
Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 16 March 2026

9. Flood Response & Resilience

a. Emergency Comms

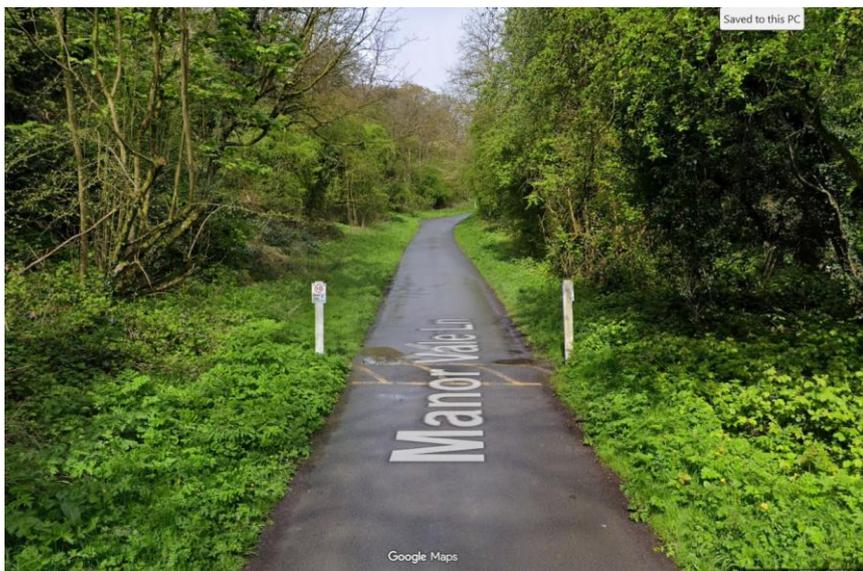
- I. To consider matters arising from the January meeting, Minute 25160 as reported at the February meeting, Minute 25184
 - II. To receive information regarding alternative radio rebroadcast techniques
 - III. To receive the quotation for six no. hand held radios and micro mag antenna at a cost of £489.65 + VAT
 - IV. To agree any appropriate response and expenditure from the balance of Two Ridings Community Foundation Funds
- b. To note North Yorkshire Resilience & Emergencies will be holding a Drop-in session at the Moorside Room on 14 April for local residents affected by flooding
 - c. To note 'Resilience to Major Incidents' will be addressed by North Yorkshire Resilience & Emergencies Team at the Parish Liaison meeting on 17 March
 - d. To consider and agree recommendations by the Environment Agency for Natural Flood Management (NFM) works in Manor Vale woodland, to be carried out in partnership with Kirkbymoorside Environment group volunteers

Manor Vale

Rain is funneled through the natural depressions into Manor Vale and sped up by the impermeable highway. Manor Vale Lane is the access road to Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, leading through Manor Vale woodland which is owned by Kirkbymoorside Town Council.

What is proposed

- There are already a series of speedhumps (~6) on the road where water is naturally slowed. Scrapes (or 'grips') could be installed adjacent to these in the verges to provide additional space for ponding and attenuation of run-off.



- This is similar to the highway grips that the Forest and Dale Community Partnership delivered in adjacent catchments. Thornton-le-Dale for example.
- Each scrape should create at least 1m³ of new space for water. This isn't a huge volume in the catchment but NFM relies on marginal gains wherever they can be found.
- Kirkbymoorside Environment Group, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust or other volunteers (possibly Slingsby Advance Composites) to support excavations by providing local knowledge and by hand digging the scrapes with hand tools. This should also help to make sure water on the road has a flow path into the scrapes and to be sensitive to the woodland environment.
- Anticipate doing this in April when ground conditions are not too wet or firm.

Scrape size

- Dimensions to suit the space available in each location but will only work within the 1-2 metre grassy verge prior to the taller vegetation.
- Excavations to be around 2m long and around 30-50cm deep.
- Removed material to be placed downhill of the excavation – a small, raised bund/lip to be created at the downhill end to act as an extension to the speedhump in order to increase ponding, the remainder to be smoothed out.

Ecological considerations

- Manor Vale is mapped as ancient semi-natural woodland and is also a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
- Advice from the Principal Ecologist at NYC has been sought.
- There are some areas where there is a more developed woodland-edge flora (e.g. Lesser Celandine) and sites have been screened to avoid any damage to this.
- No established trees will be damaged.

Other considerations

- The proposal has been discussed with the Golf Club who had no initial objections. We will engage further to ensure they are aware of timings and to inform members.
- The works may look unsightly to begin with as bare earth is exposed however, the existing vegetation is expected to quickly re-establish by growing back through the re-landscaped soil. No new material is to be brought in.

Request by the Environment Agency

- We request that Kirkbymoorside Town Council, Manor Vale Management Committee, Kirkbymoorside Environment Group and Kirkbymoorside Golf Club confirm whether they support these proposals.
- If so, we request any feedback on the intended design and location of scrapes and potential dates to avoid for the work.
- Once a date is agreed, we request you distribute the date and need for the work among your networks so that people are as informed as possible about what is happening and why.