

**Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee Meeting held at
Manor Close Community Centre on Friday 4 February 2011 at 9.30am**

Present: Councillor G De Barr (Chairman), Councillor M Brampton, Councillor J Cossins, District Councillor D Cussons, Mr J Clayton, Mr T Denny, Mr G Plant, Mr J El-Sharif, Mr M Simpson and Mr D Davies.

Also Present: Mr M Young, (North Yorkshire County Council), Mr P Long (Ryedale District Council), Ms R Ravis (Kirkbymoorside Golf Club), 5 members of the public and the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs C Eve.

Apologies were **received** from District/County Councillor V Arnold.

9. There were no apologies.

10. The Committee **approved** the Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee held on the 5 March 2010 and 20 January 2011. The Committee noted certain points from the minutes of the 5 March 2010:

- Still awaiting a response from English Heritage about an Interpretation Panel for Neville Castle (item 30 d)
- The Tree to be planted and named after Mr Don Smith needs a plaque which will cost about £225. The wording needs to be chosen by the committee (item 30e ii).
- The Town Council rescinded the decision of where to put the memorial bench for the late Frederick John Bowes as they were given information that he would have preferred it to be along the eastern footpath, close to the ancient ash with a view over to the golf course (item 31).
- The transfer of an oak tree from the cemetery to Manor Vale has been undertaken (item 34).
- The path from the Gillamoore Road was cleared.

11. The following matters were discussed:

- Councillor Brampton asked that the Management Plan be removed from the Town Council website as it is not wholly accurate.

12. The wood chippings currently on the hard standing in Manor Vale (which is owned by North Yorkshire County Council, NYCC) are wanted by the Scouts. They plan to remove them quickly and sell them. The Committee approved this scheme and Ryedale District Council has been asked not to remove them. Confirmation was sought that NYCC do not object to this.

13. There were no declarations of interest made.

14. Public Session: The following points were brought up:

- Ms V White thanked Ryedale District Council for their clearance of the drains in West End on Thurs 3 Feb 11. It was a very successful day and she also added that a lot was achieved at their recent meeting at the Dug Out.

15. The Committee **resolved** that Mr J Clayton and Mr D Davies would liaise with the neighbouring landowner regarding ploughing in the vicinity of the ancient ash tree.

16. Limestone Grassland Area E

- a) The Committee **resolved** to name the limestone grassland area E, Finch's Fork.

- b) Mr D Davies declared an interest in this item as a contractor. The committee **resolved** that the specifications for the work required would be as follows:

Limestone Meadow near eastern boundary – D shaped area.

- Cut with a reciprocating blade or scythe mower and raked.
- Stack grass cuttings at side, raked off to the edges under the scrub.
- Grass to be cut up to the hedge on eastern boundary and up to 1 metre from edge of canopy of bushes to west, north and south of the meadow.
- Elders and brambles need removing with brush cutter and saw blade.
- Work to be done August/September.

The Committee **resolved** to ask the Town Clerk to seek quotes for this work for the Committee to consider at the next meeting.

17. Volunteers

- a) The Committee **resolved** to set up a Volunteers Group. Mr D Davies will look into this and report back to Committee.
- b) The Committee **resolved** to authorise Mr D Davies, Mr J El-Sharif, Mr G Plant and Mr J Clayton and begin some clearance work in Manor Vale.

18. Work required in Manor Vale

The Chairman said that Kirkbymoorside in Bloom group might be able to volunteer and that they regularly do litter picks in Manor Vale.

- a) Verges: Standing Orders were suspended so that Ms R Ravis could speak. She said that there was a man at the Kirkbymoorside Golf Club who had volunteered to clear the verges. He would take all the debris with him. The Committee **resolved** to allow Mr J Clayton to liaise directly with the volunteer and the Committee thanked him for his kind offer. Standing Orders were reinstated.
- b) Mr J Clayton has revisited the tree identified at the site meeting and although there is rot at the base of the tree, the tree has put on extra wood. There is a crack further up the tree and he advises that the tree be reduced in size and hence remove the chance of it falling into the road. By removing the crown the tree can be retained for its fungal activity. The Committee **resolved** that the Clerk ask the contractor for Manor Vale to carry out this work.
- c) The Committee **resolved** that the volunteer group can take care of the elder tree.
19. The Committee **resolved** to consider if Manor Vale needs more cleared areas once the debris has been removed.
20. The Committee **resolved** that Mr D Davies update the current management plan and then it can go back on the Town Council's website. A meeting will be arranged in order to look at the plan.

21. Flooding

- a) Standing Orders were suspended for Mr Mark Young, Flood Management Officer to speak. He informed the Committee that a process was in place within his department to speak with the local landowners and farmers

regarding Manor Vale and to ask for their assistance in trying to ascertain why Manor Vale has flooded. Mr Holt, the landowner was also present and has agreed to speak with Mr Young. Mr P Long said that he has been in touch with David Rees, the Catchment Sensitive Farming Advisor and that he has a planned meeting for next week and will report back to Committee, and then to Town Council.

- b) The Committee heard from Mr M Young that he has hired in equipment and has a team who will be surveying Manor Vale next week. There is a possibility of building a ditch to alleviate the flooding but until the survey is complete he is unable to comment further. He has asked Yorkshire Water about keys for the storm drains in West End but has no news at present.

22. The Committee **noted** that the wood chippings were fly tipped on the hard surface in Manor Vale.

23. The committee noted that the ownership of the damaged fence was in question. Mr Holt said that it belongs to The Town Council and is part of Manor Vale. The committee **resolved** to consider as an agenda item at the next meeting the cost of putting a hedge in to replace the fence.

24. The Committee **noted** the date of the next meeting:

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Chairman
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