

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee held at Church House on Tuesday 25 September at 1.30pm

Present: Cllr M Brampton (in the Chair)
Cllr J Cossins
Mr T Denney
Mr D Davies
Ms H Parker

In attendance: Mr R Gibbeson (Assistant Clerk)

MV-12012 Apologies were received from Councillor Dowie, District Councillor D Cussons. and Ms L Nield-Banks.

MV-12013 There were no declarations of interest

MV-12014 a) The Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee meeting held on 15 June 2012 were approved.
b) Matters Arising
i. Britain in Bloom – The result of judging was not known
ii. Maintenance of the pound – Mr Denney had carried out strimming of the path area.
iii. Hedgerows and paths – maintenance had been carried out as agreed.

MV-12015 **Public Session:** No members of the public were present.

MV-12016 **Tree Inspection & Maintenance**

Following receipt of a report earlier in the year and a subsequent site visit to determine action required, it was **agreed** that a tender document be drawn up by the Acting Clerk with the assistance of Mr Denney and that prices for the necessary work be obtained. The work required should be carried out in the Autumn.

MV-12017 **Signage**

- a) It was noted that the Neville Castle Interpretation Board had been installed by English Heritage leaving space on the front of the sign board for a general Manor Vale sign.
- b) In respect of replacement signs at all three entrances to Manor Vale, it was agreed that suitable wording be drafted by the Acting Clerk with the assistance of Mr Davies incorporating a description of the woodland and some information about wild and plant life in the area. A tender document would then be required and a possible application to the REACT fund for financial support should be examined. The school and Scouts could be involved in preparing the signage.

MV-12018 **Haymaking**

Attendance at the event had been poor. The grass had been cleared though conditions had been wet. It was agreed that on the next occasion, greater

involvement from volunteer organisations should be sought.

MV-12019 Bulb Planting

It was **agreed** not to proceed with planting daffodil bulbs in Manor Vale following concerns expressed about whether this was appropriate in semi natural woodland.

Encouraging the growth of wild flowers was desirable but the availability of volunteer labour to undertake the work necessary in this regard had been poor. Little progress had therefore been made.

The planting of 100 'Farndale' daffodil bulbs in the pound was **agreed** in principle subject to inspection by Mr Denney to ascertain that the ground would be suitable. Cllr Cossins agreed to assist with the planting.

MV-12020 Manor Vale Volunteers

It was **agreed** that it might be easier to assemble volunteers to carry out work if particular packages of work were identified to be carried out at particular times of the year. Mr Davies **agreed** to put together an action plan for this purpose.

It was also **agreed** that the Acting Clerk would draft an information leaflet about Manor Vale which would include a section on volunteers.

Finally it was also **agreed** that local volunteer groups be identified with the possibility of having guided walks in the Spring.

MV-12021 Management Plan

It was **agreed** that the annual programme of work referred to earlier be incorporated into the Management Plan.

Mr Denney reported that a number of birds such as the Redstart and Pied Flycatcher had been lost from Manor Vale in recent years though this could be part of a national trend. Owls, a Sparrowhawk and pairs of cuckoos had been seen during this year. There was a possibility that the Vale was home to a rare form of pipistrelle-type bat known as the Alcathoe but this was subject to confirmation.

MV-12022 Questions to the Chairman

- a) Japanese Knot Weed on golf club land adjacent to Manor Vale – normally treated in Spring. Contact to be made with the Golf Club to determine if action was being taken.

MV-12023 The date of the next meeting was **agreed** as 16 November 2012 at 1.30pm.

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Chairman