1 August 2013, to be funded out of the Mayoral allowance

The Mayor is required to be in attendance at 8.30am on 1 August and subsequently it would be preferable to travel to Skipton the night before the event. It is proposed that the Mayor will stay at the Rendezvous Hotel which is offering a special rate of £70 per room per night for people attending the Yorkshire Day celebrations.