

**Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee Meeting held at
Church House on Friday 13 January 2012 at 1.30pm**

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

MV-11062. The Committee **received** apologies from Ms Neild-Banks, Mr Clayton and Councillor Cossins

MV-11063. There were no declarations of Interest.

MV-11064. a. The Committee **approved** the Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee held on the 11 November 2011.

b. Matters arising:
No specific matters were considered.

MV-11065. **Public Session:** No members of the public were present.

MV-11066. The committee was not persuaded that action was needed on the latch on the gate at the Castlegate entrance to Manor Vale, but not having seen it **resolved** to delegate a final decision on whether it should be replaced to the Assistant Clerk, subject to a £30 maximum.

MV-11067. **Quotation for tree inspection:**
The Committee **resolved** that the quotation from Waller Tree Consulting for an inspection at a cost of £1,100 should be accepted. The cost is significant, but the committee considered it formed a basis for sound management and protection against uncontrolled risk.

MV-11068. The Committee **agreed to** a volunteer session to take place on 25 February 2012. It was hoped that some bird boxes might be installed before it is too late. The committee also hoped for coverage in the press and the Moorsider to encourage additional volunteer participation.

MV-11069. Specialist advice:

- a. The committee **noted** that Mr Andrew Grayson may be interested in helping to survey current insect species to keep that aspect of the management plan up to date.
- b. The committee **noted** that it may be possible for Ms Lesley Helliwell to review the bats in Manor Vale.

MV-11070. The Committee discussed the state of the management plan. Councillor Brampton reported that the format had been improved and an automatic contents list added that linked to the individual sections. Members agreed to continue making efforts to improve the plan. A target of the end of April 2012 was set for completing the initial round of improvements.

MV-11071. Questions to the Chairman:

- a. Committee members thought that the brambles along the high level path needed cutting back again, and this perhaps needed to be done both before and after the growing season.
- b. Mr Davies raised the question of Ryedale DC representation, and it was thought best that if he is no longer able to attend meetings, Mr Clayton should resign from the committee and RDC should nominate Mr Davies as its representative.
- c. The sign paying tribute to Don Smith has been installed, but needs revising with an end date for Mr Smith's involvement with the committee.
- d. Concern was expressed that an unofficial path was being created, perhaps for use by mountain bikes.

MV-11072. The date of the next meeting will be Friday 9 March 2012 at 1.30pm

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Chairman

9 March 2012