

**Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee Meeting held at
Church House on Friday 9 September 2011 at 9.30am**

Present: Councillor M Brampton, Councillor C Dowie, Mr D Davies, Mr T Denny, Mr G Plant and Mr M Simpson

Also Present: 2 members of the public and the Assistant Town Clerk

MV-11033. The Committee **received** apologies from Councillor J Cossins, Mr N Richardson and Ms L Neild-Banks.

MV-11034. There were no declarations of Interest.

MV-11035. a. The Committee **approved** the Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee held on the 15 July 2011.

b. Matters arising:

Regarding MV-1107 Mr Holt said that following approval from DEFRA on flash flooding, 4 cofferdams have been built on land above Manor Vale and the application for the grant for this work has been submitted.

Regarding MV-11018, PC Leach was informed that motor vehicle tyre marks have been seen in Manor Vale. Mr P Holt of High Park Farm was asked if he had seen any unlawful access and he is not aware of vehicles using Manor Vale.

The Committee **resolved** to put a latch on the gate at the top of Castlegate and arrange for a sign stating 'No unauthorized vehicles'. The Assistant Clerk will speak to the Rights of Way Officer before actioning.

c. No matters were reviewed from the site meeting.

MV-11036. Public Session: Rose Ravis from Kirkbymoorside Golf Club said that the timber along the verges was still there but would be removed soon.

MV-11037. Haymaking:

The Chairman thanked those who came to Haymaking and Mr Davies for organising the event. The intention is to make this an annual event and hopefully more of the public will attend next year. The cost of the mower was £58+VAT to hire and the Committee will discuss the possibility of buying tools for future events, bearing in mind that cutting the grass using volunteers is more cost effective than paying a contractor..

MV-11038. The Committee **resolved** to request a grant from Ryedale Environmental Action Grants for Local Community Led Activities (REACT) and the Woodland Trust for new signs into Manor Vale. The existing artwork will be used. The Assistant Clerk will research the Landfill Sites scheme for potential funding.

- MV-11039. The Committee **resolved** to look at the possibility of a western footpath in Manor Vale Manor Vale which would introduce a circular tour not involving the road .Individuals are asked to look at this when in Manor Vale and discuss on the next site visit.
- MV-11040. The Committee **reviewed** the Manor Vale boundaries. The Assistant Clerk will scan the original documents and Mr Davis will put these into the Management Plan as electronic copies.
- MV-11041. The Committee **resolved** that the Assistant Clerk will commission the drawing up a Creation Agreement with the help of the Definitive Map Officer for the path that runs from Gillamoor Road down through Manor Vale.
- MV-11042. Questions to the Chairman:
- a. Councillor Dowie asked if the Committee would consider planting trees in Manor Vale in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. This will be discussed at the next meeting as an agenda item.
 - b. Could the management of the Town Pound be done by the Committee? This will be asked at the next Town Council Ordinary Meeting.
 - c. There is some concern that the Japanese knotweed has not been eradicated in Manor Vale. The Assistant Town Clerk will contact the ecologist, Louise Moss and ask for more spraying to be carried out.
- MV-11043. The Committee **noted** that David Bayes was asked to remove some overhanging branches blocking the bridleway in July after heavy rain.
- MV-11044. The Committee **noted** that Countryside Services are willing to replace the kissing gate at the top of Gillamoor Road leading to Manor Vale.
- MV-11045. The Committee expressed condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr Don Smith FRES, a distinguished and much respected past member of the Committee and a letter of sympathy will be sent to his wife.
- MV-11046. The date of the next meeting will be Friday 11 November at **9am**.

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Chairman

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