

Minutes of Manor Vale Management Committee Thursday 20 January 20110
On site at Manor Vale

Present: Councillor G De Barr (Chairman), Councillor M Brampton, District Councillor D Cussons, Mr J Clayton, Mr Tom Denney, Mr Gary Plant, Mr Jamiel El-Sharif, Mr Mike Simpson, Mr Don Davies

Also Present: Mr J Feest (North Yorkshire County Council) Mr P Long (Ryedale District Council), Ms R Ravis (Kirkbymoorside Golf Club), Ms K Speed (Emergency Planning NYCC), 3 members of the public and the assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs C Eve.

1 Councillor De Barr was elected as Chairman

2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Cossins

3 District Councillor Cussons declared interest as a local landowner.

4 Public Session:

- Mr D Turlington addressed the committee. Concerns that there is a lot of detritus in Manor Vale at the moment and the cost of clearing this could impact on the community. If a group of volunteers could be established, they could clear areas of Manor Vale.
- Mrs Bancroft addressed the committee regarding flooding concerns whose property in Manor Vale has now been flooded twice in 4 months and is uninhabitable.

5 A site inspection was conducted in Manor Vale by the committee and a representative from Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, Ms R Ravis.

The following points were raised:

- Concerns that there is a lot of detritus in Manor Vale at the moment and the cost of clearing this could impact on the community. If a group of volunteers could be established, they could clear areas of Manor Vale. Mr Davies said that he can lead volunteers.
- Flooding concerns raised by local residents whose property in Manor Vale has now been flooded twice in 4 months and is uninhabitable.
- Verges need to be cleared so that Golf Club can maintain the grass either side of the road.
- Are bonfires allowed in Manor Vale?
- The pile of chippings that has been left by the car park at the entrance is a hazard as the wood gets into the drains. Advisable not to chip wood and leave in large piles on the concrete.
- Discussion over whether local residents could take wood that has been cleared in Manor Vale. Some needs to be left but possible to stack some up clearly marked for local use. Decision could be made once a volunteers' group is decided.
- Discussion over possible felling of large tree near hill into golf club car park. Marked with red paint. John Clayton will look at and report back to committee.
- The road requires some maintenance following the bad weather. The Golf Club will only do temporary work until Manor Vale Committee decide what other action needs to take place.

- The information board at the ancient Ash Tree needs cleaning. Probably a result of the recent flooding. Volunteers might be able to clean it.
- Who owns the fence separating Manor Vale from Ravenswick land behind the Ash Tree. The fence is damaged due to flooding and will need repairing.
- Discussion on recent flooding and where the water came from. Appears water held by mud in ditch and then rushed down the path adjacent with the golf course. It was agreed that this type of flooding is not normal for Manor Vale. Mr Long suggested he approach the NFU advisor and ask him to look at the said ground and methods of recent farming. The Ravenswick Estate and the tenant farmer need to be informed and their permission sought.
- The grass in the open area along Eastern pathway (a suggestion to be known as Finch's Fork) will need to be cut this summer in Jul, Aug or Sep.
- Near the hollow tree along pathway, an oak sapling is very close to an elder tree. The elder tree needs to be cut back to give the oak some space.

7 The Town Clerk's Report

The Committee noted that knotweed had been removed last year as requested.¹

8 The Committee decided to hold a meeting in the next fortnight and a date will be confirmed.

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Chairman

